

Draft

Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

March 2, 2017; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Bill Voight, Helen Dennis, Iras Humphreys, James Schlender

Others present: Tom Hoff, Mitch Rice, Mark Kelsey, Craig Faulstich, Joe Sajdera, Marc Helwig, Pat Sanchez, Carol Williamson, John Yackel, Louise Ladenthin, Dave Dokkestul, Taylor Heinzl, Ron Buckholtz, Alicia Carlson, Paul Grahovac, Terry Patenaude, Mike Keefe, Mike Coleson, Sandy Okamoto, Sherrie Shelton, John Kruk, Terrell Boetcher, Brenda Spurlock

Motion by Humphreys, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the agenda. Motion carried

Motion by Humphreys, 2nd by Dennis, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed security options and current available funding. The Committee agreed to move forward with the courtroom remodeling. There is \$30,000 in the budget. An Architect is required and a plan submitted to the state.

Jail Administrator Joe Sajdera provided a written report to the Committee. The jail is at full staff.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a report to the Committee. Vaccination clinics are scheduled in Exeland on Friday, March 3, at the City of Hayward on Saturday, March 4, and at LCO on Wednesday, April 5.

Coroner Dave Dokkestul provided a report to the Committee.

Bayfield County Criminal Justice Coordinator Brenda Spurlock presented a proposed "Bridge to Treatment" project collaboration to the Committee. Bayfield, Ashland, and Sawyer County criminal justice systems, Tribal nations of the Red Cliff and Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, and Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwas and community partners will collaboratively develop teams to be embedded within their respective criminal justice system to implement new policies and processes that effectively screen, assess, and divert eligible offenders with mental illnesses and substance use disorders from jail to community treatment. The grant deadline is April 4, 2017 and the grant cycle begins October 1. The grant is for two years, \$100,000 each year. First year will be planning; second year is implementation. The required 20% match will be absorbed by Bayfield County with in-kind services. Spurlock requests a letter of commitment from Sawyer County. Motion by Humphreys, 2nd by Dennis, to commit and submit letter. Motion carried

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez provided a report to the Committee.

Communication System Specialist John Kruk provided a report. State of Wisconsin did updates on system. Issues are being resolved. The new system should be up and running in 2017.

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto submitted a written report. Okamoto is utilizing Realigning resources for office restructuring.

Ambulance Director Mitch Rice provided his proposal for implementing full-time ambulance service in Sawyer County. Accounting Manager Mike Keefe provided reports of the budget impact on the proposed full-time staffing. Rice is working with the Sawyer County Fire Association to improve the number of active Emergency Medical Responders in the community. Phase I of implementation includes 8 paramedics and 16 Emergency Medical Technicians with full-time at the Hayward ambulance garage and a full-time facility in the southern corridor of Sawyer County to be determined. Motion by Humphreys, 2nd by Schlender to approve Phase I full-time staffing of 8 paramedics and 16 EMTs. Motion carried

Supervisor Humphreys provided the Committee with two mission statement drafts. The second draft reads:

To establish policies for coordination and delivery of public safety services for Sawyer County residents, while acknowledging natural resource considerations. To support budgetary allocations and approve grants for improvement of the criminal justice system: court and law enforcement, emergency health access and emergency management, and internal and public communications systems. To increase public safety, reduce harm to the citizenry and natural resources, promote fairness and policy review which provide responsible stewardship of Sawyer County and its citizens.

Motion by Schlender, 2nd by Dennis to adopt the 2nd draft. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson