

**Minutes of the October 31, 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 - exc
- ☒ John Suralski

Others Present:

Andy Albarado
Lynn Fitch
Chaz Ann Olson
Marge Kelsey
Leslie Strapon

Greg Ripczinski
Doug Mrotek
Nicole Ripczinski

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 – Benjamin Kurtzweil, Steve Beining, Linda Zillmer

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **October 3, 2024**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court --

Judge's report – No update

Clerk of Court's Office Reports -

A written report was provided. Ms. Kelsey advised that the 5-day jury trial ended to be 4 days. Another 5-day trial is scheduled in November.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Patrol Report – A written report was provided and summarized by Lt. Ripczinski; patrol call volume decreased from last month and there have been 12 total crashes this month with 0 fatalities for this time period but 3 fatalities YTD. Training updates have completed.

Jail Report – A written report was provided and reviewed showing the average daily population being 50 and the unemployment rate at 71%. Jail population continues to decline.

Communication Center and Emergency Management – Written reports were provided and reviewed. Additional training will begin soon. The communication center has been assigned a project manager.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – no update

Public Safety Radio Update – Mr. Albarado advised that they are still working on tower options.

Code Enforcement Specialist – A written report was provided. Revenue for Animal Control has dropped with few 2024 licenses being purchases and admission to the pound significantly decreased. The 2025 Dog License season will start December 1st. Ms. Olson advised that animals at large have been going home quickly.

Cooperative Tribal Law Enforcement Grant Resolution & Agreement – Mr. Albarado presented the Resolution for the joint agreement. A motion was made by Mr. Helwig; second by Mr. Hoehne to approve the resolution and forward to the County Board.

Child Support Department Report --

A written report was provided. Total support due for the month of August was \$1,450,140.17 with amount collected of \$1,041,856.45.

Emergency Services -

Public Safety Report – Written reports were shared. The run volume has increased by 192 calls compared to the previous year. Narcan usage was identified in the report.

Ambulance Fees & Charges Schedule Adjustment – Mr. Albarado presented the resolution to adjust ambulance fees which have not been adjusted since 2016. He reviewed background information. No action was taken on this item.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update -

Board Appointed Committee Updates -

Future Agenda –

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk