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Agenda
Public Safety Committee meeting
September 8, 2015; 8:30 a.m.
Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

01. Meeting agenda
02. Minutes of August 11, 2015 meeting
03. Audience recognition
04. Judge's and Clerk of Court's Office reports
05. Child Support Department report
06. District Attorney's Office report
07. Sheriff's Department report, including jail report
08. Animal Control report
09. Coroner's report
10. Emergency Management Department report
11. Ambulance Service Department report
12. 2016 department budgets
13. Monthly department expense vouchers
14. Other matters for discussion

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minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee
Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
August 11, 2015; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

members present: Fred Zietlow (Chair), Bill Voight, Dale Schleeter, Hal Helwig (for Dale Thompson), Jim Bassett

Others present: Linda Zillmer, Town of Winter Supervisor Ronald Barnaby, Town of Draper Clerk Brenda Adler, 911 Coordinator Brittany Haag, County Board members Warren Johnson and Iras Humphreys, Sheriff Mark Kelsey, Chief Deputy Sheriff Craig Faulstich, Jail Administrator Joe Sajdera, Ambulance Service Department Director Eric Nilson, County Clerk Kris Mayberry

Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Voight, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Zietlow, to approve the July 7, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Village of Birchwood resident Linda Zillmer addressed the Committee regarding the need for a child safety zone ordinance, the proposal for Sawyer County to take over maintenance of the Tuscobia Trail in Sawyer County, and ATV routes on town roads.

Ambulance Service Department Director Eric Nilson presented and reviewed with the Committee a written monthly department report (copy in meeting file). Director Nilson discussed with the Committee:

- staffing issues related to the assignment of ambulance crews (including compliance with labor laws)
- Ambulance Service expenses and revenues
- requests for financial contributions from towns outside Sawyer County now served by the Sawyer County Ambulance Service
- options being considered for the location of Ambulance Service Department facilities in southern Sawyer County
- that the facilities now being used to house Ambulance Service Department employees in the former Radisson school building are not adequate to house those employees (Director Nilson reviewed the options for temporary facilities to house those employees)

The Committee discussed the option of additional full-time employees for the Ambulance Service to address some of the issues related to staffing and facilities. Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Zietlow, to have County Administrator Tom Hoff and Ambulance Service Department Director Eric Nilson review this option (including a financial comparison with the current operation) and the options for the location of Ambulance Service facilities. Motion carried. Mr. Schleeter voted no.

The Committee reviewed a written monthly report prepared by Clerk of Circuit Court Claudia Burgan.

Sheriff Mark Kelsey and Chief Deputy Sheriff Craig Faulstich presented information and their recommendation that the Committee consider recommending County ordinances to allow Sawyer County Sheriff Deputies to enforce State of Wisconsin motor vehicle equipment requirements (Trans 305) and fireworks regulations.

✓ Corp Counsel Motion by Zietlow, 2nd by Bassett, to refer the enforcement of State of Wisconsin motor vehicle equipment requirements (Trans 305) to Sawyer County Corporation Counsel Thomas J. Duffy for development of the necessary ordinance or resolution to allow for enforcement in Sawyer County. Motion carried.

✓ Corp Counsel Motion by Schleeter, 2nd by Voight, to refer the enforcement of State of Wisconsin fireworks regulations to Sawyer County Corporation Counsel Thomas J. Duffy for development of the necessary ordinance or resolution to allow for enforcement in Sawyer County. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mark Kelsey and Chief Deputy Sheriff Craig Faulstich expressed their concern with Resolution #9-2015 entitled Adoption of Law Enforcement Policies Required for Submission of Community Development Block Grants approved by the County Board at their July 16, 2015 meeting. Sheriff Kelsey requested that the Sheriff's Department be consulted prior to adoption of policies affecting law enforcement in Sawyer County. Motion by Helwig, 2nd by Bassett, to refer the concerns to Sawyer County Corporation Counsel Thomas J. Duffy to review Resolution #9-2015 and any potential conflicts or issues related to that resolution. Motion carried.

Sheriff's Department Jail Administrator Joe Sajdera presented and reviewed with the Committee a daily jail population report and advised the Committee that the jail inmate population recently spiked to nearly full due to a coordinated law enforcement agency action which resulted in multiple arrests and incarcerations.

