

**Minutes of the February 4th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members (X) Present:

Chair: **James Schlender**

- Ron Buckholtz -Vice Chair
- Ed Peters
- Dale Schleeter
- Chuck Van Etten – Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Rebecca Roeker - Virtual
Doug Mrotek
Greg Ripczinski
Jeff Johnson
Joe Sajdera
Pat Sanchez – Virtual
Jim Onarheim
Nate Dunston
Terrell Boettcher - Virtual
Judge Yackel
Phil Nies – Virtual
Linda Zilmer - Virtual

Call to Order – Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll Call taken.

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

Meeting Agenda

Public Comment

Minutes from Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried.

Circuit Court Report – The judge’s report was tabled until he could make a personal appearance later in the meeting. When available, he reported on a recent security threat that was experienced in the courthouse and thanked law enforcement for assistance in maintaining the safe environment.

Resolution 2021-56 to increase fees was presented for approval. A motion was made by Mr. Schleeter to approve the Resolution at the Public Safety Committee level and move to County Board for consideration. A second was made by Mr. Buckholtz; motion carried.

Mr. Hoff advised that a meeting has been scheduled for February 10th to discuss final planning stages of the second courtroom.

Clerk of Court Report – A written report was provided.

District Attorney’s Office Report – Not available

Child Support Department Report – Not available

Sheriff's Department Report – Sheriff Mrotek provided an overview of the agreement that is under consideration between Sawyer County and the Lac Court Oreilles Tribal Governing Board. The agreement outlines the process of referring civil violations between the jurisdictional entities. After discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz, second by Mr. Schleeter to table approval of the agreement and refer it legal council who will confer with the State and the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Court for additional information and clarification. Motion carried.

Mr. Sajdera provided an overview of the written Chief Deputy report stating that the Communications Center will be receiving upgrades soon. Sheriff Mrotek requested that the Joint Powers Agreements required by state statues between the fire departments and the county dispatch be approved. A motion was made by Mr. Van Etten, second by Mr. Peters to move the Agreements to County Board for consideration. Motion carried. Written report Patrol, Jail and Animal Control reports were provided.

Coroner's report – Mr. Hoff and Mr. Onarheim provided an overview of the recent meeting held between the Coroner's office and Health Department staff. Mr. Onarheim requested that the County review current safety ordinances. Mr. Schlender recommended Mr. Onarheim meet with the County Administrator to determine if safety precautions are already in place within existing ordinances.

Emergency Management Department Reports – Written reports were provided.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – An amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding was provided for this meeting; the final MOU was not available. A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz, second by Mr. Schleeter to table the Memorandum of Understanding discussion to next month when the written MOU can be provided. Motion carried.

Ambulance Service Department report – A written report was provided. Mr. Dunston advised that a 3rd ambulance is now available.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, March 4, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk