

- AFFIRMING THE NEED FOR A SECOND CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE FOR SAWYER COUNTY -

WHEREAS, the Director of State Courts of the Wisconsin Supreme Court has informed the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors that the Sawyer County Circuit Court caseload, based on the 2016 weighted caseload study, indicates a current need for two (2) judges in Sawyer County; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer county is currently authorized one (1) circuit court judge while the rate of growth of case filings in Sawyer County has consistently warranted two (2) judges since at least 2014; and

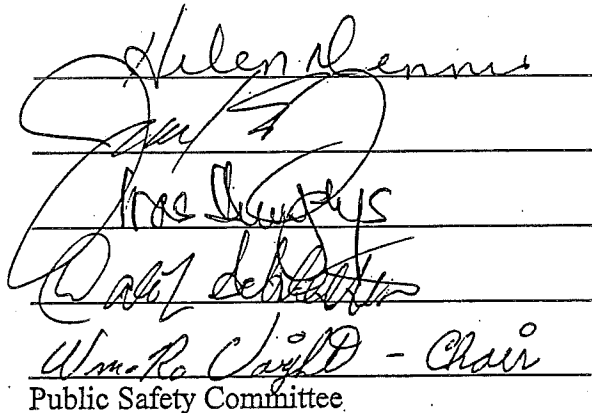
WHEREAS, the Director of the State Courts has indicated to the Chief Judge of the Tenth Judicial District that it is anticipated that in October, 2017 a bill will be introduced in the State Legislature to allocate additional judgeships; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County's judge need has been identified as the highest in the state; and

WHEREAS, an additional judgeship is in the best interests of the citizens of Sawyer County in order to provide efficient and effective judiciary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors hereby requests the Direct of State Courts to request the Wisconsin Legislature to allocate a second judgeship for Sawyer County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Sawyer County will support both space and personnel requirements as deemed necessary for support of a second judge.

  
Helen Dennis  
Mike Buntzys  
Wm. R. Child - Chair  
Public Safety Committee

Dated this 21st day of September, 2017.