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Minutes of the meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

Thursday, October 15, 2020; 6:30 p.m.;

Large Court Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Chair Tweed Shuman called the October meeting of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors to order. Roll call was as follows (x indicates present)

district - supervisor - T = Town, V = Village, C = City, W = Ward

X 01 - Dale Schleeter – T Lenroot W 1, T Hayward W 7, C Hayward W 5 and 6

V 02 – Jesse Boettcher – T Lenroot W 2, T Round Lake W 1

X 03 - Tweed Shuman – T Hayward W 1 and 2

V 04 – Troy Morgan – T Hayward W 3 and 4

X 05 – James H. Schlender Jr. – T Hayward W 5 and 6

X 06 – Marc D. Helwig – C Hayward W 1 and 2

X 07 - Thomas W. Duffy – C Hayward W 3 and 4

X 08 - Bruce Paulsen – T Bass Lake W 1 and 2

X 09 – Susie Taylor – T Bass Lake W 3 and 4

X 10 – Chuck Van Etten – T Sand Lake, T Edgewater W 1

X 11 – Dale Olson – T Edgewater W 2, T Bass Lake W 5, T Hayward W 8, T Meteor, T Couderay, V Couderay

V 12 – Dawn Petit – T Spider Lake, T Round Lake W 2, T Winter W 1

X 13 - Ron Kinsley – T Hunter, T Radisson W 1, T Ojibwa W 1, V Radisson

X 14 – Ron Buckholtz – T Radisson W 2, T Ojibwa W 2, T Weirgor, V Exeland, T Meadowbrook

X 15 – Helen Dennis – T Winter W 2, T Draper, V Winter

Public Access to Virtual Meeting See agenda on website

Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance

Certification of Compliance with the Open Meetings Law

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments

Minutes from Previous Meeting: September 17, 2020

Proclamation Recognizing Officer Richard Welsch

Law Enforcement Contract – Discussion and Possible Action

COVID-19 Update

Zoning Committee Chair Report

Zone District map amendment request in the Town of Winter; James Smiley & Tamika Hollinger

Public Safety Committee Chair report

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update

Public Works Committee Chair Report

Right of First Refusal to purchase hangar at the Sawyer County Airport
- Discussion and possible action

Assignment of lease to Hayward Aviation – Discussion and possible action
Resolution and Agreement between the County and the City of Hayward
regarding

Fifth Street and California Avenue project – Discussion and possible
action

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Report

Approval of October 2020 County Land Sales Parcels – discussion and
possible action

Health and Human Services Board Chair Report

Finance Committee Chair Report

CliftonLarsonAllen 2019 Executive Audit Summary report from Finance Chair

Economic Development & UW Extension Committee Chair Report

County Administrator's Report

County Administrator's 2021 Budget

Budget Public Hearing tentative November 5, 2020

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings, other matters for discussion
Only

CLOSED SESSION pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 19.85 (e) for the purpose of
deliberating or negotiating an exchange of public property and other public business
relating to the Sawyer County Courtroom Public Works project and the purchase of a
hangar at the Sawyer County Airport.

The County Board may reconvene in open session to discuss and take action on items
discussed in closed session.

The board will reconvene in open session

Appointments – Discussion and possible action

Fill vacancy for District 15 County Board Supervisor

Committee Appointments – Discussion and possible action

Chair Shuman called meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Motion by Olson, 2nd by Buckholtz, to move item 22 on the agenda to after item 5.
Motion carried

Motion by Duffy, 2nd by Helwig, to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2020
meeting. Motion carried

District 15 County Board Supervisor Helen Dennis submitted a letter of resignation.
Chair Shuman received letters of interest from three individuals and recommends
appointing Ed Peters to fill the vacancy. Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Dennis, to approve
the appointment of Ed Peters to the District 15 County Board Supervisor seat. Motion
carried

Public Safety Chair James Schlender asked Public Safety Vice-Chair Ron Buckholtz to present the Proclamation honoring the life of Richard Charles Welsch. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the Proclamation. Motion carried

Motion by Kinsley, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve the Law Enforcement Contract. Motion carried

Public Health Officer Julia Lyons provided an update on COVID-19. Sawyer County as of today has 304 cases including 1 death and 14 hospitalizations. Lyons encouraged the public to get their flu shot.

Zoning Committee Chair Ron Buckholtz reported to the Board. The Zoning request for a campground in the Town of Hayward and Bass Lake has been withdrawn.

Zoning Administrator Jay Kozlowski presented rezone request #20-005 in the Town of Winter. The request is to rezone 14.68 acres from Commercial 1 to Residential 1 for a residence. The Town of Winter approved. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Paulsen, to approve Resolution #2020-40 to amend Sawyer County Official Zoning Map. Motion carried

Public Safety Committee Chair James Schlender reported to the Board. There were 2 traffic fatalities in Sawyer County in 2019. There have been 11, so far in 2020. The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council MOU with the tribe expires in January. Working with Justice Point for CJCC services.

Public Works Chair Ron Kinsley reported to the Board on the Maintenance Department, the Highway Department, and the Sawyer County Airport. There is a hangar for sale at the Sawyer County Airport and the County has Right of First Refusal to purchase the hangar. The Public Works Committee recommends the county not buy the hangar. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Helwig, to approve Resolution #2020-41 approving waiver of Right of First Refusal to acquire hangar at the Sawyer County Airport. Motion carried

Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Helwig, to postpone the hangar lease assignment to the November meeting. Motion carried

The Board received an agreement between the City of Hayward and Sawyer County regarding vacating Fifth Street and constructing California Avenue from Fifth Street to Nyman Avenue. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Van Etten, to approve Resolution #2020-42 authorizing agreement with City of Hayward regarding vacation of Fifth Street and Public Works Improvement Project. Motion carried

Land, Water, and Forest Resources Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. The Forestry Department applied and was awarded for five grants totaling \$380,000. Paulsen presented the 2020 Land Sale. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Olson, to approve the land sale. Motion carried

Health and Human Services Board Chair Dale Schleeter reported to the Board. At the HHS Board meeting on October 6 there were many individuals present and virtually attending the meeting. 37 spoke against the proposed Public Health Ordinance and 3 spoke in favor. The Public Health Ordinance is on hold for two months.

Finance Committee Chair Bruce Paulsen reported to the Board. CliftonLarsonAllen presented the 2019 Audit to the Finance Committee on October 9. Sawyer County received a clean opinion and have complied with General Accounting Standards.

Sawyer County Administrator Tom Hoff reported to the Board on on-going county business including insurance renewals, Public Health Ordinance, COVID-19, Perch Lake high water, 2nd circuit court, Fifth Street agreement, MOUs for CJCC with LCO, Economic Development and UW Extension, Justice Point, WCA virtual meetings, and airport business.

7:29 pm 5 minute recess. Reconvened at 7:34 pm.

County Administrator Tom Hoff presented his 2021 budget to the Board. The budget will be submitted for publication and there will be a Public Hearing November 5, 2020, at 6:30 pm, in the Large Courtroom of the Sawyer County Courthouse. The Budget Resolution will be on the County Board agenda November 10, 2020. The Total Levy Proposed is \$12,395,368. The budget includes an across the board employee increase of 1.5% effective July, 2021, an additional ½ FTE position in the District Attorney's Office and two less positions in Health and Human Services. Capital expenditures of \$988,818 will be funded by debt.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Duffy, to approve a special meeting for the 2021 Budget Public Hearing. Motion carried

Motion by Paulsen, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve appointing Ed Peters to the Public Safety and Public Works Committees. Tom Duffy Sr. to the Administration Committee, and Ron Buckholtz to the Winter Library Board. Motion carried

Public Safety Agenda will include discussion of day and time of Committee meeting.

Adjourned 8:28 pm

Audio of the County Board meeting is on the website.

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson