

**Minutes of the May 5<sup>th</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 – Virtual @ 9:06 am
- Marshal Savitski

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Joe Sajdera  
Marge Kelsey

Nate Dunston  
Greg Ripczinski  
Doug Mrotek  
John Kruk  
Tweed Shuman

**Call to Order** – Clerk Fitch 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.

**Elections** – Clerk Fitch called for nominations for the position of Committee Chair. Mr. Helwig nominated Ron Buckholtz for position of Chair; there being no other nominations, a call was made to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Buckholtz. Motion carried without negative vote; Mr. Weaver was not yet present to vote. Chair Buckholtz took over the meeting at this time. Mr. Peters nominated Mr. Helwig for Vice Chair and there being no further nominations, a call was made to cast a unanimous vote for Mr. Helwig. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Meeting Agenda**

**Public Comment** –

**Minutes from Previous Meeting** – A motion was made by Mr. Helwig to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Circuit Court Report** –

Mr. Albarado provided an update on the courthouse remodel. The fence will go up and work will commence on May 16<sup>th</sup>. A ground-breaking ceremony will take place at 5:30 on May 19<sup>th</sup> prior to the regular County Board meeting.

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

**District Attorney's Office Report**

**Sheriff's Department Report** – Written reports were provided.

Communication Center Report - Chief Sajdera advised they are down two FT dispatchers, have two applicants in training and two more applicants scheduled for shadowing. They are purchasing hands-free headsets for dispatchers.

Patrol Report - Lt. Ripczinski advised that calls decreased slightly compared to last year. He congratulated Deputy Jordan Price in being promoted from dispatch to full-time patrol.

Communication Systems Specialist Report - Mr. Kruk said all equipment is now in and we are waiting to secure some tower climbers; they hope installation will happen by the end of the month. He provided a review of the various tower situations and once installed, every county department will be using radios on their own channel frequency.

Jail Report – Sheriff Mrotek reported on the vacancies in the jail and advised they are not receiving applicants for vacant positions.

Animal Control Report – The new AC officer will begin work on May 23<sup>rd</sup> with the position sharing time 25/25/50% of the time in Zoning, HHS and Animal Control, respectively.

**Child Support Department Report** – A written report was provided.

**Coroner’s report** – A written report was provided.

**Emergency Management Department Reports** – A written report was provided. Mr. Dunston advised that the airport EMS training is taking place soon. The department is reviewing a HazMat grant application opportunity and the billing backlog has been completed, as invoices are going out.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update** – Mr. Albarado advised that the first of the opioid settlement payments may arrive in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter this year.

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, April 7, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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