

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee
September 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Fickbohm, 2nd by Silbert to approve the August 19, 2019 minutes. Motion carried (4-0)*

Veterans Services-Michelle Anderson: absent

EMS in Bayfield County- Jim Crandall: There is a struggle in getting volunteers for EMS. Crandall received a letter from the Town of Barnes regarding staffing, long-term sustainability and whether this service is something that the county should take on in order to ensure EMS coverage. The question -- *should we go to a county-wide EMS program?* Reviewed the potential cost impact and it would be a large amount of money for the county to take on and more than we can afford. The conclusion is that there is not enough money, possible reduction of coverage and still the lack of volunteers. Also, the Towns are required to provide these services, not the County.

Emergency Management-Jan Victorson

This month the focus is on the EM Planning Grant. It is required every year and updated annually. The document is located on the county's common drive. Looking at the ordinance for address signs and potentially increasing the fees and adding a replacement fee. September is Preparedness Month. There are several events occurring such as on 9/17 WI EM Town meeting and then on 9/19 a preparedness presentation to be held at he NGLVC.

Sheriff's Office

The jail has now filled two full-time positions and promoted one existing jailer to Cpl. to fill a vacancy when Todd Kruit left. Boarding has been down, but we did just take in 8 Sawyer County inmates.

Red Cliff tribal funds- These funds should be about the same as last year. The Sheriff has had discussions with the Chief of Red Cliff regarding assisting us with part of Amy O'Donahue's contract as the DV/SA Liaison in Bayfield County. Red Cliff is willing to help, just unsure of the dollar amount at this time.

Donations for the K-9 fund are currently at \$28,977.

There will be another walk through of the jail for contractors to bid on the proposed jail construction project. These bids will be due in early October.

Other Committee Concerns: Jail wages were discussed with Mark. Some options are being considered and will go to the Personnel Committee.

Future Agenda Items: Review of the County Address System

Next meeting date is October 21, 2019 at 4:00 pm in the EOC. Meeting adjourned at: 5:37 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 10-21-19 @ 4:05pm