

**Minutes of the December 4, 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
Leslie Strapon
Greg Ripczinski
Nicole Ripczinski
Joe Sajdera
Mike Woller

Judge Yackel
Kristi Kare
Sandra Okamoto

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:

October 30, 2025

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Evans

Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Clerk of Courts/Register in Probate Reports -

A written report was provided. Judge Yackel reported that Recovery Court has Achieved its first graduate milestone and thanked all of the staff who work together on making the program a success.

Sheriff's Department Report –

Patrol Report – A written report was reviewed by Lt. Ripczinski; call volume increased to 804 calls received in November. There were 15 crashes in November- 4 with personal injury, 0 fatalities.

Jail Report – A written jail report for November was reviewed by Lt. Woller: there were 57 avg. inmates incarcerated, with a 70% unemployment rate at the time of booking.

Dispatch and Emergency Management – Written reports were provided with information on weekly meetings with GenComm on the radio tower communications project, a report on the last winter storm, collaboration with LCO Conservation and an update that dispatch now has access to Winter School cameras. The CAD volume increased in November.

Code Enforcement- A written report was provided.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided.

Emergency Services— Mr. Froemel asked the clerk to report that he is working on migrating to a new EMS program (First Due) that goes live in the next two weeks.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update –

Mr. Markgren reported that Reaching Rural staff spoke at the November meeting.

Board Appointed Committee Updates-- None

Correspondence, Reports from Conferences and Meetings— None

Future Agenda Items— Discussion of a county-wide fire district at February meeting

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk