Resolution 2018-31

Urging the State of Wisconsin to provide the resources to fully staff the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office

WHEREAS, the public demands law enforcement to effectively and efficiently pursue prosecution of crime on behalf of victims; and,

WHEREAS, in order to meet that demand, there must be sufficient attorneys to review each referral in detail and seek the appropriate legal response; and,

WHEREAS, the total number of cases filed by the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office has always increased over the last five years; and,

WHEREAS, the total number of complex felony cases have more than doubled over that same five year time period; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017 Caseload Study reports Sawyer County should have 4.34 full-time staff attorneys; and

WHEREAS, Sawyer County has two full-time attorneys, thus being staffed at 46.11%; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sawyer County Board of Supervisors does hereby urge the State of Wisconsin to provide sufficient resources to fully staff the Sawyer County District Attorney's Office, ensuring continued efficient and effective prosecution of crime on behalf of victims and citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

Recommended for adoption by the Sawyer County Public Safety Committee this 20th day of September, 2018.

Bill Voight, Chairman
Helen Dennis, Member
Dale Schleeter, Member

James Schlender, Vice-Chairman
Ron Buckholtz, Member