

**Minutes of the April 4, 2024 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: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Ed Peters
- ☐ Jason Weaver
- ☒ Marshal Savitski

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Joe Sajdera
Mike Woller
Anna Amparo
Tweed Shuman

Greg Ripczinski
Doug Mrotek
John Froemel-virtual
Nicole Ripczinski
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 – Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **March 7, 2024**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig Second by: Mr. Peters

Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court --

Judge's Report – Anna Amparo reported that the court security work group is starting back up and will meet again in May.

Clerk of Court's Office Reports -

A written report was provided. There are two jury trials scheduled for April at this time; revenue collected through SDC and TRIP/DOR for the period 2/27-3/26 is \$33,679.02.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Patrol Report – Patrol call volume decreased from last month to 718; citation statistics were shared, and there have been auto crashes to date with 0 fatalities. Lt. Ripczinski advised that they will be hosting training in April focusing on Medication Assisted Therapy and Dementia, and they have been awarded a short-term Speed Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$11,844.

Jail Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Woller. The average daily jail population was 70 for the month of March, with 5 on electronic monitoring and 1 on working Huber privileges. The current inmate unemployment rate is 74%. He recognized several jail staff for administering Narcan in medical emergency situations on the job.

Communication Center Report - A written report was provided. Ms. Ripczinski advised that they have started installing new software in the center; new dispatcher training began and more applicants are beginning their background stages now.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – A written report was provided and reviewed.

Emergency Management Report – A written report was provided; Ms. Ripczinski continues to work with towns and villages on their emergency plans and is updating county EOP documents. Skywarn Spotter Training is scheduled for May 22nd at 6pm in the Assembly Room.

Code Enforcement Specialist – Mr. Albarado reported that the new code enforcement specialist starts on Monday.

Child Support Department Report --

A written report was provided. There were 1,118 open cases with \$438,787.33 support collected. The 2024 Cooperative Agreement between the child support agency and the Clerk of Court has been approved by the State, allowing for recoupment of approximately \$1,000 annually.

Emergency Management --

Written reports were provided and reviewed by Mr. Froemel. We are officially using the new billing software program and they will begin the learning process on the platform in April. Law enforcement, first responders, bystanders and one family member has given Narcan to 14 individuals. The department has spring plans for training/ CPR along with helping EMS cope with stress, PTSD and understand County resources available to them. He is concerned about the rising suicide rate in our county.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update -

Mr. Albarado advised that the TAD grant has been completed. The number of juvenile referrals coming in continues to increase and options for youth are being reviewed.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, May 2nd at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9: 38 am.

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk