

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**  
**Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee**  
**January 21, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jeremy Oswald, Dennis Pocerlich, Jeff Silbert, Larry Fickbohm, George Newago

**Others Present:** Sheriff Paul Susienka, Dan Clark-Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Kevin Johnson-Veteran's Services, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Administrator, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:34 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Jeff Silbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Fickbohm, to approve the December 18, 2018 meeting minutes. Motion carried (5-0).*

**Report from Veteran's Services:** Kevin provided a few updates related to the Veteran's Office. The new WDVA Secretary is Mary Kohler (due to change in governor). Ashland County has their new Veteran's Officer starting on 1/22/19 and Kevin will be assisting this person. He has been providing support for Ashland County residents during the time that this position was vacant in Ashland County. The VA Dept. is fully funded for 2019 so all areas are operating despite the government shutdown. Coast Guard is the only brand of the armed services that are not being paid since they are domestic. He has received request for assistance from the local branch for gas cards to allow the members to get to work. No other requests have been made at this time. 2018 budget review- 111% on revenue, 94% on the expense side and the Vet Relief Fund balance is at \$6,750. These funds are used for those Vet's that need assistance and they just need to apply for these funds. Typically, the maximum award per year is \$300.

*Kevin left the meeting at 4:45 pm*

**Report from Emergency Management:** Currently working on the mitigation plan. There will be a public hearing on January 29, 2019 from 4-6pm (handout). There will also be a flood impact study presentation on that same day from 3-4pm (handout). The Towns Association meeting on January 28, 2019 will cover the mitigation plan as well.

**Report from the Sheriff's Office:** Discussed the growth of the drug problem in our area and the fact that this leads to other crimes. Reviewed the recent Opioid Meeting held here. Sheriff is considering putting out a public service notice in the spring about raising funds for a K9 Unit. He indicated that there are people out in the community expressing a desire to donate. Jail remodel is moving along slowly. The county is combining some engineering work for other projects with the jail remodel.

**Future Agenda Items:** K-9 Unit discussion and possible action.

**Next meeting date is February 18, 2019 at 4:30 pm in the EOC.**

*Meeting ended at 5:35 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 2/18/19 @ 4:32 pm