

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
October 7, 2019 at 7:30 am in the Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Present Council Voting Members – Position

John Yackel – Sawyer County Circuit Court Judge

Doug Mrotek – Sawyer County Sheriff

Vacant – Assistant District Attorney

Yes Jeff Johnson – Sawyer County Jail Administrator (Represented by Richard Welsch)

Yes Tom Hoff – Sawyer County Administrator

Yes Tweed Shuman – LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative

Yes Ryan Reid – State Public Defender Office Representative

Jeff Schley – Department of Corrections Representative

Kathy McCoy – Sawyer County Board Representative/Vice Chair of CJCC

Yes James H. Schlender Jr. – Sawyer County Board Representative/Chair of CJCC

Yes Lorraine Gouge – LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative

Others present: Diane McNamer, Carol Williamson, Gary Hilgendorf, Timothy Warner

James Schlender called the meeting to order at 7:38 a.m.

Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Reid, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

Motion by Hoff, 2nd by Shuman, to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Schlender called for nominations for Chair of the CJCC. Shuman nominated James Schlender.

Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Hoff, to close nominations. James Schlender is Chair of Criminal Justice Coordinating Council.

Chair Schlender called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the CJCC. Hoff nominated McCoy. Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Hoff, to close nominations. Kathy McCoy is Vice-Chair of the CJCC.

Reviewed By Laws. Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Hoff, to amend the Section A membership to include the second LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative. Motion carried

Chair Schlender, Hoff, McCoy, Sheriff Mrotek, and Clerk of Court will meet to review the Sawyer County Bond Schedule. This will be on the November agenda for approval.

Chair Schlender introduced LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative Lorraine Gouge. Introductions were made around the table.

The Adult Law Enforcement Proxy gives charging options to officers. Provides for first offenders to enter diversion programs and not go through the court system. This can move forward once the Ordinance is updated. The District Attorney has made referrals for 40 individuals to the Prime for Life education based diversion program since March 2019

Criminal Justice Coordinator Diane McNamer reviewed current programming. Meeting with Karen Breit at LCO regarding the reentry program and possible grants. AB Kiosk on National Public Radio. Construction based program to educate inmates and provide jobs. Shuman asked about a second AB Kiosk located at LCO. The kiosk needs a minimum number of testers to remain budget neutral. A bus stops at the Courthouse at 8:00 am if someone needs a ride. Council requested McNamer bring detailed costs to the November meeting showing the cost of the program for tribal members.

McNamer introduced members of GHAMA, Greater Hayward Area Ministerial Association. Gary Hilgendorf from Spider Lake Church and Timothy Warner from Northern Lights Christian Center.

GHAMA is working on a male halfway house with Crossroads ministry out of Ashland. Currently fundraising for a location. GHAMA recently opened New Reflections Pathway to Hope, a women's home on County Highway B for women and children working on recovery. The facility has a thrift shop attached run by volunteers and relies on grants and donations.

LCO is also working on establishing a male housing unit. Moving Oakwood Haven, the women's shelter to a larger facility. May use the vacated building for the men's shelter.

Next meeting Monday, November 4, 7:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 am

Minutes recorded by Carol Williamson