

**Minutes of the June 2<sup>nd</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 - Virtual

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado  
Mike Coleson  
Lynn Fitch  
Joe Sajdera

Nate Dunston  
Greg Ripczinski  
Doug Mrotek  
Mark Lundeen

**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. Peters to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2022, meeting; second by Mr. Savitski. Motion carried without negative vote.

**Circuit Court Report** – Courthouse Remodel Update – Mr. Albarado advised they are rerouting utilities and fiber; have relocated parking and fenced in additional construction area. Miron reports they remain on schedule. Architects are still evaluating the generator options.

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

**District Attorney's Office Report**

**Sheriff's Department Report** – Written reports were provided. Chief Sajdera reported on staffing shortages that remain. The emergency alert system (NIXLE) expires in July and we will likely continue with this company.

**Patrol Report** – Lt. Ripczinski advised there was a slight lull from last month. Citations remain steady. A school safety team table top exercise was held and they are gearing up for an August training at the schools.

**Communications Systems Specialist** -- Sheriff Mrotek reported that tower projects have been delayed due to high winds. The Pipestone Tower is the next focus. Many municipalities have radio equipment that is reaching end-of-life status and will continue to hamper the system.

**Jail Report** – Lt. Johnson advised that the jail population was down by five individuals. Inmates housed in Barron are at twelve and are due to staffing issues at Sawyer County.

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

**Coroner's report** – A written report was provided. Mr. Froemel has advised he will not be running for re-election.

**Emergency Management Department Reports** – Written reports were provided. Mr. Dunstan advised that he has requested copies of towns/municipalities emergency plans. The airport training was held on the 21<sup>st</sup> and had about 20 fire department personnel and some EMS attended. Ambulance billing update was provided. The department is short four FT positions for EMTs.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update** – Mr. Albarado provided an update; the TAD grant has been approved and JusticPoint will be providing an update next month. The Opioid settlement figure is still not finalized. We would lose 30% of the funds if we choose the upfront payout option.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk

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