

**Minutes of the February 16th meeting of the Sawyer County
Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **James Schlender**
- Lorraine Gouge
- Marc Helwig - Virtual
- Gary Hilgendorf
- Tom Hoff - Virtual
- Jeff Johnson
- Kathy McCoy - Virtual
- Doug Mrotek
- Bruce Poquette
- Ryan Reid
- Jeff Schley
- Tweed Shuman – Vice Chair
- John Yackel

Others Present:

Alex Butterfield
Lynn Fitch
Vince Kurta
Jason Fleming
Mark Stoner
Jason Bolble
Niki Lieden
Nick Sayner
Melissa Fisher
Becky Barry
Christopher Channing
Timothy James Carroll

Call to Order – Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Certification of Compliance with the open meeting law was met. Roll Call was taken. Quorum was met.

Meeting Agenda

Public Comments – Public Comments made by Mr. Carroll. Members representing the Healing House (men’s and women’s shelter at LCO) presented a brief overview of their new programming goals.

Minutes from previous meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Yackel. Motion carried.

Second Courtroom Addition Design Review (discussion only) – Mr. Hoff advised that the County Board will receive a presentation of the proposed second courtroom at the February 18, 2021, meeting. Experts will be available to answer questions. The Board of Supervisors will be seeking approval for a request to issue debt for the construction; will require a three-quarters vote of existing members (12 votes) to continue with the project. New construction will improve the safety concerns coming from the jail to courtrooms.

Criminal Justice Coordinator update – Mr. Sayner of JusticePoint addressed the funding opportunities that may become available for treatment programs. The Healing House at LCO and the new men’s housing unit are in developmental stages for some of the alternative treatment services in our community.

Niki Lieden provided an update of the JusticePoint services that have been in effect since January 16, 2021. They are completing drug screening and assessments in the jail, compiling results to be presented to the Judge. They currently have 29 cases under various forms of supervision. Diversion programming discussions are underway and they are entering discussions with Lt. Johnson regarding jail programming and electronic monitoring. Coordination with Sawyer County Health and Human Services staff will be done.

Mr. Hilgendorf advised that the Greater Hayward House of Hope (the new men’s transition home in Hayward) will open in March.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee will be Tuesday, March 17, at 12:00 pm in the Assembly Room. Future agenda items: LCO Healing Center and the Greater Hayward House of Hope initiatives.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 pm

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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