

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
February 10, 2020 at 7:30 am in the Assembly Room, Sawyer County Courthouse

Present Council Voting Members – Position

John Yackel – Sawyer County Circuit Court Judge
Yes Doug Mrotek – Sawyer County Sheriff
Yes Vacant – Assistant District Attorney (Bruce Poquette in attendance)
Yes Jeff Johnson – Sawyer County Jail Administrator
Yes Tom Hoff – Sawyer County Administrator
Yes Tweed Shuman – LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative
Ryan Reid – State Public Defender Office Representative
Yes Jeff Schley – Department of Corrections Representative
Yes Kathy McCoy – Sawyer County Board Representative/Vice Chair of CJCC
Yes James H. Schlender Jr. – Sawyer County Board Representative/Chair of CJCC (7:39am)
Yes Lorraine Gouge – LCO Tribal Governing Board Representative, arrived 8:00 am

Others present: Diane McNamer, Carol Williamson, Gary Hilgendorf

Committee Vice Chair Kathy McCoy called meeting to order at 7:35.

McCoy called for nominations for Chair of the Council. Shuman nominated James Schlender. 2nd from Johnson. Mrotek moved to close nominations. Unanimous vote for Schlender for Chair.

Mrotek nominated Tweed Shuman for Vice Chair. 2nd from Johnson. Unanimous vote for Shuman for Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Shuman took over meeting. Chair Schlender entered the meeting 7:39 am and took over meeting.

Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Hoff, to approve the agenda. Motion carried

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

The Council discussed revisions needed in the CJCC bylaws. Motion by McCoy, 2nd by Shuman, to add two citizen members at large to the voting members of the council. Motion carried. The current bylaws reference the “Executive Committee” which was eliminated from the bylaws at a prior meeting. Language needed for Chair and Vice Chair to provide annual report and agenda preparation. Motion by Shuman, 2nd by Mrotek, to approve editing the bylaws to remove reference to Executive Committee and add annual report and agenda preparation. Motion carried. The bylaws will be edited and be on the March agenda for review.

The current County Ordinance allows Sawyer County Sheriff deputies to use their discretion and issue an ordinance violation verses a violation of a State Statute for lesser offenses. District Attorney Poquette trusts the deputy’s decision and is open to direction from CJCC how to handle offenses.

Sawyer County Criminal Justice Coordinator Diane McNamer reported to the Council. The WITC construction class is working on a 28’ x 40’ garage for the New Reflections; Pathway to Hope facility on Highway B. Pathway to Hope currently provides housing for four women and their children and is the only facility north of Eau Claire. WITC provides the instructor, books, and tools. This class is for jail inmates and will provide training to read blue prints and construction maps, framing skills, and possible job placement. In need of funds for materials.

McNamer reviewed CJCC Diversion Based Programs for 2019. Working on grant application to offer computer basics education. Donation through WITC for laptops.

90% of offenses are drug related, not alcohol.

Next meeting Monday, March 9, 7:30 am

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 am

Minutes recorded by Carol Williamson