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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
July 2, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Helen Dennis, Ron Buckholtz, James Schlender, Dale Schleeter, Chuck Van Etten-Virtual

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Pat Sanchez, Jeff Johnson, Doug Mrotek, Marge Kelsey, Rebecca Roeker, Nate Dunston, Mike Coleson, Bill Schleusner, Paul Ward, Bart Trebnick, Lee Tannehill, Rose Lillyroot, John Yackel, Linda Zillmer, Bobby Johnson, Fred Briggs, Sandy Okamoto, John Czarnecki, Christopher Channing, Terrell Boetcher

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

Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Buckholtz, to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

The Committee discussed the proposed Resolution to Reaffirm Sawyer County’s Commitment to Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Right to Bear Arms under the Wisconsin Constitution. Bill Schleusner and Fred Briggs spoke in favor of the resolution. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Buckholtz, to approve the resolution and forward to the full County Board. Motion carried

County Administrator Tom Hoff provided an update on the second courtroom option using Fifth Street if the City of Hayward allows. This option eliminates the risk of having inmates walk across the street to attend court. It offers more of what Option 3 offers, without the high price tag. Vacating Fifth Street and extending California Avenue to Nyman Avenue is on the City of Hayward Public Works and Council agendas July 13, 2020. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Schleeter, to recommend to the County Board and the City of Hayward the Public Safety Committee is in favor of extending California Avenue to Nyman and the Fifth Street option for the second courtroom. Motion carried

Judge Yackel reported to the Committee. Yackel is in favor of the Fifth Street option for the second courtroom.

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a written report.

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto reported to the Committee. Child Support staff is working primarily remotely. Employees rotate staffing the office 32 hours a week.

Chief Joe Sajdera reported to the Committee and provided a written report. 1801 calls in June.

Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided the patrol report. 1033 calls in June.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a jail report. June 2020 average daily population was 85.33 inmates; 18.26 females and 67.26 males.

Supervisor Dennis commended the Sawyer County Law Enforcement staff and read a letter from Ron Johnson.
Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a written report to the Committee.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report.


Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report and reported to the Committee.

Future Agenda: 2021 Budget Discussion

Adjourned 9:30 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson