

**Minutes of the June 5, 2025 meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- ☒ Chair: Ron Buckholtz
- ☒ Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- ☒ Jeff Hoehne
- ☒ Marshal Savitski
- ☒ Jim Evans

Others Present:

Mike Markgren
Liz Klein
Marge Kelsey
Monica Isham
Doug Mrotek
Leslie Strapon

Greg Ripczinski
Joe Sajdera
Mike Woller
John Froemel
Sandy Okamoto
Sari Torstenson
Kristi Kare

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- Set

Public Comment – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated:

May 1, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig

Second by: Mr. Hoehne

Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court –

Judge Isham reported that Recovery Court is going well, the court is re-establishing the Condemnation Commission, the judges are updating local court rules. Judge Isham discussed the merits of zoom hearings to save money and increase flexibility for clients and attorneys. A recent District Judge's meeting covered the subject of night court.

Clerk of Court's Office Reports -

A written report was provided. Ms. Kelsey updated the committee that the Civil/Small Claims Clerk is starting June 9. The new Criminal Clerk is doing well.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Patrol Report – A written report was reviewed by Lt. Ripczinski; calls have increased with 865 received in May. There have been 111 crashes to date with 1 fatality at the time of the report.

Jail Report – A written jail report for May was reviewed by Lt. Woller: there were 55 inmates incarcerated with a 83% unemployment rate at the time of booking.

Code Enforcement Specialist – A written report was provided.

Emergency Management – Written reports were provided. Chief Sajdera gave reports on Cops and Bobbers, and National Night Out, scheduled for August 5 behind Hayward Intermediate School. EsiNet went live and is working as planned. A Communications Training Officer Course will be held at Flat Creek June 9-13.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Okamoto thanked IT and maintenance for completing the remodeling and doing a great job building custom furniture and painting the office. A new receptionist started.

Emergency Services—

Mr. Froemel presented a report showing increased call volume and average run times across the county at 10.0 minutes. City and Town of Hayward continues to have the highest ambulance runs. Mutual Aid Agreements with neighboring counties are underway.

The Medical Examiner's written report was provided to the committee.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update –

Mr. Markgren reported on the CJCC meeting. An Executive Committee was formed and resolutions are ready for committee requesting the reinstatement of the Reaching Rural and Building Bridges programs.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings-- None

Future Agenda Items—None

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, July 3, at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 am

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk