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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

September 5, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

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

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Pat Sanchez, Doug Mrotek, Jeff Johnson, Joe Sajdera, Greg Ripczinski, John Froemel, Sherrie Shelton, Sandy Okamoto, Amanda Wheeler, Janet Sprenger, Marge Kelsey, Jill Tonn, Anna Amparo, Nate Dunston, Rose Lillyroot, Frank Zufall, Monica Chase, Sunnie Bisonette, Sue Smith, Lorraine Gouge

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

Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to move Child Support up on the agenda to after minutes. Motion carried

Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to approve the agenda as modified. Motion carried

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto reported to the Committee. Okamoto worked with County Administrator Tom Hoff, and the LCO Child Support staff to resolve issues regarding child support cases handled by LCO. LCO Child Support Director Sue Smith introduced LCO Child Support Attorney Monica Chase. Smith thanked Hoff for his assistance and corporation. Chase informed the Committee everything has been resolved regarding the question of transferring child support cases.

There are no major changes in the 2020 Child Support budget. The State of Wisconsin funds 66% of the Child Support Department with the County picking up the remaining 34%.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report. Key stakeholders are meeting September 19 to discuss radio communications systems in Sawyer County.

The 2020 budget includes increases in contracted services. Currently renting space in Winter for Emergency Management Office.

No Judges report

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a written report to the Committee. Ricki Briggs is retiring effective October 2, 2019. Kelsey requests increasing the part time position to full time to provide a full time Financial Clerk position to focus on increasing revenue collections.

The 2020 District Attorney budget includes an additional full time position for staff to support the additional Assistant District Attorney the State of Wisconsin has approved.

Sheriff Mrotek reported to the Committee. The Sheriff's Department covered the Radisson Harvest Fest and the Exeland Trout Fest. Worked with various volunteers and agencies on the missing person in Winter.

Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera reported on communications handled by dispatch. Dispatch has 7 full time and 2 part time employees. There are two employees on duty 16 hours a day and one employee on duty 8 hours a day. The staff handles 16 phone lines and 12 radio channels. In August of 2019 there were 3536 calls resulting in 1,761 calls for service. Year to date there have been 28,459 calls; 13,134 calls for service.

Road Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided a detailed list of calls received at the Sheriff's Department. One road deputy position open.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a written jail report. As of today, there are 103 inmates; 3 out on electronic monitor, and 2 housed out of county. Electronic monitoring is successful.

The climate in the jail is affecting the health of staff. There are funds in the Canteen Fund Balance to cover air conditioning installation. Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to approve the climate control project in the jail and forward to Finance with a Resolution for a budget adjustment.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton presented a written report to the Committee. No changes in 2020 budget.

The Committee discussed the various Sheriff Department 2020 budgets. Only Law Enforcement Contract wage increases were included in the 2020 budget. No additional staff budgeted.

Coroner John Froemel provided a written report to the Committee. Froemel is tracking demographics on drug overdoses.

This is the first budget Froemel has worked on. The 2020 budget includes an increase in pathology expenses and staff training.

County Administrator Tom Hoff reported they are working on the Criminal Justice Coordinating budget to determine programming and funding.

Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report to the Committee. Dunston provided lists of rates charged by Sawyer County Ambulance and other providers. Hoff and Dunston will bring back a recommendation to Public Safety for rate changes. Tracking costs for Ojibwa facility. The Ambulance budget falls outside the levy, but does affect the tax rate.

The Committee addressed the proposed "Resolution addressing the requirements needed for a second circuit court judge for Sawyer County and the need for additional state support". Motion by Dennis to postpone any decision or discussion. Received no second on this motion. Motion by Schleeter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to move the resolution to the full County Board with no comment from the Public Safety Committee. The Committee discussed the County Board sending the resolution back to Public Safety and what the Committee should do with the resolution. This motion failed.

Motion by Dennis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Buckholtz, to postpone decision on the resolution until the November Public Safety Committee meeting. Motion carried

Adjourned 10:01 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson