

**Minutes of the January 2, 2026 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- Virtual

**Others Present:**

Mike Markgren  
Liz Klein  
Marge Kelsey  
Sheriff Mrotek  
Brian Deyo  
Joe Sajdera  
Mike Woller  
Chaz Ann Olson  
John Froemel- Virtual

**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:**

**December 4, 2025**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig  
Motion carried without negative vote.

Second by: Mr. Savitski

**Clerk of Courts/Register in Probate Reports -**

A written report was provided.

**Sheriff's Department Report –**

**Patrol Report** – Sheriff Mrotek introduced Detective Brian Deyo who will become Chief Deputy when Chief Sajdera retires on January 10. The written report was reviewed; call volume decreased to 530 calls received in December. There were 11 crashes in December- 4 with personal injury, 0 fatalities. The Sheriff updated the committee on the recent homicide call in Radisson and stated that good work was done by the department and dispatcher; the suspect is in custody.

**Jail Report** – A written jail report for 2025 was reviewed by Lt. Woller: there were 59 avg. inmates incarcerated, with a 72% unemployment rate at the time of booking.

**Dispatch and Emergency Management** – Written reports were provided. Birkie planning meetings, 911 Joint Powers Agreements and two communications grants are ongoing projects. CAD calls increased compared to December 2025 with 1156 calls received as of December 23, 2025; YTD calls received 17,276.

**Code Enforcement**- Ms. Olson presented a detailed written report with information on how calls are processed and handled from beginning to end. Dogs at large, barking, abuse/neglect, and vicious/aggressive dogs have specific procedures. A kennel attendant works 8-11 five days a week at the dog pound.

**Child Support Department Report** – A written report was provided.

**Emergency Services**— Mr. Froemel provided a written ambulance report; the department transitioned to First Due, a new patient care reporting platform in December. The 2025 Annual Medical Examiner report shows 43 deaths in 2025; 4 are overdose deaths with 2 more possible, pending toxicology.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update** – No meeting was held due to lack of quorum

**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

Mr. Buckholtz thanked Chief Sajdera for his long service to the County.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 am

Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk