

**Minutes of the October, 2023 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
- Marshal Savitski

**Others Present:**

Andy Albarado	Doug Mrotek
Lynn Fitch	John Froemel
Joe Sajdera	Brandon Blicharz
Nicole Ripczinski	

**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**

**Staff Recognition** – Mr. Froemel and Richard Mullvain recognized EMS staff member, Bill Wymer, with the Annual Stemi Award of Excellence. Jim Onarheim is also going to receive an award in Madison for Volunteer of the Year.

**Public Comment** –

**Minutes from the previous meeting dated:** **September 7, 2023**

Motion to approve made by: Mr. Helwig                      Second by: Mr. Peters  
Motion carried without negative vote.

**Circuit Court --**

Judge's Report—All three courtrooms are in session today.

Courthouse Remodel Update – No Update

**Clerk of Court's Office Reports -**

A written report was provided and reviewed. There are five jury trials scheduled for October; new case statistics were provided.

**Sheriff's Department Report –**

Communication Center Report – A written report was provided and reviewed. An update on staffing was provided by Ms. Ripczinski.

Patrol Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Lt. Ripczinski. Sheriff Mrotek advised that the number of calls have decreased a bit from our busy summer. Deputy Mike Meyer-Saleh will be graduating the CVTC LE Academy program and will begin FTO patrol soon.

Jail Report – A written report was provided and reviewed by Chief Sajdera. The average daily population YTD is 72.32, 5 inmates are working Huber hours and the unemployment rate is 67%. The Huber program is starting to move forward with five workers being employed.

Communication Systems Specialist Report – No update

Town of Draper Emergency Services Communications Issues – Mr. Albarado advised that the County has fulfilled some records request for them and the Sheriff's department is moving forward with the RFP process.

Code Enforcement Specialist – A written report was provided. Build-Up for the 2024 Licensing season is underway with the help of the Clerk's Office; planning for the 2024 Rabies Vaccination Clinic is underway. New software for calls and admissions has proven invaluable for data and record keeping.

**Emergency Management --**

A written report was provided and reviewed by Ms. Ripczinski. A HazMat tabletop exercise was held on September 25<sup>th</sup> with the hospital staff, members of the HazMat team, public health and law enforcement. A training session is being offered on November 7 & 8, 2023 at the Sawyer County Sheriff's Office Classroom entitled *Recovery from Disaster: The Local Community Role*.

**Child Support Department Report --**

No update

**Emergency Services --**

Ambulance Report and AmRon Ambulance Billing – Written reports were provided and reviewed by Mr. Froemel. Call volume states and stats by township were included for YTD activity. The ambulance billing report details were reviewed. The EMR class in the Hayward High School has 10 students; it is hoped they will assist in future calls. They are averaging 120 calls/month.

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update -**

Mr. Albarado provided a verbal update of activities. The Recovery Drug Court is moving forward taking in participants effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. The TAD grant application is underway.

Future items –

**Meeting Date/Time** – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am in the Board Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk