

**Minutes of the February 5, 2026 meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Buckholtz
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Marge Kelsey
Sheriff Mrotek
Brian Deyo
Greg Ripczinski
Mike Woller
Chaz Ann Olson
John Froemel- Virtual

Leslie Strapon
Judge Yackel
Kristi Kare
Nicole Ripczinski

Call to Order – Chair Ron Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll Call taken. Quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Meeting Agenda- Set

Public Comment – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 2, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Evans
Motion carried without negative vote.

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Clerk of Courts/Register in Probate Reports -

There were 2 graduations from Treatment Court in January.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Patrol Report – The written report was reviewed; there were 2 snowmobile fatalities.

Jail Report – A written jail report was reviewed by Lt. Woller.

Dispatch and Emergency Management –

Dispatch- Written reports were provided. Joint Powers Agreements have been received from the towns.

Emergency Management- Grants were submitted.

Code Enforcement- Ms. Olson provided a written report;

There were no TRH complaints or Human Health Hazard complaints in January.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided.

Emergency Services— Mr. Froemel provided a written ambulance report with analysis of data showing that the second crew in Hayward has stabilized operations. The Medical Examiner reported 2 snowmobile/ATV fatalities in January, and 2 suicides.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – Mr. Markgren reported that CJCC met in January and made changes to improve quorums.

Board Appointed Committee Updates—The Public Works Ad-hoc Committee met with the TGB to negotiate ATV routes; future meetings will address the WOJB Tower and roundabout.

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings— None

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be March 5, at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 am
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk