

**Minutes of the October 3, 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
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ John Suralski

Others Present:

Andy Albarado	Greg Ripczinski
Lynn Fitch	Doug Mrotek
Sandy Okamoto	Joe Sajdera
John Froemel-virtual	John Froemel
Chaz Ann Olson	Sari Torstenson
Marge Kelsey	
Leslie Strapon	

Call to Order – Chair 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: September 5, 2024

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

Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court --

Judge's Report –

Clerk of Court's Office Reports -

A written report was provided.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Patrol Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Ripczinski. 778 calls for service were listed with 247 crashes to date. They have completed their selection process for the patrol deputy vacancy, Deputy Dane Lirhman comes with prior experience from the Ladysmith Police Dept and the WI DNR.

Jail Report – A written report was provided and reviewed showing the average daily population being 76.75 and the unemployment rate at 71%.

Communication Center and Emergency Management – Written reports were provided and reviewed. Dispatchers recently had MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) Training, Mindshare Radio Consoles for dispatch have arrived and GenComm is in the process of getting the specs correct for Sawyer County.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – A project overview was provided and the system seems to be running well at this time. The overview was a review of the system that we looked at this past summer. A resolution to allow the County to proceed with the radio system improvements was presented by Mr. Albarado. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the resolution and forward it to County Board; second by Mr. Suralski. Motion carried without negative vote.

Code Enforcement Specialist – Ms. Olson provided a verbal update. She is now officially certified s a code enforcement officer after receiving training. The highest number of calls continue to be in large dogs at large. She is also beginning to address TRH enforcement issues.

Child Support Department Report --

A written report was provided. Total support due for the month of August was \$1,328,058.32 with amount collected of \$954,014.90. Our compliance audit was successful. Ms. Okamoto reported that their State audit was successful. IRS requirement reporting was completed as required.

Emergency Services -

Public Safety Report – Written reports were shared and reviewed by Mr. Froemel. Narcan use by law enforcement continues at a high rate; he reported two overdose deaths to date. The 4th crew room is almost complete at the ambulance garage. We continue to be understaffed in the paramedic field.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update -

Joint MOU w/LCO -Mr. Albarado presented the joint resolution for consideration. A motion was made to approve the joint MOU w/LCO by Mr. Savitski; second by Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

Board Appointed Committee Updates -

Future Agenda –

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, October 31st at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk