

**Minutes of the meeting of the December 1st Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Buckholtz
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Ed Peters
- ☐ Jason Weaver
- ☒ Marshal Savitski

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Joe Sajdera
Mike Woller
Carter Hartling

John Froemel - virtual
Greg Ripczinski
Doug Mrotek
Brandon Blicharz
Sandy Okamoto - virtual

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

Public Comment –

Minutes from Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Peters to approve the minutes of the November 3, meeting; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court Report – Courthouse Update - There are no significant updates since last month.

Clerk of Court Report – A written report was provided.

District Attorney's Office Report –

Sheriff's Department Report – Communications Center Report – A written report was provided. Sheriff Mrotek introduced Deputy Carter Hartling to present information regarding electronic monitoring. They are going to establish a new detective position and one dispatcher with the recent approval from County Board. They have established an awards committee to recognize staff for "above and beyond" levels of service. Chief Sajdera advised it is still difficult to cover shifts; two new trainees are almost finished with training and have applied for a full-time position. He reviewed the highlights of his report.

Patrol Report – A written report was provided and Lt. Ripczinski reviewed the highlights.

Jail Report – A written report was provided and Lt. Woller reviewed the highlights, stating that stats remain similar to last month. Deputy Carter provided an update of the electronic monitoring system and how individuals are assigned to an electronic monitoring bracelet.

Communications Systems Specialist Report – A written report was provided.

Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Update – Mr. Albarado presented the Resolution to sponsor an application for the Tribe to enforce the Tribal Animal Control program. The Tribe will administer this program. A motion was made by Mr. Savitski; second by Mr. Helwig to approve the resolution and forward to the Administration Committee. A roll call vote was taken and passed 4 – 0 with "yes" votes from Savitski, Peters, Helwig and Buckholtz.

Code Enforcement Specialist – Mr. Blicharz advised that he has been receiving more equine calls.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided. Mr. Albarado presented the MOU with DCF & LCO and advised the item 7 on the MOU was the primary change identifying on how payments and collections will be made. A motion was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Savitski; roll call vote was taken and passed 4-0 with “yes” votes from Savitski, Peters, Helwig and Buckholtz.

Coroner’s report – A written report was provided. Mr. Froemel reviewed the highlights of his report. He has a few open cases he is working in.

Emergency Management Department Reports – Written reports were provided. Mr. Froemel advised he is working on grant applications and working with the Birkie on race preparations.

Ambulance Billing – An ambulance report was provided. Mr. Froemel reviewed the process of going into properties that have safety concerns.

Adjusting Department and Position Duties for Emergency Management, Ambulance and Medical Examiner in 2023 -- Mr. Albarado advised we are not adding new positions but revising them; he and the Sheriff discussed alignment of key positions and aligning people with jobs to fulfill this direction in creating an Emergency Services department. The Emergency Management position will be moved back to the Sheriff’s department; documentation attached.

- a. No action
- b. A motion was made to appoint John Froemel as the Ambulance Director and Medical Examiner by MS/EP and send to County Board. A roll call vote was taken and passed 4-0 with “yes” votes from Peters, Savitski, Helwig and Buckholtz.
- c. Until the Sheriff’s Department has filled the Emergency Management and Communications Director, no action was taken and John Froemel is temporarily in this position.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – Mr. Albarado advised they are wrapping up the TAD grant process so we can get the treatment court running in 2023. No decision has been made yet on how to use the opioid funds.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:58 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk