

**Minutes of the October 28th 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

Others Present:

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

Nate Dunston
Marge Kelsey
Pat Sanchez
Sherry Shelton
Craig Falstich
Rebecca Roeker
Linda Zillmer

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 – Request made to speak during agenda item 14c.

Minutes from Previous Meeting – A motion was made by Mr. Buckholtz to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021, meeting; second by Mr. Peters. Motion carried without negative vote.

Circuit Court Report –

Clerk of Court Report – Written report was provided. Ms. Kelsey advised that the November 15th jury trial has been resolved and is no longer on the schedule.

District Attorney's Office Report

Child Support Department Report – Written report was provided.

Sheriff's Department Report – Written reports were provided. Sheriff Mrotek reported a fatal accident on Hwy NN on the night of October 27th, bringing the year-to-date total to two. Chief Sajdera stated that the portable 911 system is on back-order. The grant to fund this system requires installation/operation by the end of the year. They will contact the grant coordinator to discuss options. Testing and interviews for new job applicants begins next week.

Patrol Report – Written report provided. Lt. Ripczinski advised that calls are down from last year at the same reporting time. The department has received \$3000 in matching grant funds for bullet-proof vests. They are pursuing in-house promotions to fill job vacancies.

Animal Control - Ms. Shelton provided an oral report of activities.

Cooperative Law Enforcement Agreement – As the document has not yet been received back from the Tribal Governing Board, legal counsel has not had a time for final review. Mr. Buckholtz made a motion to table this item until the document has been received from LCO and legal counsel has reviewed; second by Mr. Van Etten. Motion carried without negative vote.

Coroner's report --

Emergency Management Department Reports – Written report was provided. Ms. Sanchez advised she has submitted her letter of resignation to be effective December 31, 2021.

Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Update – Mr. Schlender reported that the TAD planning grant has been submitted and JusticePoint is developing a diversion program in coordination with the Judge and DA.

Ambulance Service Department report – Written reports were provided. Mr. Dunston has not received an update from CMS on the federal mandate requirement. The department has a few open positions remaining and hope to recruit from the upcoming clinical students coming to our site.

2022 Budget Discussion – Mr. Hoff advised that the 2022 budget remains open for recommendations. Mr. Schlender voiced his concern to maintain sufficient funding for the Sheriff's Department and Ambulance Service budgets.

Mr. Schlender recognized Mr. Craig Falstich in attendance.

Meeting Date/Time – The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Thursday, December 2, at 3:00 pm in the Assembly Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am

Minutes recorded by Lynn Fitch, County Clerk