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Minutes of the meeting of the Public Safety Committee.

Sawyer County Board of Supervisors

October 29, 2020; 8:30 a.m.; Assembly Room; Sawyer County Courthouse

Members present: James Schlender, Ron Buckholtz, Dale Schleeter, Ed Peters, Chuck Van Etten-Virtual

Others present: Carol Williamson, Tom Hoff-V, Pat Sanchez-V, Jeff Johnson, Doug Mrotek, Greg Ripczinski, Joe Sajdera, Mike Coleson, John Froemel-V, Jim Onarheim, John Yackel, Rose Lillyroot-V, Nate Dunston

Chair James Schlender called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Schlender introduced Ed Peters, District 15 County Board Supervisor.

Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Schleeter, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 meeting. Motion carried

Schlender reviewed the budget process with the Committee.

Emergency Management Director Pat Sanchez provided a written report and attended the meeting virtually. Decon moved to Hayward Nursery.

Communication Specialist John Kruk provided a written report.

Judge Yackel reported to the Committee. Heavy calendar of jury trials; more in November. Meth and heroin cases are still high in the County.

Clerk of Court Marge Kelsey provided a written report to the Committee.

Child Support Director Sandy Okamoto provided a written report to the Committee.

Sheriff Doug Mrotek welcomed Mr. Peters to the Public Safety Committee.

Chief Deputy Joe Sajdera provided a written report to the Committee. Received \$2,000 grant for equipment. Met with North Memorial regarding Emergency Medical Dispatch. For now they will provide free EMD services. EMD services are required by June 2021. Dispatch received 3,814 total calls with 1,356 calls for service in October thru 10/28/2020.

Lieutenant Greg Ripczinski provided the patrol report. Responded to 820 calls in October. Generating traffic contacts for grant application. 1700 traffic contacts compared to 1100 for the previous grant year.

Supervisor Van Etten asked about traffic fatalities. Sawyer County has had 11 traffic fatalities in 2020 and 11 heroin fatalities.

Jail Administrator Jeff Johnson provided a jail report. October 2020 average daily population was 69.95 inmates; 9.17 females and 60.78 males. 2 inmates currently on electronic monitoring and adding 1-2 more today. 1 inmate housed out of county (Huber transfer-no cost)

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

Resolution to approve a Cooperative Law Enforcement agreement presented. This is an annual grant from DOJ to support law enforcement improvements on tribal land. Motion by Buckholtz, 2nd by Van Etten, to approve the proposed resolution with two typos corrected. Motion carried

Coroner John Froemel provided a written report and attended the meeting virtually. Froemel asked Deputy Coroner Jim Onarheim to provide information to the Committee. Onarheim shared information regarding a residence in Radisson where the coroner responded to a three week old deceased body and the condition of the residence. Onarheim told the Committee about several committees he is familiar with that regulate conditions of residences. One group is called Community Risk Reduction Committee. The Committee creates nuisance type ordinances and deals with hoarding issues. The Committee can be made up of individuals from Fire Departments, EMS, Public Health, District Attorneys Office, Sheriff Department, and building inspectors. Another group is a water safety task force. This will be on the November agenda for review.

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is working on MOU with LCO that expires January 2021. Meeting planned for November 10 at Noon.

Ambulance Director Nate Dunston provided a written report to the Committee. 1st Responder Appreciation Day was October 28 and Dunston thanked those present. EMS will be inspecting AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in the County. The Families First Coronavirus Act excludes first responders, and others, from the 80 hours of paid sick leave provision. However, Sawyer County implemented a separate 80 hours emergency sick leave provision to cover those employees who are excluded. The County also lets employees go into the negative 80 hours if necessary. Department heads should bring reports of lost time and impact on operations to the December Public Safety meeting.

Supervisor Peters explained a shortage of trained fire department personnel in the Town of Draper. County Administrator will consult with Corp Counsel on any County responsibility for fire protection and bring information back to the December meeting.

Different days and times were discussed to hold the monthly Public Safety Committee meeting to allow for participation from all the committee members. The time for the December 2020 and January 2021 meetings will be moved from 8:30 am to 9:00 am. This will be on the January agenda for review.

Adjourned 9:52 am

Minutes prepared by Carol Williamson