

**Minutes of the February 11, 2026 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

1. ☒ Non-voting member Chair: Julia Lyons
2. ☒ Vice Chair: Judge Elaine Smith
3. ☒ Dave Dixon
4. ☒ Mike Markgren
5. ☒ Mike Woller
6. ☒ Lorraine Gouge
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek- Bryan Deyo Designee
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☒ Katie Belanger
10. ☒ Judge John Yackel
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☐ Judge Monica Isham- Absent
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☒ Bill Trepanier
16. ☒ Amanda Lokker- Virtual

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Ron Kinsley
Becky Barry
Kristi Kare
Leslie Strapon
Sari Torstenson
Sarah Inczauskis
Grace Baldrige

Call to Order—Chair Julia Lyons called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda – Motion to move item 14 to 9 and 13 to 10 by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Mr. Helwig
Motion carried without negative vote.

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: January 14, 2026

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Judge Smith
Motion carried without negative vote.

Community Services Updates— Pastor Grace Baldrige from United Methodist informed the committee about the group Safe Place Resource Center, which has been looking to buy or build a shelter for the homeless. In the meantime, the community-based volunteers provide small services including laundry, bus tokens, warm clothes and transportation to community members in need. It was recommended to contact the Salvation Army for access to services.

Youth Justice— The January YJ report was provided by Ms. Inczauskis. A detailed report on juvenile delinquency was reviewed: Sawyer County is in the top 5-7 in the state for the highest rates of serious juvenile offenses, and has a higher-risk client profile than other counties.

Truancy and Diversion program efforts are yielding good results; 82% of the participants are Native American.

Executive Committee- Meeting scheduled for February 27, 2026

Review CJCC Bylaws- Several updates to the CJCC Bylaws were reviewed.

Motion to approve the amended CJCC Bylaws to incorporate the recommendations as presented by Judge Smith
by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Savitski

A roll call vote was taken:

Judge Smith- aye, Dave Dixon- aye, Mike Markgren- aye, Mike Woller- aye, Lorraine Gouge- aye, Bryan Deyo- aye, Bruce Poquette- aye, Katie Belanger- aye, Judge Yackerl- aye, Marc Helwig- aye, Marshal Savitski- aye, Kathy McCoy- aye, Bill Trepanier- aye, Amanda Lokker- aye.

Motion carried over 2/3 without negative vote, to be forwarded to County Board for approval.

Jail Report--

Lt. Woller reviewed a written jail report for December with arrest data by race and gender. There was an average of 60 inmates incarcerated with a 72 % unemployment rate at the time of booking, 3 on electronic monitoring.

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry updated the committee on Justice Point programs and statistics. There are 115 active pre-trial clients, 10 active Diversion clients, and 4 active Treatment Court clients. Ms. Barry reviewed Deflection Programs, a \$10,000 donation from a community member, TAD Recovery Court site visit and staff training, and current jail programs. Justice Point is still waiting for the Reaching Rural site visit report.

Ms. Barry announced she is stepping down as Director; CJCC members and the Tribe offered good wishes. Justice Point Administrator Niki Leicht spoke about hiring a new director and invited CJCC members to the second round of interviews on February 24th.

HHS—

Public Health— No report this month

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – None

Adjournment – 12:54 pm

Next Meeting: March 11, 2026 **Time:** 12:00 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk