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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

March 5, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

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

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Pat Sanchez, Jeff Johnson, Doug Mrotek, Sherrie Shelton, Craig Faulstich, Mark Kelsey, Darin Jensen, Marge Kelsey, Joe Bodo, Rebecca Roeker, Nate Dunston, Greg Peterson, Tweed Shuman, Andrew Grimm, Joe Morey, Sandy Okamoto, Frank Zufall

Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 8:30 am.

Schlender asked the Committee to consider amending the agenda to add a recognition before Public Comments. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis to approve the change to the agenda. Schlender asked for a moment of silence in recognition of Mike Sanchez. Schlender will draft a resolution to present to the County Board in recognition of Mike Sanchez.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Petit, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

The Committee discussed bus safety and a recent incident in Sawyer County. Bus Safety will be on the April agenda for further review and possible action. Schlender requested information from the bus lines.

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a written report. Financial Clerk Leslie Strapon on staff for one week. Kelsey commended Clerk of Court deputies Jill Tonn, Terri Roeske, and Sari Torstenson for their hard work and keeping everything working while short staffed.

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto provided a written report.

Sheriff Doug Mrotek attending a meeting with Ambulance Director Nate Dunston on March 16 regarding Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD). Mrotek presented the Patrol Report. The report breaks down the 1685 calls for Sawyer County Sheriff Department response in February 2020 and the 933 Sheriff Deputy calls for service.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a jail report. February 2020 average daily population was 114.68 inmates; 28.9 females and 85.78 males.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a written report and reported to the Committee. Vaccination clinic on Friday, March 6 in Village of Exeland and Village of Winter; Saturday, March 7 in Hayward

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report.

Chair Schlender updated the Committee on the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council. Schlender met with the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board to request a funding increase.

Sawyer County Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a report to the Committee. Two full time positions are posted. WITC EMT students back this semester. Receive on average, two applications each week for part time positions.

Motion by Petit, 2nd by Buckholtz, to accept the list of questions created by the Finance Committee and develop answers for the April Public Safety meeting. Motion carried

The Committee discussed a recent Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Governing Board letter regarding Sawyer County circuit court. Sawyer County and the LCO TGB agree to collaborate and share resources to work toward solutions.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis, to have corporation counsel look at the process for a referendum to exceed the levy limits and present to the County Board for consideration and to hold a joint meeting with the County Board and the LCO TGB. Motion carried.

Adjourned 9:48 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson