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

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

Others Present: Sheriff Paul Susienka, Dan Clark-Chief Deputy, Kevin Johnson-Veteran’s Services, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Administrator, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff’s Office, Fred Strand, Jim Crandall (4:25pm)

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Oswald

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larry Fickbohm, 2nd by Jeff Silbert to approve the February 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0).

Report from Emergency Management: None

Report from Veteran’s Services: Kevin provided a budget summary for 2019. Currently at 76% of revenue and 19% of expenses after almost 25% of the year gone.

Working on a MOU to try to push the IntelliHealth set up that is currently in the office across from him. Not many Vets use it now so there is a push to get this information out to them. Issue for Kevin is identifying the vets that use it and the Veteran’s Service Center would be the place to get this information and have them pass it onto the Vets. This is mostly used for mental health counseling but also would be a good option for lab discussions to prevent having to drive back down to the VA.

Attended the Across the Pond Veteran’s meeting. They are working on a fundraising event on May 18th with more information to come.

Kevin left the meeting at 4:10pm

Report from the Sheriff’s Office: Jailer Protection Bill testimony is set for March 19th. WCA took a position 2 years ago to support it and that hasn’t changed.

Reviewing types of fleet vehicles to purchase and different means of purchasing such as lease agreements for the administration vehicles. Enterprise will do a free analysis and we are looking at hybrid options.

The Tribal Relations committee meeting went well. There has been an improvement with Red Cliff since the new chief took over.

Sheriff updated the committee on the K9 Unit. Currently comparing using a K9 Foundation vs just having the money go directly to the County Clerk. Executive Committee’s consensus was to recommend
that the money go directly to the County Clerk's Office. There was agreement with the Sheriff's Committee.

Update on the construction RFP (see handout). We received 5 bids and we looked at the 2 lowest bids. We have decided to go with Venture Architects. They have worked on jail projects before.

**Jail Inspection with Meal:** The committee enjoyed a meal from the kitchen and then followed with an annual inspection of the jail. Reviewed the areas that would be affected by the padded cell project. The group also walked through the kitchen and then spent some time in Dispatch.

**Future Agenda Items:** none

**Next meeting date is April 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the EOC.**  Meeting ended at 6:20 p.m.
Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 4:02pm 4/15/19