

**Minutes of the July 1st meeting of the Sawyer County
Public Safety Committee
Of the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors
Assembly Room; Sawyer County**



Voting Committee Members Present:

- Chair: **James Schlender**
- Ron Buckholtz -Vice Chair
- Ed Peters
- Dale Schleeter
- Chuck Van Etten – Virtual

Others Present:

Tom Hoff
Mike Coleson
Lynn Fitch
Doug Mrotek
Greg Ripczinski
Jeff Johnson
Joe Sajdera

Nate Dunston
Sandy Ocomoto
Sherry Shelton
Marge Kelsey
Terrell Boettcher
Melissa Fisher

Call to Order –Chair James Schlender 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 June 9, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Schleeter. Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court Report – Mr. Hoff reported that County staff has been meeting with Venture Architects and Miron Construction on the layout of new courtroom and other related items. Solar options are still under review as a possible consideration.

Clerk of Court Report – Written report provided; Ms. Kelsey advised that there is one jury trial in July and the County is facing a huge loss in the passing of Family Court Commissioner, Susan Lein.

District Attorney's Office Report

Sheriff's Department Report – Sheriff Mrotek stated that staffing concerns are mounting as they face officers and staff leaving for other positions. Today starts the Wisconsin hound hunting season and there are more concerns this year than in past years regarding potential problems on public and private land with dog owner trespassing and dogs running at large.

Communication Center Report – A written report was provided. Chief Deputy Sajdera advised that the department has met with North Memorial and completed several tests of the telephone transfer system with North Memorial and everything is working properly; it is scheduled for implementation on July 21, 2021.

Patrol Report – A written report was provided. Lt. Ripczinski stated that patrol calls remain steady and staff have successfully completed required training.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – A written report was provided.

Jail Report – A written report was provided. The average daily population in June was 91.94 with 5 people currently on electronic monitoring.

Animal Control Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Shelton stated that calls are starting to go up and LCO will have a vaccination clinic in September which is open to everyone. Revenue is down a little due to absence of March vaccination clinic in Hayward.

Jail Tour – Sheriff Mrotek will make the jail tour available to all county board members at 6:00pm prior to the August 20th County Board members.

Child Support Department Report – A written report was provided. Ms. Ocomoto also relayed the great loss that the County will experience due to the passing of Susan Lein.

Coroner's report

Emergency Management Department Reports – A written report was provided.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – Ms. Fisher reported on the upcoming culinary training program to be conducted in the jail starting program August 31 for 10 full days. Inmates will get instruction in food preparation, hospitality, team work, goal setting and serve safe licensing.

Ambulance Service Department report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Dunston reported that the ambulance service is doing well on staffing with only one open position. Three staff members have completed training on the new pediatric system and Great Divide has guaranteed a transfer truck to Hayward Area Memorial Hospital every day on a trial basis.

Potential Uses of ARPA Funds – Mr. Hoff shared a list of categories for approved ARPA expenditures. Every committee is being asked to consider potential recommendations for spending.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, August 5th, at 9:00 am in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 10:04 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk