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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

January 2, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Helen Dennis, Ron Buckholtz, James Schlender, Dawn Petit, Dale Schleeter

Others present: Carol Williamson, Pat Sanchez, Marge Kelsey, Joe Sajdera, Jeff Johnson, Greg Ripczinski, Sherrie Shelton, Nate Dunston, John Froemel, Nate Dunston, Craig Faulstich, Mark Kelsey, Terrell Boetcher

Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petit, to approve the agenda with one change to move Emergency Management up on the agenda to number 6. Motion carried

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petit, to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report. Working on a community Health and Safety Fair scheduled for April 18 at the Winter Fire Hall.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report. Updates at the Moose Lake Tower delayed due to equipment arriving damaged. Waiting for replacements. Pipestone Tower Road is in good shape; culverts installed, road is accessible 24/7.

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a report to the Committee. Received resignation from Deputy Michelle Latz and posted opening. Also posted opening for Financial Clerk.

The Committee discussed tabling School Bus Safety until the February meeting. There are 5-7 bus services in the County that may be involved. Will invite the School Districts, bus services, and the public to the February Public Safety meeting.

Joint Powers Agreements presented for 2020. Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Petit, to approve and forward to County Board. Motion carried

Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera reported to the Committee on calls handled by dispatch. In December there were 3,958 phone calls resulting in 1,384 calls for service. Year to date 53,718 total calls; 18,964 calls for service.

Road Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided a report on the 682 patrol calls received at the Sheriff's Department in December. Ripczinski provided information on WISE-Grants (Wisconsin Safety and Enforcement Grants) awarded to enforce seat belt usage.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a jail report. As of today, there are 102 inmates, including 4 out on electronic monitor, and 10 housed out of county. Johnson also provided a report on the daily inmate population by month. The 2019 daily average was 101.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a written report and reported to the Committee. Vaccination clinic is first weekend in March. Free micro chipping at the clinic provided by Humane Society grant and donations.

Coroner John Froemel provided a written report to the Committee including classification of deaths in 2019 and demographic of drug overdoses.

County Board approved the Peace and Good Order Bond Schedule the December County Board meeting.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to table Drug Court Grant Discussion until the February meeting.

Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a report to the Committee. Public Safety Committee would like to tour the Ojibwa facility. Public Works is meeting there January 8 at 6:30. Public Safety Committee members will tour at 6:15 on January 8.

Committee discussed the Resolution addressing the requirements needed for a second circuit court judge for Sawyer County and the need for additional state support. Motion by Schleeter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to forward to the County Board with no recommendation. Motion Carried 4 to 1 vote.

Adjourned 9:44 am

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