✓ Co Bd The Committee reviewed a proposed Staffing Agreement for Double-Celling at the Sawyer County Jail. Motion by Zietlow, 2nd by Bassett, to recommend County Board approval of the agreement. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Craig Faulstich presented and reviewed with the Committee a written monthly department report (copy in meeting file) prepared by Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton.

The Committee reviewed a written monthly department report (copy in meeting file) prepared by Sawyer County Coroner Dave Dokkestul.

The Committee reviewed a written monthly department report (copy in meeting file) prepared by Emergency Management Department Director Pat Sanchez.

The Committee reviewed a written monthly department report (copy in meeting file) prepared by contracted communications specialist John Kruk.

The Committee reviewed the monthly department vouchers. Motion by Bassett, 2nd by Zietlow, to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Motion by Voight, 2nd by Schleeter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

minutes prepared by Sawyer County Clerk Kris Mayberry

Monthly Coroners Report

2014

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD - Total
Death Investigations	6	4	8	6	2	7	4	3	3	6	10	6	65
Natural	4	4	7	5	1	7	3	1	2	5	5	4	48
Accidental	2		1		1		1	1	1	1	2	2	12
Suicide				1				1			3		5
Homicide													0
Pending											0		0
All Cremation Authorizations	15	15	15	17	13	19	17	8	7	11	15	9	161
Posts	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	7
Hospice	3	3	5	5	4	5	11	5	5	5	4	4	59

2015

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	YTD - Total
Death Investigations	4	4	7	7	11	9	6	7					55
Natural	4	3	5	5	6	7	4	5					39
Accidental	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2					9
Suicide	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0					4
Homicide	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0					2
Pending	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0					2
All Cremation Authorizations	10	10	13	14	13	14	14	9					97
Posts	0	0	1	0	4	1	0	0					6
Hospice	4	3	4	4	4	5	5	2					31

Incidents

Date	Time	Age	Gender	Location / Township	Cause	Manner
08/02/15	1026	70	Male	Big Musky / Hunter	Myocardial Infarction	Natural
08/09/15	1233	74	Male	Cty Road W / Winter	COPD	Natural
08/14/15	0800	62	Male	Youngbery Road / Bass Lake	Intracerebral hemorrhage	Natural
08/15/15	0930	93	Male	Waters Edge / Hayward	Intracerebral hemorrhage	Accidental
08/24/15	2130	95	Female	Waters Edge / Hayward	T12 fracture	Accidental
08/28/15	1438	82	Male	Hathaway Lane / Sand Lake	Myocardial Infarction	Natural
08/28/15	1920	93	Male	Conners Lane / Sand Lake	Cardiac dysrhythmia	Natural

COPD = Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Additional activities

October WCMEA Fall Conference 26-28

On-Call Hours

Dave	521
Jim	76
Renee	
Rikki	
Mark	147

September 8 , 2015 Public Safety Committee Report

Emergency Government

- ICS/EOC class held. County Reps included: HHS, PH, IT, Forestry (Debris) EM
- Americorps Member interview by LEPC Chair, Admin and EM
- Arclin Hazmat Exercise HSEEP completed
  14 agencies took part
- County Hazmat Team Training completed. Funded through grant
- Attended Mass Casualty Exercise at LCO

Radio Update

- See John Kruk's Report

Search and Rescue (funded by donations/grants, staffed by volunteers)

- Law Enforcement Training Standards -LETS K9 Training Sept 23-27. Sawyer County SAR Hosting (will be on vacation for this)

Submitted: Pat Sanchez, EM

August 2015 – Radio Communications Report

1.) Analog Network – Review and assessment of the analog network has been taking place throughout the month of August. It was discovered that the analog network does provide coverage in areas that the WISCOM System does not cover. This comes down to coverage in the aspect of portables and some mobile coverage. This is important to note and understand due to the fact that WISCOM is designed with the goal of having a 95% MOBILE coverage 95% of the time.

   In essence if you were to take and mark 100 spots on a map of Sawyer County a mobile radio should be able to receive and transmit from 95 of those 100 locations at least 95% of the time. No radio system can ever make the claim that they have 100% coverage 100% of the time. To many natural variables exist such as buildings, geographic restrictions, etc. Also the cost to make it (almost) 100% would require and increase by about 4 to 5 more towers with a significant cost per tower. This is where the analog network will come into play and by connecting the analog network to the digital network we can achieve radio coverage between both systems to overlap the county.

   Therefore, in order to assess the network radio coverage testing is taking place using the analog network. This is needed and being done due to the fact that while on paper we can say that a system looks good. However, with real life field testing we can actually see how the network plays and works to ensure it fits our needs. At current approx. 200 analog portables are still in service for Sawyer County and while they are not necessarily in use on a day to day basis in an emergency they may need to be used.

2.) Emergency Services Trailer – The trailer has been fitted with a suite of radios and a full dispatch console to offer radio communications in a mobile platform. In this case we can move this trailer to any location in the county and with the generator can set-up communications. The trailer now has the capabilities of five (5) VHF radios with three (3) having ability to talk on the WISCOM network, six (6) UHF radios with four (4) having the ability to communicate on an LTR network for special event communications and one (1) having digital capabilities also for interoperability.

   The trailer was beta tested with the Arclin Haz-Mat drill in which the trailer acted as the dispatch center. For the drill Sawyer County dispatch paged the responders but the trailer took over ALL communications from that point. The trailer was able to handle the communications occurring on the drill dispatch channel, the fire tactical channel, the drill coordination channel, and the alternate operations channel. In addition I was able to work with Arclin in obtaining authorization to have the frequencies of the plant programmed into the radios in order to offer cross-discipline interoperability communications. This was a huge step as it allowed us to communicate with Arclin in this simulated situation to know we can communicate with them at a distance.

3.) Fog Wave Propagation – A unique once in a lifetime event took place on Sunday August 30th. A situation known as Fog Wave Propagation occurred in which the fog was so thick and heavy that it came down very low to the ground. Now the average antenna for a tower is anywhere form 100 ft to as high as 200 ft in the air and the fog was below this level. Now due to the thickness of the fog the signals from the tower no longer went down to the ground as usual. In addition to the signals sloping down it also skipped on the top of the fog like a rock on water.

Now with this situation the frequencies skipped very far on the fog causing radio waves to go 100, 200, 300, or in some cases almost 500 miles away. On our frequencies in Sawyer County we could hear some distant transmissions from as far as Missouri. While this was a really neat and cool situation it actually caused havoc on the WISCOM and analog systems. Sadly, no one could do anything until mother nature stopped misbehaving.

I was monitoring the system through the majority of the night and was sending reports to the sheriff department and emergency management. During this time switching between analog and WISCOM did help somewhat but as conditions continued to change it caused the need to switch back and forth occurred. The situation did clear up around Monday August 31st around noon and the systems have been working in the current state as they have been working.

4.) RAC Meeting – The RAC (Radio Advisory Committee) met via a cyber meeting on Monday August 17th with the main topic being fleetmaps (channel layouts) for the county. This is an IMPORTANT part to ensuring that during an emergency communications can exist. The current programming of the radios was setup by EF Johnson based on what they thought was the best choice for us and was completed in 2013. While EF Johnson might have a good plan it does not necessarily reflect what is going to work in Sawyer County. Therefore, I was able to submit to the RAC a comms plan for review based upon the needs of each discipline yet maintaining the ability to interoperate with others on the radio.

With this fleetmap a standardized approach of radio layout has occurred in knowing that any radio that is picked up people known that zone (letter X) in this radio for the fire department is the same as that letter in a public health radio. This had not been an easy task but in the end the benefits will be great and work in case of a disaster.

5.) Radio Programming - With the radio reprogramming training is being offered for the new layout. This will cover the current users as a refresher as well as training for new users. Spider Lake fire Dept had their radios reprogrammed on Thursday Sept 3rd along with training. This proved effective and allowed for a reprogram, training, and inventory completed.

6.) Namekagon Transit – I would like to welcome Namekagon transit as the newest users to WISCOM. Transit had an in-service day on Friday August 21st in which WISCOM training and programming took place. The next day (Saturday) when the day operations started they started to use WISCOM and coverage has increased. Some people are still not use to the radios yet but they are learning. In addition a bus or two might be having some issues but those are being dealt with on a unit by unit basis. Based on coverage reports the coverage of the system has increased by anywhere from 30% to 40%.