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SANDY OKAMOTO – CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY

The Public Safety Committee will meet on **Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at 8:30 A.M.** in the **ASSEMBLY ROOM** of the Sawyer County Courthouse.

The following will be on the Agenda:

1. Review of agenda
2. Review of the March 10, 2015, minutes
3. Lost Dogs of Wisconsin representative proposal for posting of lost dogs in Sawyer County prior to adoption.
4. **Child Support Office report**
 - A. Out of county travel
5. **Judge's Office/Clerk of Court report**
 - A. Approval of application for grant from the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.
 - B. Out of county travel
6. **District Attorney Report**
 - A. Out of county travel
7. **Sheriff's Report**
 - A. Out of county travel
 - B. Jail report
8. **Animal Control Report**
 - A. Out of county travel
9. **Coroner's Report**
 - A. Out of county travel
10. **Emergency Management Report**
 - A. Resolution designating hazardous materials team
 - B. Out of county travel
11. **Ambulance Report**
 - A. Feasibility study and ambulance locations
 - B. Out of county travel
12. **Approval of department vouchers**
13. **Other matters for discussion only**

**CHILD SUPPORT AGENCY
MONTHLY DEPT REPORT
APRIL 14, 2015 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

On 2/9/2015, a new employee started with the child support agency. On 3/20/2015, she was terminated. This individual was the second choice for the position as the first choice was unable to start on the date she originally provided at her interview. Our first choice has been contacted and will be commencing employment with the agency within the next few months. In the meantime, we are back to me and two others at 40 hours per week and our financial person at 17.5 hours per week with a caseload of approximately 1,600. Our financial person has advised she will be retiring in 2016. I have scheduled financial "new worker" training for the rest of us. Our person beginning employment in the next few months worked here a few years ago and had the financials as part of her responsibilities. She will only need some refresher courses to get brought back up to speed.

During the month of March, 11 post-judgment cases transferred to LCO. Approximately 300 post-judgment cases have transferred since this transfer process began in March 2013. Several of the cases LCO has requested are closed cases. Transferring closed cases does not reduce the workload in our office as we obviously are only establishing and enforcing orders to pay support and/or arrears on open cases. Nearly a million dollars in back due child support has been transferred. New cases/referrals are received in our office monthly. Once it is determined by confirming with LCO enrollment that one of the parties in a new referral is an enrolled member at LCO, the paperwork is immediately sent to LCO; no court or any other type of action is required on our part. Originally it was thought between 650 and 800 of our post-judgment cases would transfer based on enrollment information provided by LCO to the Bureau of Child Support (BCS). This number was derived at by a data match of enrolled members with Sawyer County cases. It has now been determined that closed cases were included in this data match. To my knowledge, LCO has not requested a listing which only includes open cases. My request for a new report listing only open cases has been denied by BCS. This situation is the reason why we have been working very short staffed for over two years. I did not want to replace a vacancy due to retirement if we were going to be reducing our case load by such a significant number. We are now starting to see hearings set in Tribal Court on placement and custody issues when the placement and custody issues have already been addressed and awarded through our court. We retain jurisdiction over these issues until the case is transferred. Hearings are now being scheduled between Judge Mohr of LCO and Judge Wright to determine where these cases belong.

Despite just about every business in the area and surrounding areas advertising for help wanted, we continue to be plagued with cases receiving no payment due to unemployment. Many people do not want to secure employment because they will lose their state assistance; i.e., food share, Badger Care, etc. We also have many payers incarcerated both locally and in state prisons. Cases which do not receive any payment in a month definitely hurt our State performance ranking and in turn our incentive funding.

This also includes deceased payers. We cannot close a case because someone is deceased. We can obviously end their current support obligation, but as far as what was owed at their time of death, we have to work with probate offices in whatever county they were domiciled and wait to see if a probate is filed, attempt to verify if there are any life insurance policies, etc. The file remains open in an "arrears only" status.

We are able to administratively (without a court order) suspend licenses; drivers, professional, recreational. This is the time of year when many individuals are being told they are ineligible for a fishing license for 2015 due to owing back child support by whatever poor sales clerk or entity they are trying to receive their license. Our phone has been ringing non-stop! Payers are venting, swearing, yelling, hanging-up, etc. We have way too many people unable to take responsibility for their problems and would rather blame anyone else. Our due process requirements include no less than 3 notices of intent to suspend mailed to the payer's last known confirmed address before the license is actually suspended giving the payer thirty days to respond to the first notice and thirty days to respond to the second notice. The license remains suspended for five years or until the balance owing falls below the \$500 threshold. There are definite, outlined steps which are easy to follow to enable someone to once again get their fishing license. However, they need to either make a lump sum payment or enter into some other type of payment plan to get back on track with their child support. It doesn't happen overnight and it doesn't happen without some good faith effort on their part. We exhaust all attempts at administratively enforcing an obligation to pay support before we get the court involved. This helps save on costs and staff time of our office, the Clerk of Court's office, our attorney and the Judicial Assistant.

I can be reached at 715 638-3233 with any questions you may have.

Wanda J. Swider, Clerk

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April 9, 2014

Report for March 2015

411 new cases filed this month. 285 cases were closed this month
831 active cases

Total receipts for Month 845 receipts totaling \$105,991.74

Interest of \$ 4,813.80 was collected

Tax Intercept in 2010 \$25756.76, 2011 \$34,398.08 2012 \$38,911.28
2013 \$43,977.79 2014 \$42,504.31 2015 \$29,656.16

Payplan fees collected \$430.00

Bail forfeiture collected \$ 866.60

Attorney fees \$ 2,377.76

GAL Fees \$ 1,232.77

Restitution Surcharges \$ 135.47

Accounts Receivable on books \$4,396,899.25

Jury trials

2012	138 trials scheduled	16 trials went	21 trial days	\$41,982.36
2013	193 trials scheduled	12 trials went	16 trial days	\$18,427.71
2014	121 trials scheduled	7 trials went	11 trial days	\$12,379.08
2015	39 trials scheduled	1 trials went	2 trial days	\$ 2,058.87

All staff continue training – CCAP launched new Calendar program, huge set back for office, slowing down ability to calendar and process in court.

We have started to scan all case files to move forward and become paperless in 2016 if not sooner.

Change over in staff again – Ashley suddenly left to return to Mike Kelsey's office – he matched wages and gave more hours. One position is still open and the interviewee with experience is still interested in coming to Sawyer County – Spring/Summer 2015. Have another experienced deputy from a more local county wanting to come and work at Sawyer. If I do not hear back from interviewee, I would like to offer position to other lady.

Clerk of Court has worked 273.23 of uncompensated hours over and above regular 35 hours per week and has not had any vacation time off for 2014 / 2015 due to lack of staffing and staff in training.

We have temporarily stopped the following office duties:

- . processing notice of status change from DOC,
- . reviewing CCAP informational updates on system changes,
- . **auditing A/R for non-payments,**
- . tracking of closed cases that lack arrest tracking numbers and are not being reported to the crime bureau, criminal records incomplete.
- . staff taking breaks,
- . tracking DOT citations that are not interfacing with DMV,
- . Parent Education non compliance,
- . record management and return of exhibits,
- . purging old files which goes hand and hand with scanning.

I continue to closely monitor cases and files checking for possible errors that we could be sued for.

We have the JA (Judicial assistant) helping us: (When she is gone I have to cover both offices .)

- calendar the Family Court Commissioner,
- Calendar Court Reporters,
- doing the visiting Judges scheduling,
- working with jurors and the jury system.

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										15
Natural	4	3	2										9
Accidental	0	1	2										3
Suicide	0	0	1										1
Homicide	0	0	0										0
Pending	0	0	2										2
All Cremation Authorizations	10	9	13										32
Posts	0	0	1										1
Hospice	4	3	4										11

Incidents

Date	Time	Age	Gender	Location / Township	Cause	Manner
03/05/15	1402	80	Male	HAMH, Hayward	Pneumonitis	Natural
03/06/15	1615	62	Male	Hwy E, Bass Lake	Pending	Pending
03/16/15	1932	29	Male	Reserve Lane, Couderay	Cardiac tamponade d/t aortic dissection	Pending
03/18/15	1955	64	Female	Johnson Lake Road, Bass Lake	Anoxia, Narcotic ingestion	Accidental
03/21/15	0915	64	Male	HAMH, Hayward	Cardiac arrest d/t heart failure	Natural
03/29/15	1256	85	Male	HAMH, Hayward	Positional asphixia	Accidental
03/31/15	0805	24	Male	Indian Road, Hunter	Gunshot wound to head	Suicide

Additional activities	On-Call Hours
	Dave 545
	Jim 94
	Renee 0
	Rikki 4
	Mark 101
	Matt 0

2012

		BUDGET	GROSS			
DATE	RECEIPT#	YEAR	REVENUE	W/H LQ	ADJUST.	TOTAL EFT
4/5/2012	2012-0952	2012	\$ 58,838.68	\$ 6,370.71	\$ -	\$ 52,467.97
5/8/2012	2012-1342	2012	\$ 58,437.92	\$ 6,505.35	\$ -	\$ 51,932.57
6/7/2012	2012-1696	2012	\$ 90,239.37	\$ 9,624.60	\$ -	\$ 80,614.77
7/11/2012	2012-2046	2012	\$ 44,434.60	\$ 4,820.02	\$ -	\$ 39,614.58
8/7/2012	2012-2428	2012	\$ 56,099.43	\$ 5,864.63	\$ -	\$ 50,234.80
9/7/2012	2012-2761	2012	\$ 76,369.31	\$ 8,212.76	\$ -	\$ 68,156.55
10/4/2012	2012-3106	2012	\$ 41,663.16	\$ 4,345.46	\$ -	\$ 37,317.70
11/7/2012	2012-3539	2012	\$ 50,273.45	\$ 5,140.92	\$ -	\$ 45,132.53
12/6/2012	2012-3818	2012	\$ 77,879.40	\$ 8,175.85	\$ -	\$ 69,703.55
1/7/2013	2013-0038	2012	\$ 91,671.90	\$ 13,199.82	\$ -	\$ 78,472.08
2/7/2013	2013-0405	2012	\$ 88,785.59	\$ 9,715.80	\$ -	\$ 79,069.79
3/7/2013	2013-0762	2012	\$ 52,017.12	\$ 8,063.19	\$ -	\$ 43,953.93
		TOTALS	\$ 786,709.93	\$ 90,039.11	\$ -	\$ 696,670.82

2011

		BUDGET	GROSS			
DATE	RECEIPT#	YEAR	REVENUE	W/H LQ	ADJUST.	TOTAL EFT
3/4/2011	2011-0687	2011	\$ 73,382.87	\$ 8,907.72	\$ -	\$ 64,475.15
4/8/2011	2011-1047	2011	\$ 52,149.71	\$ 6,167.23	\$ -	\$ 45,982.48
5/9/2011	2011-1341	2011	\$ 69,604.25	\$ 7,169.47	\$ -	\$ 62,434.78
6/8/2011	2011-1687	2011	\$ 71,198.25	\$ 7,399.33	\$ -	\$ 63,798.92
7/7/2011	2011-1981	2011	\$ 23,374.10	\$ 2,397.91	\$ -	\$ 20,976.19
8/8/2011	2011-2355	2011	\$ 45,654.36	\$ 4,779.29	\$ -	\$ 40,875.07
9/12/2011	2011-2731	2011	\$ 86,447.81	\$ 8,939.78	\$ -	\$ 77,508.03
10/7/2011	2011-3058	2011	\$ 53,508.09	\$ 5,582.44	\$ -	\$ 47,925.65
11/4/2011	2011-3367	2011	\$ 59,262.60	\$ 6,956.04	\$ -	\$ 52,306.56
12/8/2011	2011-3691	2011	\$ 81,320.75	\$ 8,708.52	\$ -	\$ 72,612.23
1/11/2012	2012-0092	2011	\$ 52,411.32	\$ 5,872.54	\$ -	\$ 46,538.78
2/6/2012	2012-0329	2011	\$ 58,636.56	\$ 6,414.62	\$ -	\$ 52,221.94
3/7/2012	2012-0641	2011	\$ 57,699.40	\$ 6,461.63	\$ -	\$ 51,237.77
		TOTALS	\$ 784,650.07	\$ 85,756.52	\$ -	\$ 698,893.55

April 14th, 2015 Public Safety Committee Report

Emergency Government

- Hospital Table Top Exercise held February 26th
- Functional Mass Casualty Drill held April 8th.
- Hazmat Training Grant applied for
- Hazmat Computer Grant
- Working on County designated Hazmat Team –Resolution
- 1st half of state financials
- Flambeau Corrections meeting
- Electrical Safety @ Jump River
- DNR wildland fire prevention
- LCO Child and Family Wellness Fair Booth

Radio Update

- See John Kruk's Report

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

- Went with Sheriff to present to Polk Co
- Ongoing training

Out of county travel requests: none

Submitted: Pat Sanchez, EM