

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
February 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Sheriff Paul Susienka, Dan Clark-Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Jen Osmak-Child Support Services, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Administrator, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office, Fred Strand

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Chairman Oswald

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Larry Fickbohm, 2nd by Jeff Silbert to approve the January 21, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0).*

Report from Emergency Management: Received a total damage report for 2018 from FEMA. It came to \$4,873 million. A handout was provided for members to look at during the meeting. There will be an ambulance/fire communication meeting on 2/19/19 at 7pm for radio training. Jan is continuing to work on the mitigation plan. Discussed the FEMA money and where the holdup is in getting the money; the State of the Federal Government. Not sure where the hold up is.

The Emergency Management Resolution related to EPCRA Computer Grant was tabled until the March meeting as there may be other avenues of paying for this system.

Jen Osmak Entered the meeting at 4:33pm.

Report from Child Support Services: Began the Laserfiche project and they are hoping to start scanning in the next 2-3 weeks. Working on getting all the necessary paperwork together for the new auditing firm. Would like to pass a resolution to support in State increasing Child Support funding by \$1.5 million. Positive feedback has been received from Governor Ever's Office. For every \$1 we spend, we get \$2 from the State.

Jeff Silbert made a motion to recommend to the County Board that we adopt the Resolution to Support Increased County Child Support Funding by \$1.5 million, 2nd by Larry Fickbohm. Motioned passed (4-0).

Report from the Sheriff's Office: Reviewed ongoing cases since last meeting which included additional arrests for meth and the use of Narcan on Friday night (2 doses on same individual). Also updated the committee on the snowmobile fatality in Namakagon. Capt. Haiden updated the committee on the Literacy Project that is happening in the jail. This involves inmates reading a book to their children via video and the children have a copy of the same book at home so that they can follow along. This project is done in conjunction with UW -Extension and the Washburn Public Library. Three women and three men have taken advantage of this project so far. A small video clip was shown of one of the participants

reading to his children. This inmate was from Douglas County and when they were shown the video, they now have expressed interest in getting this program set up in their jail. Also, part of the UW Extension grant for the literacy project was an update to the visiting area in the Sheriff's Office. The committee was shown pictures of the new look of the visiting area. There is a small "library" for books to be checked out along with a rug, bean bag chairs and some designs on the walls in the visiting area.

A resolution for the 2018 Year End Squad Car Fund was discussed. Unexpected increases in fuel costs increased the expenditures in this fund.

Dennis Pocernich made a motion to approve the 2018 Year End Squad Car Fund Budget amendment resolution be recommended to the County Board, 2nd by Larry Fickbohm. Motion carried (4-0).

A resolution for the 2018 Year End Jail Assessment was discussed. Unexpected upgrades to jail cameras resulted in an over expenditure in the fund. There are enough dollars in the jail assessment account to cover this overage.

Dennis Pocernich made a motion to recommend sending the 2018 Year End Jail Assessment budget amendment to the full County Board for approval, 2nd by Jeff Silbert. Motion carried (4-0).

K-9 Unit was discussed. There was action taken by the Executive Committee to implement the K9 Unit. This will allow us to start making public announcements and begin fundraising. Jeff Silbert offered his assistance if needed.

The construction project for the jail is still moving along. The County is trying to coordinate a couple of projects together and hire one consultant for all projects.

An update from the jail regarding boarded inmates. We will be getting 12 Sawyer County inmates for 5 weeks starting in the beginning of March due to a construction project at the jail in Sawyer County.

Jeremy updated the committee from the Superior Days events by informing the committee of the OARS program (a DOC Program). It's currently available in 44 counties but not up here. The state is looking at more funding and if they get it, we may see the program up here. What kind of help does this provide? It helps state prison inmates that are being released with job hunting, housing, sobriety/mental help, etc. It is a voluntary program and not required.

Future Agenda Items: Discussion of the Jail Assessment fund, the Emergency Management Resolution related to EPCRA Computer Grant, and the Jail Tour in March.

Next meeting date is March 18, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the EOC. This meeting will include the annual jail inspection along with a meal for those who wish to participant.

Meeting ended at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 3/18/19 @ 4:02pm