

**Minutes of the December , 19, 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 – virtual @ 11:09 am
- ☒ Marc Helwig – virtual @ 11:25 am
- ☒ Jason Weaver
- ☒ Marshal Savitski

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Stacey Hessel

Call to Order – Chair Ron Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Roll Call taken. Quorum was met.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment – Stacey Hessel

Vehicle Take-Home Policy -

Mr. Albarado provided some background information on the topic and provided a copy of Statute 66.0502 *Employee residency requirements prohibited* policy, as well as the County current residency 25-mile radius requirement policy. The state statute limiting residency has been rescinded. Administration also talked with our insurance company to determine any potential impact of a policy change. Sheriff Mrotek provided historical background information and comparables. The purpose of the take-home squad started because staff was not staffed 24-hours at that time. Some counties do not have take-home squads and some just recently instituted a take-home squad policy. We have six deputies who live outside of our county at this time. To take vehicles home, there would be an IRS tax that affected officers would need to pay. A motion was made by Mr. Savitski to change the current policy to allow deputies to take the County squad home if they live within 25 miles of the county line; second by Mr. Peters and forward to the Administration Committee. A roll call vote was taken of the Public Safety Committee meeting and failed 2-3; “yes” votes from Weaver and Savitski; “no” votes from Buckholtz, Peters, and Helwig. This topic will go to the January Public Safety meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:13 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk