

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
April 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Sheriff Paul Susienka, Chief Deputy Dan Clark, Cpt. Kathleen Haiden, 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

Public Comment: None

Silbert nominated Jeremy Oswald for Chairman of the committee. Pocernich called to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot. This was 2nd by Silbert. *Motion carried by unanimous decision (4-0).*

Silber nominated Larry Fickbohm for Vice Chairman of the committee. Pocernich called to close the nomination and cast a unanimous ballot. This was 2nd by Silbert. *Motion carried by unanimous decision (4-0).*

Discussion of the structure of this committee meeting and re-arranging so that Child Support and Veteran's Office participate alternating months. Kevin was okay with this as long as he is still able to add items to the agenda and attend any meeting if needed. He felt he could provide the committee with better information regarding his operations. Bonnie was also agreeable with this since it would allow her to provide better information to the committee regarding the operations of child support. Will discuss this with Jan at the next meeting since Jan was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Dennis reviewed the county ordinance regarding this committee and the only department required to have a regular meeting is the Sheriff's Office. Child Support, Emergency Management and Veteran's Services are only on an "as needed" basis. Discussed the per diem charge and it is believed to be coming out of the Sheriff's Office budget already so this shouldn't impact any other department's budget.

Motion by Larry Fickbohm for child support and veteran's services to attend this meeting every other month with the stipulation that they will respond if the committee needs something. There is also a stipulation that we will wait until May's meeting to discuss with Jan and decide on emergency management's participation level. This was 2nd by Jeff Silbert. Motion carried by a unanimous decision (4-0).

Child Support will attend the May meeting and Veteran's Office will attend the June meeting which will begin the alternating attendance.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Larry Fickbohm, 2nd by Dennis Pocernich to approve the March 16, 2018 minutes. Motion carried (4-0)

Final Strategic Plan Review: Child Support had no changes from the initial plan review in March. Veteran's Office had a few changes: adding new partnerships and continuing existing partnerships. Discussed the new Emergency Alert System of "green alert" for veterans. More information was requested from Kevin for his next attendance at our meeting. The Sheriff had a few changes from the initial submission in March: 24-hour road coverage in 10 years and that it may need to shift to all days in the month instead of the current 10 days, the importance of thinking about what to do with any settlement money received from recent lawsuits involving drugs, CPR instructions by dispatcher bill passed which gives us three years to implement, possibility of a canine unit and the expenses for this (this will be discussed at the next executive committee meeting), and our records management system and keeping it a joint system if we decide to switch vendors.

Report from Child Support: Collections are up \$41,000 from last month mainly due to tax interception. Bonnie attended the director's conference and discovered that the State of Wisconsin collected 645 million dollars for child support with 97% of that money going to the families. Bayfield County is 11th in the State for collection numbers. There is an upcoming Court Commissioner meeting in Ashland and Bonnie was asked to present at this meeting. Background checks are now required for employees of child support and will begin in September of this year. The state will be covering any charges for these checks. An agreement was met with CCAP and there will be no charges for court filings of child support cases. There is a new website that Bonnie will be investigating called "Employment Outreach".

Bonnie Chivers left the meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Report from Veterans Service Office: Kevin discussed the "Across the Pond Veterans Park" that was developed by the Iron River Group. They have 10 acres of county forest land that they received which is located across from the county fairgrounds. They will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for this park on May 19, 2018. Veteran's Fishing Day has been scheduled for May 24, 2018. His office is busy with veterans coming in for claims filing, VA Home Loans and Surviving Spouse Benefits. Since Kevin's next attendance at this committee meeting will be in June, he will provide the committee with a list of events between now and the June meeting.

Kevin left the meeting at 5:13pm

Report from Emergency Management: No Report due to Jan being off.

Report from the Sheriff's Office: Cpt. Haiden provided a breakdown of our current inmates: 7 Ashland County Boards, 12 Sawyer County boards 1 DOC and 39 Bayfield County inmates for a total of 59. The Cpt. also updated the committee regarding the new classes being offered under the Jail Re-entry Program. The WITC class began last week. The culinary course will start soon and when the

participants are finished, they will receive a certificate. She is currently working on scheduling 3 prisoner transports to other institutions.

Updated the committee with the padded cell. Discovered that there is sewer pipe that runs in the middle of the corporal's room. KBK will put a quote together. Discussed adding an additional holding cell instead of 2 padded cells. A holding cell has more use since there wouldn't be a limit to the use of the room. During the jail tour in May, the committee members will be able to see the area to be converted to these new cells. Also, discussed the ease with which it would be to take the locker room and convert it back to an 8-person cell block.

Future Agenda items:

- The May meeting will include a tour of the jail with supper served. The meeting will begin at 4:30pm. We will have updates from Child Support and Emergency Management and then begin the tour of the jail.
- Canine unit for the Sheriff's Office.

Next meeting date is May 21, 2018 at 4:30pm in the EOC

Meeting ended at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on: 5/21/18 @ 4:30pm