

**Minutes of the September 8, 2025 Meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Board Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

1. ☐ Non-voting member Chair: Monica Isham- Absent
2. ☒ Vice Chair: Julia Lyons
3. ☐ Grant Gerber- Absent
4. ☒ Mike Markgren
5. ☐ Mike Woller- Absent
6. ☐ LCO Liaison- Vacant
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☐ Bruce Poquette- Absent
9. ☒ Katie Belanger
10. ☒ John Yackel
11. ☒ Marc Helwig- Virtual
12. ☒ Elaine Smith
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☐ Kathy McCoy- Absent
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Ron Buckholtz
Sari Torstenson
Kristi Kare
Leslie Strapon
Joyce Knowlton

Call to Order—Judge Isham called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda – Amended to eliminate #12, 13c, and 13a will include a Jail Survey Report.

Public Comments – None

Welcome New LCO Liaison Members—Lorraine Gouge

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **August 13, 2025**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Savitski

Second by: Judge Smith

Motion carried without negative vote.

CJCC Executive Committee- Ms. Lyons reported that the committee will begin regular meetings on the last Friday of the month in September and will start working on updating the Bylaws.

Jail Report--

Sheriff Mrotek reviewed a written jail report for June with arrest data by race and gender. There was an average of 60 inmates incarcerated with a 66% unemployment rate at the time of booking.

Ms. Gouge stated that there seem to be improvements on demographics in the jail population.

Justice Point—

Mr. Markgren updated the committee on Justice Point programs: staffing is complete; deflection events were shared; the TAD Grant is now due October 2. Reaching Rural is back on the table and representatives from the program will be on site October 8 to attend the CJCC meeting.

HHS—

Public Health--Ms. Lyons shared that Joyce Knowlton is retiring. Ms. Knowlton shared the monthly Substance Misuse Campaign reports. Mental Health Awareness billboards are forthcoming. A Jail Survey poster on drug use was shared and the findings discussed.

Sheriff Mrotek thanked Ms. Knowlton for making a difference in the community.

Youth Justice— There were eleven referrals for a total of 28 cases; YJ has been busy.

Diversion—The program is going well with Melinda at the schools. Judge Smith saw several of the families in court and the kids are doing well.

Community Services Updates— None

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – 2026 Projected Opioid Settlement Funds, Reaching Rural October 8

Adjournment – 12:40 pm

Next Meeting: October 8, 2025

Time: 12:00 pm

Location: Board Room

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk