

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

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

Others Present: Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice- Chief Deputy, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Kevin Johnson- Veteran's Office, Kyle Cadotte- Red Cliff Police Chief, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

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

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Strand, 2nd by Silbert to approve the August 17, 2020 minutes. Motion carried (5-0)*

Veteran's Office-Kevin Johnson: Review of 2020 budget. Expenses are at 69% and Revenue is at 180% (received a Covid 19 outreach grant for \$15,000 which wasn't budgeted). Intern hours are down since due to her receiving a fulltime job. Working on developing videos for Facebook for veterans as an outreach during these restricted times. Various topics are covered. Also increases the Veteran's office visibility. There are no funds budgeted for an intern for 2021.

Discussion of training as their office needs accreditation to be able to provide services. Kevin is unable to attend any training due to Bayfield County's no travel policy. He is looking at ways to get accredited through other means.

Discussed Veteran's Across the Pond Park. Grand opening was the 2nd weekend in September.

Kevin left the meeting at 4:17pm

Emergency Management-Jan Victorson: Covid testing site in Washburn had 226 attendees. There is another site in Iron River this Friday from 11-7pm. Held at the Community Center. Red Cliff is holding one on October 10th which is a Saturday. PPE distribution continues and Jan has a spreadsheet to track where the items go. Informed that there were 22 new cases of Covid 19 in the last 2 weeks and that it's possible we will have 10 new cases from Friday's testing in Washburn.

Bill Johnson has taken over the duties that Roy Hitchcock was performing for Emergency Management. Roy is now done.

Basic Plan discussion was tabled for the October meeting.

2020 Emergency Response guidebooks have arrived and are ready to be distributed.

Sheriff's Office: Review of the two new deputies. They are about halfway through the FTO program.

Red Cliff Agreement was discussed. Bayfield County will receive \$10,000 and Red Cliff will receive the remaining balance. Kyle Cadotte presented on behalf of Red Cliff PD and he indicated that there is a lot

of cooperative work between the two agencies and this relationship is going well. There are 6 full time officers (including Kyle). Red Cliff Agreement will be an action item for the October meeting.

Discussed the misdemeanors adopted by the County under Chapter 11. There are a few that need to be corrected. It was recommended that Corp. Counsel be contacted to discuss admin changes.

Jailer wages discussed. There are 11 jailers with 3 years' experience or less. Cpt. would like to increase the starting wage and cap their maximum wage earlier. After the discussion, it was determined that the jailer position would have to be moved up on the wage study scale. There was a discussion on where they would end up if moved and this could open other departments to wage adjustments. A suggestion was made to contact Human Resources. Kathleen, Mark and Jeremy should get together to come up with a proposition. It was then determined that a proposition should come from the members of this committee and so Jeremy, Kathleen, Kris and Dennis would meet.

Jail Construction update: not much happening currently due to waiting for Accurint Controls to finish up some work. Punch list date is set for 10/5/2020. Jail inspection is scheduled for Wednesday, 9/23/2020.

Future Talking Points/Training/Education for this committee: Tribal Historic Presentation training. Training course available that could be attended once restrictions are lifted.

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, Basic Plan , Red Cliff Agreement

Public Comment: None

Next meeting date is October 19, 2020 at 4:00pm in the EOC or remotely. Meeting adjourned at: 5:33 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 10/19/2020 @ 4:05pm