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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

June 4, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: Helen Dennis, Ron Buckholtz, James Schlender, Dale Schleeter, Chuck Van Etten-Virtual

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff, Pat Sanchez, Jeff Johnson, Doug Mrotek, Craig Faulstich, Marge Kelsey, Rebecca Roeker, Nate Dunston, Tweed Shuman, Mike Coleson, Alex Butterfield, Debbie Sands, Bill Schleusner, Paul Ward, Bart Trebnick, Lee Tannehill, Rose Lillyroot, Bruce Poquette, John Yackel, Frank Zufall, Linda Zilmer.

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

Schlender requested a moment of Reflection for Deputy Richard Welsh who passed away.

Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Buckholtz, to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Chair Schlender read the Proclamation honoring the life and efforts of Mike Sanchez. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis to approve and forward to County Board. Motion carried

John Cain from Venture Architects presented his Constructability Assessment on the second courtroom options to the Committee. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis, to approve Plan #2. Motion carried

Attorney Rebecca Roeker presented an update on Public Health Ordinance enforcement. The Wisconsin Counties Association is forming a study group and Roeker recommends the county wait for advice from WCA. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Dennis, to table until August Public Safety meeting. Motion carried

The committee resumed discussions on school bus safety for children getting on and off school buses during the school day. Ms. Sands addressed the committee concerning an incident in the Winter school district in January 2020. Chair offered to collect information from School districts, busing companies, law enforcement and concerned citizens to develop a plan of action. Two goals would come from the plan, one is to identify areas where high volume traffic and school bus stops are located and coordinate with Law enforcement to have police presence during school bus drop times, the second was to develop a county ordinance to address failure to stop for a school bus. Chair and Vice Chair Buckholtz volunteered to meet with stakeholders. Motion by Dennis, 2nd by Buckholtz, to convene a special meeting of Public Safety to discuss the safety plan. Motion carried, date to be determined.

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a written report.

Sheriff Doug Mrotek reported to the Committee. This past month dealt with several car fatalities, murder and attempted murder, dam failure and social unrest. Recently lost employee Richard Welsh, who will be missed.

Chief Joe Sajdera reported to the Committee and provided a written report. 990 calls in May.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a jail report. Tested tornado sirens on May 11. May 2020 average daily population was 82.29 inmates; 18.59 females and 63.70 males.

Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided the patrol report.

Animal Control Officer Sherrie Shelton provided a written report to the Committee.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez presented a written report.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report.

Coroner John Froemel provided a written report.

Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report and reported to the Committee.

The Committee discussed the Day and Time of the Public Safety Meeting. The committee agreed to table the discussion pending a review of the Board rules on lifting the cap of virtual meeting attendance. The issue will be on the Administration Committee agenda.

Future agenda items: Acknowledging essential workers. Resolution for reaffirming the 2nd amendment, discussion and possible action.

Adjourned 10:18 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson