

**Minutes of the December 7, 2023 meeting of the 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: Ed Peters
- ☒ Marc Helwig - virtual
- ☒ Jason Weaver
- ☐ Marshal Savitski - excused

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
John Yackel
Brandon Blicharz
Mike Woller

John Froemel - Virtual

Greg Ripczinski
Ana Amparo
Marge Kelsey
Stacey Hessel
Linda Zillmer

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 – Stacey Hessel, Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: November 2, 2023

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Peters

Second by: Mr. Buckholtz

Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court --

Judge's Report – Judge Yackel advised that branch 2 Judicial Assistant is back at work. He and Judge Isham have been meeting with the Recovery Court team. At the beginning of 2024, we should be operating full speed with both judicial seats.

Courthouse Remodel Update – Mr. Albarado advised that the HVAC is running better, the floor areas have been worked on but more is yet to be done.

Clerk of Court's Office Reports -

A written report was provided. The listing of type of new trial cases filed from October 24th through November 28th was included. Three jury trials are scheduled during the month of December. Ms. Kelsey advised that the financial clerk has been able to begin collection operations.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Communication Center Report – A written report was provided and reviewed. Lt. Ripczinski recognized the retirement of Lynette Poppe from dispatch. December 2nd there was an additional fatal car crash. Deflection training began today.

Patrol Report – A written report was provided. Lt. Woller. Average population and daily jail population remains lower than the past year. Two are currently on monitoring and one on Huber privileges.

Jail Report – A written report was provided. The current unemployment rate is 84% and the total population was at 62. There are currently 2 individuals on electronic monitoring and 1 working Huber privileges.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – A written report was provided.

Code Enforcement Specialist – A written report was provided and reviewed by Mr. Blicharz. The 2024 dog licensing process has opened.

Emergency Management --

A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Ripczinski. A Disaster Recovery training was hosted and had attendees from across the state.

Communication Center Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Ripczinski; two new hires are in training. The DMA 2 PSAP grant in the amount of \$422,559.91 was received.

Child Support Department Report --

A written report was provided. Listing 1,117 open cases. Total October current support due is \$130,851.15 and total support collected is \$95,275.50.

Emergency Services --

A written report was provided listing calls by township, call volume and other activities including a training update. A dementia training session with Sawyer County and LCO Dementia Care Specialist Joanie Zecherly and Alison Cuddy was a great success and will become a part of the new hire training going forward. The Hayward High School EMR class is getting close to the finish and all students are still in attendance.

Ambulance Report and Ambulance Billing – A written report was provided and is the same report that is presented at the Finance Committee.

Ambulance Service Agreement with Town of Bass Lake – Mr. Albarado advised that an \$60/head per capita rate was presented. A motion to approve the agreement was made by Mr. Peters; second by Mr. Buckholtz and an electronic vote was taken and passed 4-0.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update -

Mr. Albarado provided a verbal update and recap of the last CJCC meeting.

Deputy car policy for out-of-county take home

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, January 4th at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk