

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
March 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Sheriff Paul Susienka, Chief Deputy Dan Clark, Cpt. Kathleen Haiden, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Bonnie Chivers-Child Support, Kevin Johnson-Veteran's Service Officer, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:01 pm by Chairman Oswald

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Jeff Silbert, 2nd by Dennis Pocernich to approve the February 12, 2018 minutes. Motion carried (5-0)

Public Comment: None

Report from Child Support: They are currently in the middle of their fiscal year and their numbers are up. The legislature is still trying to pass the bill for Administrative Paternity Tests. This would allow the determination of a parent prior to the agency expending any costs.

Reviewed the 10-year strategic plan for Child Support. The services they provide would remain the same in 10 years. Bonnie sees a need for increase in staffing levels over this period. This additional staff would function as a back-up for the financials and receptionist duties. Bonnie will be attending the upcoming Director's meeting in April.

Bonnie Chivers left the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Report from Veterans Service Office: Reviewed the strategic plan for the Veteran's Office. His office serves around 1800 veterans in Bayfield County. The biggest demand for services is healthcare and the most critical issues include healthcare, disability benefits and transportation. Kevin would like to see the clerical position in his office become fulltime and serve as an assistant to him.

Kevin left the meeting at 4:45pm

Report from Emergency Management: Currently working with NW Regional Planning on the Mitigation Plan. Jan provided members with a printout of a Hazard Matrix survey. Anyone wishing to complete this can and it is due to her by Monday, March 26th. This will be used to build a better plan.

Currently reviewing all chapters to the Basic Plan. Has sent out the plan to the committee for review.

Reviewed the Strategic Plan for Emergency Management. Main population is everyone in Bayfield County. There is a big concern for the low volunteer numbers for fire and emergency. No expectation of changes in jurisdiction or officials in the next 10 years. There is also a desire to have a fulltime assistant for emergency management instead of a half time person.

Weather Spotter training is coming up on April 30th.

Report from the Sheriff's Office: Discussed a remodel within the jail involving the addition of a padded cell (or 2) and returning the current men's locker back to an 8-person cellblock. The goal is to get this padded cell installed to deal with the increase in mental health and drug related arrests and preventing these individuals from harming themselves or others until they can be moved into general population. Starting the conversation now so that the committee anticipates it for the 2019 budget. Discussed the type of use these cells would be used for along with a discussion of the upcoming closure of the two juvenile detention centers.

Rachel left the meeting at 5:26pm

Re-Entry Grant-Currently working on hiring a coordinator for this program. We are not using any county money right now. All grant funds.

Reviewed the Strategic Plan for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office serves all people in Bayfield County and this fluctuates with the seasons. Future changes coming include NexGen dispatching and Telemedicine for the jail.

Future Agenda items: Discussion regarding the make-up of this committee. It was suggested that one-month Child Support and Veteran's Services would meet and the next month the Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management would meet. The May meeting will include a tour of the jail and the whole county board will be invited to participate in the tour.

Next meeting date is April 16, 2018 at 4:00pm in the EOC

Meeting ended at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on: 4/23/18 4:15pm