

**Minutes of the October 12th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Works Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **Ron Kinsley**
- Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters– Vice Chair
- Chris Rusk
- Brian Bisonette

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Cathy LaReau
Bill Noonan

Others Present:

Linda Zillmer
Jane Schroeder

Call to Order – Chair Ron Kinsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken; quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda –

Public Comments – Linda Zillmer, Jane Schroeder, Bill Noonan, Kris Treland-Neuman, Tim Davison, Jim Strandlund

Minutes from the previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Highway Commissioner's Report -- A written report was provided. Mr. Gedart reported on changes; he received word that the paint truck will be delayed and the vacancy has been filled.

ATV/UTV Route Request – Mr. Gedart presented the route request a two-mile stretch for County Rd G connection that has been approved at the Town of Ojibwa and Town of Winter meetings. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Rusk to approve this route. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Gedart presented the Buresh route request specifics. That section of Hwy F is 45-mph. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve this request; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Mr. Gedart presented the request to go from Little Sissabagama Rd to Chapel Rd. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the request. Motion carried without negative vote.

ATV/UTV Ordinance Update – Mr. Kinsley presented the draft ordinance. Legal counsel is reviewing the draft at this time. The draft has been shared with the municipalities, the Alliance, and the Tribal Governing Board; comments have been requested to go back to Gary regarding concerns or recommendations.

Maintenance Department Report – A written report was provided.

Sawyer County Airport Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Leslie advised they have been meeting about snow removal processes for the winter and we have plans in place for de-icing. The Master Plan preparation has not yet begun. They will be getting all new LED airfield lighting.

Update on County Department Relocations – Mr. Albarado has identified some need to shuffle some offices within the building. There is some space opening up in Human Services due to ADRC moving.

Northwest Counseling & Guidance Clinic Lease Renewal – Mr. Albarado provided an update on the Oasis Building remodel. Northwest Journey Counseling services one-year lease is coming due and have confirmed that they want to renew for another year. A motion was made by Mr. Rusk to approve the lease for one more year with a 5% increase; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

2023 Budget Update – Written reports were provided. The Highway Department increase is projected at 12%, most of that being in salaries. All capital improvement projects have been submitted, and we are still waiting to receive some of the 2020 trucks that were approved. The budget reflects the shift in one position from Highway office to the Finance Department. Mr. Gedart advised that Sawyer County was awarded two projects funded by the DOT which requires an 80/20 match. There is a significant increase in the Maintenance budget in relation to construction project areas.

Courtroom Remodeling Update -- A written report was provided. Mr. Kinsley advised that they hope to have the roof enclosed by the end of this month, and everything enclosed by the end of November. Mr. Albarado shared the Change Order Log.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Works Committee will be Wednesday, November 9, at 6:30 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm
Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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