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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee. Sawyer County Board of Supervisors April 6, 2017; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Bill Voight, Helen Dennis, Iras Humphreys, Dale Schleeter, James Schlender by phone

Others present: Tom Hoff, Mitch Rice, Mark Kelsey, Joe Sajdera, Marc Helwig, Pat Sanchez, Carol Williamson, John Yackel, Louise Ladenthin, Ron Buckholtz, Alicia Carlson, Joe Bodo, Sandy Okamoto, Sherrie Shelton, John Kruk, Terrell Boetcher, Justin Hallmann, James Gerard Taylor, Ron Barnaby, Pastor Mark Triplett, Nathan Frey, Brad Domabala, Chad Headley, Jim Miller, Brooke Torstenson, Sari Torstenson, Terri Roeske, Sara Jungbluth, Bruce Poquette, Michelle Latz, Kevin Frey, John Froemel, Tim Hagberg

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

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

Judge John Yackel and Clerk of Court Sara Jungbluth reported to the committee.

County Administrator Tom Hoff presented Security and Facilities Committee guidelines found under Supreme Court Rule 68.05. A Security and Facilities Committee could review courthouse security concerns and the assessments done in 2012, 2013, and 2016. The Security Committee would prioritize recommendations and bring to the Public Safety Committee. Judge John Yackel will organize a Security and Facilities Committee under SCR 68.05.

Hoff provided the Committee with three options of staffing a Sheriff's Deputy in the Courthouse; cover it with existing staff, add two part-time deputies, or add one full-time deputy. The wages and benefits package for two part-time deputies working 20 hours a week each from May through December 2017 is \$45,782.00. The package in 2018 would be \$63,574.00. The wages and benefits package for one full-time deputy from May through December 2017 is \$72,861.00. The full-time package in 2018 would be \$94,506.00. Judge Yackel requested a deputy in the courtroom when court is in session; two part-time deputies meets this request. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve staffing two part-time deputies in the courtroom from May to December 2017 and forward recommendation to County Board. Motion carried

Jail Administrator Joe Sajdera provided a written report to the Committee. There are currently 96 inmates with 4 housed out of county. Sajdera is working with the phone company on video visitation throughout the jail. The on-line visiting fee will run around \$5.00 which will be paid by the inmate and cover the costs of the service. This service would eliminate much of the lobby traffic.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a list of complaints addressed during the month. Vaccination clinics were held in the Village of Exeland and the City of Hayward in March and at LCO on April 5.

Coroner Dave Dokkestul provided a report to the Committee.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez provided a report to the Committee. ICS 402(Incident Command System) is scheduled in the Assembly Room, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, on May 25, 2017, for all elected officials. Registration is on line.

Communication System Specialist John Kruk provided a report.

Ambulance Director Mitch Rice provided the March Ambulance Report. Rice shared information on locations for an ambulance station in the southern part of Sawyer County where there is county owned land. Rice feels the number one factor in selection of a location is proximity to the highest volume of calls. Second would be access to the other parts of Sawyer County. Rice's first choice would be land in Ojibwa at the intersection of Hwy 27 and Hwy 70. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Humphreys, to pursue locating an ambulance station at the Ojibwa location. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson