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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

October 3, 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, Joe Sajdera, Greg Ripczinski, Sherrie Shelton, Sandy Okamoto, Marge Kelsey, Nate Dunston, Mike Keefe, Mark Kelsey, Terrell Boetcher

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

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

Schlender called for nominations for Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Buckholtz nominated James Schlender. No other nominations received. Called for vote. Vote was unanimous. James Schlender elected as the Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Schlender called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Public Safety Committee. Buckholtz nominated himself. Dennis nominated herself. paper ballot done resulting with 2 votes for Buckholtz, and 2 votes for Dennis. Second paper ballot done resulting with 3 votes for Buckholtz, and 1 vote for Dennis. Ron Buckholtz elected as the Vice-Chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dennis, to approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

County Administrator Tom Hoff shared information regarding a proposed bill for twelve additional judgeships in Wisconsin over the next three years.

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

Accounting Manager Mike Keefe and Administrator Hoff provided a list of budget adjustments affecting the departments under the Public Safety Committee jurisdiction.

The Committee received information regarding an additional Assistant District Attorney for Sawyer County. Current support staff consists of one full time and one part time. The 2020 budget includes an additional part time position.

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto provided a written report to the Committee. Staff was finger printed as required by new federal policy. No budget changes.

Sheriff Mrotek reported to the Committee. The Sheriff's Department will cover the Stone Lake Cranberry Fest this weekend.

Road Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided a detailed list of calls received at the Sheriff's Department in September.

Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera provided a jail report. As of today, there are 109 inmates; 5 out on electronic monitor, and 13 housed out of county. Sajdera reported on communications handled by dispatch. In

September there were 3,168 calls resulting in 1,649 calls for service. Year to date there have been 31,627 calls; 14,667 calls for service. Dispatch can now monitor cameras at the courthouse. New software allows the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department to see where other support is located, such as DNR and State patrol.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton presented a written report to the Committee. LCO held a vaccination clinic on October 2, 2019.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report. The Town of Radisson was hit by the recent storm. The storm damaged Tower road and may be eligible for repair reimbursements. Received \$32,000 in disaster reimbursements from July storm damage.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report to the Committee.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is missing a chair due to the resignation of Aaron Marcoux. State tax force is meeting October 9 on reentry from jail back into the community; programs, grant funding, diversion, drug court.

Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report to the Committee. EMS will assist the Health and Human Services Department to administer flu shots. Staff attending refresher courses for three weekends that are required every two years. Working on formula for charging out of county services. Sawyer EMS staff assisted at a car crash in Ladysmith and their services were greatly appreciated. Striving to increase collections by billing company.

The allowed operating levy is \$10,055,032. As of today the total operating levy included in the 2020 budget is \$10,245,016; a difference of \$189,984.

Adjourned 9:19 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson