

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
January 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Jeremy Oswald (Vice-Chair), Dennis Pocerlich, Sheriff Paul Susienka, Chief Deputy Dan Clark, Larry Fickbohm, Cpt. Kathleen Haiden, Bonnie Chivers (4:06pm)-Child Support, Kevin Johnson-Veteran's Service Officer, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Jeff Silbert, Deb Milanowski-Confidential Secretary

Jeremy Oswald called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Larry Fickbohm, 2nd by Jeff Silbert to approve the November 13, 2017 and December 11, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.*

Public Comment: None

Report from Child Support: There were 179 attendees at the Holiday party held in December. Collections are up by \$500 from previous month. Numbers are down, but Child Support runs on the fiscal year that runs from October through September. Numbers should increase towards July. Update regarding the filing fees with the Circuit Court for child support cases. Child Support will have a cooperative agreement (annual) with the Clerk of Courts to continue the waiver of filing fees for child support cases. State and Legislature are introducing a bill to require background checks, fingerprinting, etc. for child support employees. This has been postponed for now, but more information should be available after next month's board meeting. Reception area in Child Support is complete and all repairs have been made.

Bonnie Chivers left the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Report from Veterans Service Office: VSO posting is now on the Bayfield County website and opened until January 14, 2018. This is the replacement during Kevin's absence due to active duty starting March 25, 2018. Reviewed some current cases that are being handled.

Report from Emergency Management: Working on potential co-locating for the Port Wing and Bayfield towers. 911 equipment resolution now has a timetable. This timetable will be received on January 9th and will let us know when the updates will be done. Reviewal of the Strategic Plan that each department needs to complete. Each department will complete the Template Form and then this committee will review the answers in a subsequent meeting(s) depending upon the complexity of the questions and answers and time allowed before the deadline. There will be follow up by committee members with the County Administrator regarding this 10-year Strategic Plan as well as the deadline for this first phase.

Kevin Johnson left the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Report from the Sheriff's Office: The start of 2018 has seen many mental health issues. There are not enough rooms in this region to hold all the mental health patients and so they are in the jail. Discussed possible ways to resolve this issue such as building a regional facility, staffing in-house psychologists/psychiatrists, increasing staff for transports. We received 1 of 5 awards (of \$80,000) for the Justice Assistant Grant that focuses on inmate re-introduction into society. The state is looking to eventually make inmate re-introduction a statewide process. They are using these initial 5 awards to gather information to create a model. Red Cliff received a grant of \$250,000 which has the potential to benefit Bayfield County by increasing the staff of the police department which would reduce the need for Bayfield County to respond.

The Vice-Chair requested an agenda item for the February 12th committee meeting: electing a new Chair for this committee.

Next meeting date is February 12, 2018 at 4:00pm in the EOC

Meeting ended at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on: 2.12.18 @ 4:05 pm