

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**  
**Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee**  
**April 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

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

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

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Public Comment:** None.

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Larry Fickbohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Silbert to approve the March 18, 2019 meeting minutes. Motion carried (4-0).*

**Report from Child Support Services:** We received a tax intercept of \$10,000 last week. Review of the 2018 annual report via a Powerpoint presentation. For 2018, Revenues were \$238,995 and Expenses were \$245,219. Governor Evers' is proposing an increase in Child Support funding by \$750,000 in 2020 and 1.5 Million in 2021. In 2018 they collected \$1,716,246. Jen also provided an update on the Laserfiche project which is moving along nicely.

Discussed the jail remodel in Child Support and how it was working out. Jen informed the committee that when the power goes out, they get locked in since the latch release needs power. They have since installed a generator to prevent this from happening. She has also purchased a fire ladder. In case of a fire, they have an alternate way out of their office space.

*Jen left the meeting at 4:31 pm*

**Report from Emergency Management:** Jan reviewed her 2019 1<sup>st</sup> quarter budget. Revenues are at 25%. She indicated that the State Grant of \$39,500 will not come in until next year. Expenses are at 29%. Rental expenses show 46% since most of these expenses are paid in January.

Provided the committee with a handout regarding the upcoming Skywarn Weather Spotter training. There will be two sessions: April 28, 2019 at 1pm and April 29, 2019 at 6:30pm. Update on the recent tornado drill held at the Bayfield County Courthouse and annex buildings. Provided all employees with a handout which covered where to shelter while at the County buildings. Discovered that there are no signs for visitors letting them know where to go for the nearest shelter. The "Be Somebody" Event will be held on June 8, 2019 in downtown Brule. 30 departments are expected.

**Report from the Sheriff's Office:** The Sheriff updated the committee on some ordinance proposals that are being discussed. The committee members may be approached about these proposals. These ordinance proposals relate to the decontamination of boats before they go into Lake Owen, the rescinding of the water-skiing ordinance in Barnes (which may stay rescinded) and make bear dog/ dog-at-large penalties larger for repeat offenders. There will be a written plan for the K9 Unit outlining what the K9 Unit will be used for, how funds are raised and how we will pick the K9 officer. This should be ready by the next meeting. Plan on going public between today and May's meeting to raise funds. There will be a revenue account created to put the funds into.

The committee found the jail tour very informative and it helped them understand the layout of the jail. Dan reminded the committee members that they are welcome to do a ride-along with a patrol deputy and/or a dispatcher.

Venture Architect was selected for the jail project. Discussion of taking the men's locker room and turning it back into a cell block. Only need beds, tables and remove lockers. This topic will be added to the agenda for May's meeting for discussion and possible action. The Cpt. will proceed with getting quotes for this project.

Local fire depts are expressing concern over the recent loss of two fire stations due to fire. They would like to install an alarm system that would auto-dial but there is an ordinance against auto-dial alarm systems. Trying to work with the fire depts. to come up with a good system without auto-dialing.

Dennis will be researching other Board members and have someone else sit in on this committee meeting.

Craig Sauld and Mike Kastern were recognized for their years of service in the most recent weekly report.

The jail will be losing a fulltime member as of May 3, 2019. Still looking for a part time cook and part time jailer position. Discussed the change in milk distributors. We stopped getting our milk from Tetzner's because they cannot provide us with single-serv milk containers. This cuts down on the prep time for the cook, serving at meal time and the cleanup. We now go through Up North Foods. There is no contract required and the price is guaranteed for 1 year.

**Future Agenda Items:** Review of the Basic Plan, review of the written K9 Unit plan, discussion and possible action on the current men's locker room conversion to a cell block separate from the padded cell project.

**Next meeting date is May 20, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the EOC. Meeting ended at 5:44 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 5-20-19 4:04 pm