

**Minutes of the January 14, 2026 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
6. ☒ Lorraine Gouge
7. ☒ Doug Mrotek
8. ☒ Bruce Poquette
9. ☒ Katie Belanger
10. ☐ John Yackel- Absent
11. ☒ Marc Helwig
12. ☒ Elaine Smith
13. ☒ Marshal Savitski
14. ☒ Kathy McCoy
15. ☐ Bill Trepanier- Absent

Others Present:

Liz Klein
Ron Kinsley
Becky Barry
Bryan Deyo
Leslie Strapon
Jessica Bjork
Sarah Inczauskis
Sari Torstenson
Kristi Kare
Amanda Lokker

Call to Order—Interim Chair Julia Lyons called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm.

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

Meeting Agenda – Set

Public Comments – None

Minutes from the previous meeting dated: **October 8, 2025 (No quorum November or December)**

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

Motion carried without negative vote.

Accept Resignation of Judge Isham-

Motion to accept the resignation of Judge Isham from the CJCC Chair position by: Mr. Helwig

Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Appoint Chair of CJCC-

Motion to appoint Julia Lyons to the CJCC Chair position by: Mr. Helwig

Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Appoint Vice-Chair of CJCC—

Motion to appoint Judge Elaine Smith to the CJCC Vice Chair position by: Ms. McCoy

Second by: Mr. Savitski

Motion carried without negative vote.

Membership—Agenda item 11c was moved up while waiting for a member to arrive to the meeting for voting on Bylaws amendments.

Mr. Dave Dixon introduced himself to the committee and is a potential replacement for Grant Gerber on the CJCC; Mr. Gerber has indicated he can no longer serve.

Motion to remove Grant Gerber from CJCC by: Kathy McCoy Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Motion to appoint Dave Dixon to Mr. Gerber's seat on the CJCC by: Judge Smith Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Amanda Lokker from the State Public Defender's office introduced herself to the committee and will be able to represent the position on CJCC; the position already exists in the CJCC Bylaws.

Motion to appoint Amanda Lokker to CJCC as the State Public Defender's Office representative by: Mr. Helwig
Second by: Mr. Savitski
Motion carried without negative vote.

Ms. Gouge stated that Bill Trepanier wishes to remain on the CJCC as an LCO Tribal representative.

Review CJCC Bylaws- The CJCC Bylaws were reviewed and several updates were discussed:

Meeting frequency-- After discussion, the committee agreed to keep the meeting frequency the same until the new members are on board and the Executive Committee is up and running.

Change member language to "or designee"—A motion was made by Ms. McCoy to amend Sections A(a) and A(k) to read "or designee," second by: Mr. Savitski.

After discussion, a friendly amendment was made by Judge Smith to add the language "or designee as approved by CCJJ" to A(a) and eliminate A(k) from the amendment. Ms. McCoy and Mr. Savitski agreed to the friendly amendment language.

Second to the amended motion by: Mr. Savitski
A roll call vote was taken:

Julia Lyons- aye, Mike Markgren- aye, Mike Woller- aye, Lorraine Gouge- aye, Doug Mrotek- aye, Bruce Poquette- aye, Katie Belanger- aye, Marc Helwig- aye, Judge Smith- aye, Marshal Savitski- aye, Kathy McCoy- aye.

Motion carried over 2/3 without negative vote.

Discussion of other amendments to work on by Judge Smith re: removal/resignations language.

Jail Report--

Lt. Woller reviewed a written jail report for December with arrest data by race and gender. There was an average of 59 inmates incarcerated with a 72 % unemployment rate at the time of booking. Discussion of MAT- currently for Tribal inmates only. Discussion of Huber work release requirements: 32 hours/week employment, must live in Sawyer County, must be sentenced and approved. Sentence is served on electronic monitoring. Sheriff Mrotek introduced new Chief Deputy Bryan Deyo to the committee.

Justice Point—

Ms. Barry updated the committee on Justice Point programs and statistics. There are 119 active pre-trial clients, 14 active Diversion clients, and 4 active Recovery Court clients, with one graduating today. A DOJ representative is present for a site visit today.

HHS—**Public Health—**

Ms. Lyons reported that the quarterly overdose committee is still meeting.

Youth Justice—

The September YJ report was provided.

Diversion— Ms. Inczauskis reported that the Truancy & Diversion program continues to have good results: 18 students have perfect attendance. One student completed Challenge Academy, a free voluntary program where participants earn their HS diplomas.

A detailed report will be provided in the coming months on risk levels and demographics of students in the program. Judge Smith stated she is seeing positive results in her court room as families become involved in their kids' educations.

Community Services Updates— Ms. McCoy asked about the warming house initiative and Ms. Gouge asked how many homeless are reported in the County. That statistic is not known.

Outside Committee Reports – None

Correspondence, reports from conferences and meetings – None

Future Agenda Items – Bylaws language amendment- resignations, warming shelter initiative and homelessness updates

Adjournment – 12:57 pm

Next Meeting: February 11, 2026 **Time:** 12:00 pm **Location:** Board Room
Minutes recorded by Liz Klein, County Clerk