

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**  
**Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee**  
**May 21, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Dan Clark -Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson- Emergency Management, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Kevin Johnson-Veteran's Office, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Fickbohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pocerlich to approve the April 20, 2020 minutes. Motion carried (5-0)*

**Election of Officers:** Silbert nominated Jeremy Oswald for Chairman of the committee. Pocerlich motioned to call a close to the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silbert. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision (5-0).***

Pocerlich nominated Larry Fickbohm for Vice Chairman of the committee. Strand motioned to call a close to the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. ***Motion carried by unanimous decision (5-0).***

**Veterans Services-Kevin Johnson:** Welcome back Kevin. He returned to the office last week. Kevin announced Nancy Brown's retirement which is scheduled for 6/12/20. Currently working on a new position description for an Assistant Veterans Services Officer. It's going to the Personnel Committee at their next meeting. 20-25% of position will be clerical for Veterans and Emergency Management and the rest will be for serving veterans.

***Silbert made a motion, Fickbohm 2<sup>nd</sup> that the Sheriff's Committee is supportive of exploring the option of Michelle Anderson taking this new position in the Veteran's Office filling Nancy Brown's position as well as working with Kevin as a VSCO. Motion carried (5-0)***

*Kevin left the meeting at 4:27pm*

**Emergency Management-Jan Victorson:** Update on PPE distribution- Ambulance/Fire, Northern Lights, the local police departments, the Sheriff's Office and the public in the Courthouse and Annex buildings. her office is requesting a testing site in Iron River at the community center for Covid-19. Looking at June 18, 2020. This will be put on by the National Guard.

Developing projects for FEMA funding such as OT, PPE, Mitigation equipment, etc. Requesting that the county extend the Declaration of Emergency for another 60 days. Pocerlich indicated that he gave a verbal Okay and it will be voted on at the next board meeting.

**Sheriff's Office:** Retirement of Bryan Paulsen at the end of the month and Brent Bratley has been promoted as Bryan's replacement. Developing disinfectant procedures for the jail. Came up with RFPs and received 2 different systems: Vapor vs. Ultra-Violet. The BJA has a grant due on 5/29 for this equipment.

Construction is moving along in the jail. Reviewed some recent photos of the project to show the progress. The lower number of inmates in the jail is allowing the construction to move along well. They anticipate being finished by the end of June/beginning of July.

*Dennis Pocernich left the meeting at 5:04pm*

Currently 34 inmates with 4 boarded. There are 3 inmates eligible for transport to prison. The moratorium was lifted today, and Dodge will start intaking on June 1<sup>st</sup> and Tachedah will also start intaking on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Public Comment:** None

**Other Committee Concerns:**

**Future Agenda Items:** Jail Tour, Amy O'Donahue introduction at June meeting

**Next meeting date is June 15, 2020 at 4:00pm.** Meeting adjourned at: 5:08 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 6/15/2020 @ 4:02pm