



Sawyer County

Agenda

Public Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 2, 2020 @ 8:30 AM
Assembly Room

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14. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL UPDATE

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16. RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED FOR A SECOND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE FOR SAWYER COUNTY AND THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STATE SUPPORT - DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

5 a. [2019-07-16 FINAL 2nd Judge County Board Resolution](#)

17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

18. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS, OTHER MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

A quorum of the County Board of Supervisors or of any of its committees may be present at this meeting to listen and observe. Neither the Board nor any of the committees have established attendance at this meeting as an official function of the Board or committee(s) or otherwise made a determination that attendance at the meeting is necessary to carry out the Board or committee's function. The only purpose for other supervisors attending the meeting is to listen to the information presented. Neither the Board nor any committee (other than the committee providing this notice and agenda) will take any official action with respect to this noticed meeting.

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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

December 5, 2019; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Helen Dennis, Ron Buckholtz, James Schlender, Dawn Petit, Dale Schleeter

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Pat Sanchez, Joe Sajdera, Jeff Johnson, Greg Ripczinski, Sherrie Shelton, Nate Dunston, Roberta Nugent, Frank Zufall

Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Petit, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried

Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Buckholtz, to approve the minutes of the October 31, 2019 meeting. Motion carried

The Committee discussed the Resolution addressing the requirements needed for a second circuit court judge for Sawyer County and the need for additional state support. Proposed Bill AB147 provides 12 circuit court branches in the next three years. To be eligible there needs to be caseload need, a drug court, and a facility. There is also a bill proposed to allow counties to use an estimate of valuation for a referendum for operation costs to exceed the levy limit in an election in the spring of an even year. The current resolution needs changes and legal review. The Committee discussed holding a special Public Safety meeting at LCO to share information about their Wellness Court and a drug court. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis, to remand the resolution to legal counsel. Dennis rescinded her second. With no second, the motion failed. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Petit, for Public Safety to review the verbiage in the resolution, then send to legal for review, and then send to County Board. Dennis rescinded her motion and Petit rescinded her second. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Petit, to send the resolution to legal for review. Motion carried

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto provided a written report to the Committee.

Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera reported to the Committee on calls handled by dispatch. In November there were 4,247 phone calls resulting in 1,360 calls for service. Year to date 49,575 total calls; 18,964 calls for service.

Road Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided a patrol report of calls received at the Sheriff's Department in November.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a jail report. As of today, there are 104 inmates, including 4 out on electronic monitor, and 23 housed out of county. There are more inmates housed out of county while maintenance is being done in the jail.

Johnson presented an amendment to the food service agreement for the jail. The original contract started in 2010. The amendment is for a one year agreement and includes a name change to Summit Food Service, LLC. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Schleeter, to accept the food service contract amendment. Motion carried

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a written report and reported to the Committee.

Motion by Schleeter, 2nd by Buckholtz, to table School Bus Safety until the January meeting and place on the agenda as a separate item. Motion carried

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report.

The report from Communication Specialist John Kruk was added to the packet after the meeting.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is meeting on Monday, December 9. Working on a bond schedule officers can use during traffic stops to avoid incarcerations. Once CJCC approves bond schedule, it will come before the Public Safety Committee for approval.

Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report to the Committee. 144 calls in November and 62 transfers. The contractor is cleaning the Ojibwa ambulance facility. The Committee would like to tour the new facility after staff has moved in and before the open house.

Dunston and County Administrator Tom Hoff are working with the ambulance billing vendor to collect unpaid accounts. The receivables balance is high. The vendor hired an employee to be dedicated to work on Sawyer County accounts.

Adjourned 9:40 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson

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RESOLUTION #2019- _____

**RESOLUTION ADDRESSING THE REQUIREMENTS NEEDED FOR A SECOND
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE FOR SAWYER COUNTY AND THE NEED FOR
ADDITIONAL STATE SUPPORT**

WHEREAS, the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors previously approved Resolution 2017-42 affirming the need for a second circuit court judge for Sawyer County;

WHEREAS, data from the State of Wisconsin shows that Sawyer County has a significant need for a second circuit court judge;

WHEREAS, as part of the planning process for a second circuit court judge, Sawyer County has undertaken a feasibility study on space requirements deemed necessary for the support of a second circuit court judge;

WHEREAS, Sawyer County has completed an analysis of the projected cost of additional personnel deemed necessary and required to support a second circuit court judge and to comply with other state mandated court operations. The approximate amount that Sawyer County must contribute is \$425,240.00 for the first year of operation of the second circuit court, with escalations in future years;

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2) continues to impose property tax levy limits on counties, with no exemption for the costs incurred by individual counties as a result of state circuit court operational costs, construction, and support personnel in each county; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County does not have the financial resources available to provide the necessary and required support personnel for a second circuit court judge as a result, in part, of the State of Wisconsin's imposed levy limits in Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that unless an exemption is created for the levy of additional property taxes for the costs to operate the state circuit court systems bourn by counties, or counties are given the ability to set levy amounts based on local needs rather than state-imposed mandates, Sawyer County cannot meet the requirements deemed necessary for the support of a second circuit court judge in Sawyer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVED that Sawyer County is still in need of and desires the appointment of a second circuit court judge; however, in order to financially support a second circuit court judge, Sawyer County must have: (1) additional state funding for both space and personnel requirements; and/or (2) the ability to exceed the property tax levy limit imposed by Wis. Stat. § 66.0602(2) for operations and personnel costs that will be incurred as a result of having a second state circuit court judge in Sawyer County.

This Resolution is hereby adopted by the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors this 18th day of July, 2019.

Tweed Shuman, Sawyer County Board of Supervisors Chairman