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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

June 6, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Bill Voight, Dale Schleeter, Helen Dennis, Ron Buckholtz, James Schlender entered 8:36

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Pat Sanchez, Nate Dunston, Doug Mrotek, John Froemel, Greg Ripczinski, Craig Faulstich, Sandy Okamoto, Terrell Boetcher, Guy Johnston, Carl Holbie

Chair Bill Voight called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Due to a jury trial, the court staff was unavailable. County Administrator Tom Hoff informed the Committee Venture Architect is here for a meeting on Wednesday, June 12. An amendment to the proposed State budget moves the start date for a potential second county judge to 2021.

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a written report to the Committee.

Administrator Hoff informed the Committee Sawyer County is still in the proposed state budget for one additional assistant district attorney. Hoff met with District Attorney Bruce Poquette to discuss potential space needs.

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto provided a written report. Resolution presented to support increased County Child Support Funding. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve the Resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried

Sheriff Mrotek reported to the Committee. Spillman records management requires ongoing work with IT. Commended Leif Mackey and Lt Joe Sajdera for work on the project.

Supervisor James Schlender entered the meeting.

Lieutenant Joe Sajdera provided a written jail report. As of today, there are 97 inmates. Zero housed out of county, four out on electronic monitor. There were eight on monitors most of month; four inmates were released. Donna Bechard-Thompson is retiring after over 20 years of service to the County. Invited Committee to retirement party June 14.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a written report to the Committee.

Chief Craig Faulstich informed the Committee of his retirement effective July 12, 2019.

Coroner John Froemel provided a written report to the Committee. The Committee discussed which deaths in the County the Coroner reports on.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report. PIO training June 12 and 13 at the LCO College. Sign up at the WEM training portal.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report. The Committee discussed Pipestone Road.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meets Monday, June 10, at 7:30.

Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report to the Committee. Hiring two full time EMTs.

Guy Johnston from Barnes addressed the Committee on request for emergency services from Sawyer County. The Committee supports providing services to Barnes if safe and financially sound for Sawyer County. Dunston will look into what the County would need from Barnes to provide services.

A new resolution presented supporting the Ojibwa Ambulance Facility. The County Board previously agreed a new ambulance facility was needed, agreed the facility should be in Ojibwa, and budgeted \$400,000 for an ambulance facility. The new resolution authorizes borrowing an amount not to exceed \$622,975 by issuing general obligation promissory notes. The County needs to issue debt if they build a new facility. Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the new resolution and forward to County Board. Motion carried. This resolution is also on the Public Works and Finance Committee agendas in June.

Adjourned 9:46 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson