

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**  
**Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee**  
**August 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

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

**Others Present:** Andy Runice- Chief Deputy, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Jen Osmak- Child Support Office, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:03 pm by Chairman Oswald

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

**Child Support Office-Jen Osmak:** Reviewed 2021 budget. Expected revenue of \$208,540 and Expenses of \$255,233. Levy dollars would be \$29,195. Covered staffing during the closure due to Covid 19. They are all now back in the office. They serve 514 minor children. There is an increase in collections partly due to the tax intercepts for the Covid 19 relief funds.

2020 accomplishments include collecting \$978,000 through the end of July. Annual collections are usually around \$1.7 million. Worked closely with other agencies and other payment options. They now accept GovPay as an alternate payment.

Reviewed goals such as continuing the collection of revenues, looking at a new satellite office in the southern part of the county. Perhaps Drummond or Cable. Continue to collaborate with DVR, Northlakes, Criminal Justice, UW Extension.

A new vacancy for a Case Specialist. She is working with HR to get advertising out for this position.

*Fickbohm made a recommendation to move the 2021 budget as presented to the full board, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silbert. Motion carried (5-0)*

*Pocerlich made a motion to receive and place on file the 2021 Budget Worksheet document presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fickbohm. Motion carried (5-0)*

**Emergency Management-Jan Victorson:** The testing event in Cable went well and they tested 307 individuals. National Guard will continue to help until the end of the year. The Federal Gov. pays for the National Guard but after August the state will pay 25% and the feds will pay 75%. The next testing site is in Red Cliff on 8/22/20 from 11am to 7pm and is open to everyone. There are currently 30 positive cases.

Continuing her work on grants. She has three applications due at the end of the month. A new air conditioner has been installed in the Bayfield Tower; the Highway Dept. is working toward going to WISCOMM for their radios. Review of the 2021 budget. Revenues expected to be \$136,000 and Expenses of \$116,040. Capital Equipment requests include an upgrade to the Port Wing tower by

installing a combiner and then also adding another repeater to the Port Wing tower. They are each \$20,000.

*Silbert made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fickbohm to receive and place on file the revenues and expenses report as presented. Motion carried (5-0)*

Roy Hitchcock will be don after September of 2020. Currently working on the job posting for his replacement.

**Sheriff's Office:** Chief Deputy Runice introduced the two new deputies to the Sheriff's Office via a photo. They are Dain Peterson and Kellen McHale. There is no residence requirement for either of these new hires. Reviewed the promotions in the Sheriff's Office. Craig Sauld has been promoted to Patrol Lt., Tony Budreau is moving to Investigator (from road Sgt.) and Jared Jeffress and Andy Mika were both promoted to Patrol Sgts.

Construction review- expected closing date is August 31<sup>st</sup>. There are now walls in the receiving cells.

25 inmates currently housed in the jail. 1 still housed in Douglas County and 2 out on monitor. 1 of these inmates is a board from Ashland County. Currently there is no Huber release offered. She is looking at electronic monitoring for these inmates.

Reviewed the 2021 budget along with the capital equipment requests.

Fickbohm made a motion to receive and place on file the Budget Worksheet for 2021 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pocerlich. Motion carried (5-0).

**Other Committee Concerns:** None

**Future Agenda Items:** Jail Tour will remain as a future agenda item. It will be determined later when this will happen.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next meeting date is September 14, 2020 at 4:00pm in the EOC or remotely. Meeting adjourned at: 5:45 p.m.**

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 9/21/2020 @ 4:05 pm