

**Minutes of the May 6th meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **James Schlender**
- Ron Buckholtz -Vice Chair
- Ed Peters – Excused
- Dale Schleeter
- Chuck Van Etten – Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Greg Ripczinski
Jeff Johnson
Joe Sajdera

Nate Dunston
Pat Sanchez
Marge Kelsey
Nate Dunston

Call to Order –Chair James Schlender 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

Public Comment

Minutes from Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021, meeting as presented; second by Ed Schleeter. Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court Report – Mr. Hoff advised that the construction of California Avenue is underway. On Friday, May 7th, the Courthouse Construction Ad Hoc Committee will meet to interview four candidates for the position of construction manager of the project.

Clerk of Court Report – A written report was provided.

District Attorney's Office Report

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided to the Clerk at 9:09 am and will become part of the permanent record.

Sheriff's Department Report – A written report was provided. Chief Deputy Sajdera advised that the dispatch remodeling project is complete and work on the NG grant that the Communications Center received is near completion. The grant will cover 60% of the project costs for the Command Post portable 911 phone system.

Patrol Report – A written report was provided. Lt. Ripczinski mentioned that the call volume was down slightly since last month. Staff training projects are scheduled to begin soon in the areas of data communication, firearms and emergency vehicle operations.

A Communications Specialist written report was provided.

Jail Report – A written report was provided. Lt. Johnson advised that approximately one-third of the current jail population is waiting to be placed into a state prison facility. The daily average population now is 82.02 with a year-to-date average being 85. Deputy Sonya Sunderland has retired after 25 years of service; Deputy Hartling will replace her in that position.

Coroner's report – A written report was provided. In regard to the unsafe living conditions ordinance, the topic will move to the Health and Human Services Committee agenda.

Emergency Management Department Reports – A written report was provided. Ms. Sanchez advised that she has been asked by the State to assist with the National Patriot exercise which involves 30 different states and numerous counties in the month of June.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – Mr. Schlender reported on the activities of JusticePoint. The CJCC work group is currently working on a TAD grant for funds to create a diversion court and provide other diversion treatment options. Staff are now working with 95 pre-trial individuals to offer help for hearing attendance, employment guidance, and other services.

Ambulance Service Department report – A written report was provided. Mr. Dunston reported that the department has one paramedic and one EMT position posted. The billing company is working on old claims and payments are coming in. There are a series of staff training sessions occurring in the next couple of weeks.

Future Agenda Items – Courthouse remodeling project update

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, June 10, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk