



# Sawyer County

## Agenda

**Public Safety Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 6, 2022 @ 9:00 AM**  
**Assembly Room/Virtual Meeting**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

- a. To view or participate in the **virtual meeting** from a computer, iPad, or Android device please go to <https://zoom.us/j/97074807611>. You can also use the dial in number for listening only at 1-312-626-6799 with the Webinar ID: 970 7480 7611. If additional assistance is needed please contact the County Clerk's Office at 715-634-4866 prior to the meeting. If you are on a computer, click the "Raise Hand" button and wait to be recognized. If you are on a telephone, dial \*9 and wait to be recognized.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

### **3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **4. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW**

### **5. MEETING AGENDA**

### **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. At this time, members of the public will be given the opportunity to address the Committee on items not on the agenda. Please adhere to the following when addressing the Committee:
  - Comments will be limited to 3 minutes or less per individual.
  - Comments should be directed to the Committee as a whole and not directed to individual Committee members.
  - The Committee cannot respond to your comments during this time.
  - Please sign in and fill out a public comment sheet if you wish to speak on an item.

### **7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a. [9.1.22 Public Safety Minutes DRAFT](#)

**8. CIRCUIT COURT**

- a. Judge's Report
- b. Courthouse Remodel Update

**9. CLERK OF COURT'S OFFICE REPORTS**

**10. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE REPORT**

**11. SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Communication Center Report
- b. Patrol Report
- c. Jail Report
- d. Communication Systems Specialist Report
- e. Code Enforcement Specialist

**12. CHILD SUPPORT DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- a. Child Support MOU with DCF & LCO (discussion and possible action)

**13. CORONER'S REPORT**

**14. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT/AMBULANCE REPORT**

**15. 2023 BUDGET UPDATE (DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION)**

**16. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL UPDATE**

**17. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**18. CORRESPONDENCE, REPORTS FROM CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS**

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*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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*Mission Statement: Provide leadership for Sawyer County by coordinating with the Public Safety and Justice Departments for the County, which provide for the safety of the citizens and guests of Sawyer County; monitoring outcomes, reviewing, and recommending to the County Board policies related to the public safety initiatives of the County.*

**Minutes of the September 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Sawyer County  
Public Safety Committee  
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors  
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



**Voting Committee Members Present:**

- Chair: Ron Buckholtz
- Vice Chair: Marc Helwig
- Ed Peters
- Jason Weaver
- Marshal Savitski

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Joe Sajdera  
Doug Mrotek

Sandy Okamoto  
Greg Ripczinski  
Marge Kelsey  
Jim Onarheim-virtual  
Linda Zillmer-virtual  
Mark Gritzmacher-virtual

**Call to Order** – Chair Ron Buckholtz called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Roll Call taken. Quorum was met.

**Certification of Compliance** with the open meeting law was met.

**Meeting Agenda**

**Public Comment** –

**Minutes from Previous Meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Savitski to approve the minutes of the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Circuit Court Report** – Courthouse Remodel Update – Mr. Albarado advised there have been no major changes to the scope of the work and the project is on schedule as expected.

**Clerk of Court Report** – A written report was provided.

**District Attorney's Office Report**

**Sheriff's Department Report** – Communication Center Report – A written report was provided. Chief Sajdera reported they are two full-time positions short in dispatching. They are working on tuning the new radio systems. Calls for service were reviewed.

**Patrol Report** – A written report was provided. Lt. Ripczinski reviewed the call volume, citations, and department activities. The Cops & Bobbers fishing event was successful.

**Jail Report** – A written report was provided. Sheriff Mrotek advised that Lt. Johnson resigned and advised that they are struggling in staffing at the jail.

**Communications Systems Specialist Report** –

**Code Enforcement Specialist** – A written report was provided. Mr. Blicharz reported that a newer vehicle has been procured. August was a busy animal control month. He has started working with zoning and public health duties. He has applied for funding from National Animal Training for training purposes and was approved.

**Child Support Department Report** – A written report was provided. Child Support MOU with DCF & LCO – Mr. Albarado reported that an MOU has been in place for quite a while and updates have been considered to bring it current. It covers cases that start in the County and then get transferred to the Tribe, and tracks the costs that the County incurs. The agreement is still under review and will be brought back to a future meeting.

**Coroner's report** – A written report was provided. Review and Consider Switch to Medical Examiner Position – Mr. Albarado advised that there is one registered write-in candidate for the November election. We have been researching how we can pay for the ME position and whether these duties can be integrated into the Ambulance department positions. A Resolution to Create Medical Examiner Position was presented and a motion was made by Marshal Savitski; second by Mr. Weaver to eliminate the Coroner position and transition to a Medical Examiner. Medical Examiners fall under the authority of the Sheriff which is different than an elected official. The Resolution will be forwarded to County Board.

**Emergency Management Department Reports** – Written reports were provided. Mr. Albarado reported that new staff have been hired in the department. EMS Director, Nate Dunston, has given his notice of resignation.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update** – Mr. Albarado reported on progress of the TAD grant. Public Health staff are now involved with the CJCC meetings. The committee is leaning toward receiving the opioid settlement in increments.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, October 6, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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