

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
June 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Jeremy Oswald (4:20pm), Dennis Pocernich, Larry Fickbohm, Jeff Silbert, George Newago

Others Present: Dan Clark-Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Jen Osmak-Child Support, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator

Meeting called to order at 4:04 pm by Vice Chairman Fickbohm

Public Comment: None.

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Dennis Pocernich, 2nd by Jeff Silbert to approve the May 20, 2019 meeting minutes. None Opposed*

Child Support-Jen Osmak

A report on collections of child support funds was handed out to board members. Jen reported the Joint Finance Committee passed increase of \$255,000 for next year budget, which has not been finalized. Will have minimal impact on Bayfield County. The office continues to scan records. 86 open files scanned out of 548 cases.

Current budget is at 44% for this year and revenue is expected to be in line as well. Will be doing some staff training coming up.

Emergency Management-Jan Victorson

Pigeon Lake is still rising, affecting County Rd. N. The County continues to rebuild that road. Transportation is problematic. Housing in the area is affected and concerns remain. Exploring ways to reduce the water in Pigeon Lake. Some areas are unlivable. Some home owners are considering precautions to prevent damage to homes that have not yet been affected.

Mark reported that FEMA funds are not available because the issue with the constantly rising water cannot be attributed directly to the time frame of the initial flooding.

Jan reported there will be two four-hour classes for HazMat training on June 24th in the EOC and at the Iron River Community Center for Fire, Ambulance and Law Enforcement agencies.

Sheriff's Office -Dan Clark

Reported on the Rainbow Family gathering. Expecting up to 20,000 people, but recent numbers have been between 3,000 and 5,000. Forrest Service has a response team that the Sheriff's Office is working with. Taking actions to increase presence in the area. The actual event is July 1 – 7th, but participants are showing up now. The group will clean up after the event but is expected to leave 30,000 lbs of feces that will not be cleaned up. The group is not applying for permits and is camping illegally. The Forestry Service, DNR and State Patrol are all involved in the planning for managing this event.

The Jail Project was presented at the Executive Meeting of the County Board which supports option #2 of the plans for construction/renovation.

K9 finds are coming in and are possibly as much as \$20,000.

Other Business

From Mark: Kevin from the Veterans Office is being deployed in early June for up to 400 days. They are searching for a temporary employee to fill the vacancy during that period.

Kathleen Haiden: Attended the Federal/State/Intertribal Re-Entry workshop in Columbia, South Carolina last week with Barb Flynn.

Jeff Silbert asked that the discussion regarding the disbursement of funds under the Tribal County Law agreement begin as early as the July Meeting. Would like Kyle Cadotte to be included in the process.

Other Committee Concerns: None

Future Agenda Items: Tribal County Law Agreement

Next meeting date is July 15, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the EOC. *Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Kathleen Haiden **Minutes approved on:** 8/19/19 @ 4:05pm