

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
July 20, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

Others Present: Mary Dougherty, Mark Abeles-Allison-Co Administrator (remotely), Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice- Chief Deputy, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Kevin Johnson- Veteran's Office, Amy O'Donahue-DV/SA Liaison, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:08 pm by Chairman Oswald

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Fickbohm, 2nd by Silbert to approve the June 15, 2020 minutes. Motion carried (4-0)*

Veteran's Office-Kevin Johnson: Nancy Brown retired on June 12th. Michelle Anderson was moved into this position. It was from a clerical position to benefit specialist. Hired an intern who developed electronic outreach tools for community. Budget discussion which included a reduction in travel costs due to their outreach stopping because of Covid19 precautions and neither Kevin nor Michelle take the county health insurance. Budget for 2021 will look similar to 2020.

Kevin left the meeting at 4:15pm

Emergency Management-Jan Victorson: There is currently Covid19 testing in Ashland today. Discussed the Iron River test site. Next testing site will have 500 kits. There are other surrounding areas that will be holding testing sites and those can be found on our webpage. Update on the storms that occurred these past few weeks. One road closed due to a storm and property damage/trees down from another storm. There is a concern over the ongoing Old Co. K project because of the potential of being billed for having to remove all of the downed trees. Town of Russell made an Emergency Declaration.

Review of communications – Bayfield tower has an overheating issue. Have ordered new air conditioner. Doing generator maintenance and the Highway Dept. is moving to WISCOMM. Waiting on estimate to lease from DSC.

No big changes in her budget so far for this year.

Sheriff's Office: Anticipate the complete of the jail construction project by the end of August. Almost done with a contract with Motorola for the 911 system. November 30th is the completion date for the contract. Ionization project in the jail and dispatch will start soon. Vendor is Johnson Controls.

Introduction of Amy O'Donahue, the DA/SA Liaison for Bayfield County. Reviewed her position and what she does. Answered questions posed by committee members.

Amy left the meeting at 5:08pm

Construction review- the hallway is currently torn up due to sewer issues that need to be addressed. There is another hallway being used for backup. 8/16/20 is anticipated completion date with the Review of the Project set for 8/17/20. Costs are on track for the project.

24 inmates currently housed in the jail. 1 housed in Douglas County and 1 out on monitor. 3 of these inmates are boards from Ashland County.

Kathleen left the meeting at 5:14pm

Lengthy discussion on Cultural Competence.

Other Committee Concerns: If a mandate for wearing a mask is set, deputies should be supplied with masks to hand out to the public if they are needed. Larry brought up a concern with speeding in the Portwing/Herbster area on Highway 13 and possibly reducing the speed limit to 45mph. That would be handled by the Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation. Larry also said that he had contact with someone that applied for the citizen advisory board last year and they hadn't heard back from the county. Not sure which advisory board they had applied for.

Future Agenda Items: Jail Tour during September meeting.

Public Comment: None

Next meeting date is August 17, 2020 at 4:00pm in the EOC or remotely. Meeting adjourned at: 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 8/17/20 @ 4:05 pm