

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

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

Others Present: Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Mark Abeles-Allison-Administrator, Dan Clark -Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson- Emergency Management, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Michelle Anderson-Veteran's Office, Jen Osmak-Child Support Services, Paul Houck-IT Director, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:05 pm by Chairman Oswald

Approval of Minutes: *Motion by Pocernich, 2nd by Silbert to approve the February 17, 2020 minutes. Motion carried (4-0)*

Veterans Services-Michelle Anderson: Assistance for Needy Veterans program available for up to \$3,000. Her office has completed 3 application so far. Covers lost wages for veterans due to Covid- 19. Kevin is now back in the states and should be home in the next few weeks. His arrival is earlier than planned and work is being done on a transitional plan. Currently working on a couple of grants and business is going on as usual, just slower.

Child Support-Jen Osmak: Her office is closed, and everyone is working remotely. Reviewed 2019 budget for her office-expenses were under. Covid-19 will affect their numbers but this effect won't be seen until 2022. Child Support will be doing tax intercepts on the \$1200 stimulus funding received due to Covid-19. The Child Modernization Group is on hold right now due to Covid-19. The satellite office is up in Cable and she is working it 1 day a month. Reviewed office goals and performance measures such as collections and caseload numbers for 2014-2019.

Emergency Management-Jan Victorson: Recommended that the County's Emergency Declaration be extended. This will be updated and voted on at the May 2020 Board Meeting. There may be funding available through FEMA for this pandemic. Also, reviewing mass housing policies due to the social-distancing restrictions during this time. Discussion of providing funding to the local EMS agencies for Bayfield County. Discussed providing mini grants to the local ambulance services from the County's contingency fund. Looking at \$250-\$1,000. Pocernich recommends \$500 per agency and this will be forwarded onto the County Board for the next elected Chairperson. Discussed a proposed budget amendment for HMEP.

Motion by Pocernich to approve the resolution as written to be sent to the County Board, 2nd by Fickbohm. Motion carried (4-0).

Sheriff's Office: Update on a cold case which resulted in an arrest. Cannot provide much information at this time but will when the time comes. Review of staffing related to the Covid-19 virus. Had one jailer sent home due to a fever and a couple quarantined due to vacations. Announced the upcoming retirement of Inv. Lt. Bryan Paulsen. Brent Bratley has been promoted to fill this position. There are 4 qualified applicants for Deputy and there will be no residency requirement. Will be instituting a 24-hour coverage schedule.

Construction is moving along in the jail. The lower number of inmates in the jail is allowing the construction to move along well. Currently reviewing applications for a jailer position. We have received a \$4,000 Highway Safety Grant.

The jail tour will be pushed out a bit and will decide later when to hold the tour.

Public Comment: None

Other Committee Concerns:

Future Agenda Items: Review pay scale for jailers at next meeting

Next meeting date is May 18, 2020 at 4:00pm. Meeting adjourned at: 5:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 5/18/20 @ 4:07pm