

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**  
**Sheriff's, Emergency Government, Veterans and Child Support Committee**  
**February 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Jeremy Oswald, Jeff Silbert, Fred Strand, Dennis Pocerlich, Larry Fickbohm (4:07pm)

**Others Present:** Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice- Chief Deputy, Jan Victorson-Emergency Management, Kevin Johnson-Veterans Office, Kathleen Haiden-Jail Captain, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order at 4:02 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Silbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Strand to approve the January 18, 2021 minutes. Motion carried (4-0)*

**Veterans Office-Kevin Johnson:** Discussion regarding his deployment to Washington D.C. for the inauguration. Therefore, he missed January's meeting.

Budget for 2021 reviewed. Not much to discuss since we are in the second month of the year.

Discussion and update with regarding the Covid-19 vaccinations through the VA. They are following CDC guidelines. However, they are only available at the MVAC (closes are Minneapolis or Iron Mountain). Can enroll through his office. Veterans in Bayfield County have also been able to get them through the county's vaccine clinics. First week of March should have vaccines at the local VA clinics (Hayward, Superior, Ironwood).

Reviewed the WI Dept. of VA Grant. We receive \$8,500 through this grant. Looking at budgeting \$1,000 of this to virtual outreach.

*Kevin left the meeting at 4:20pm*

**Emergency Management-Jan Victorson:** The mitigation plan has been submitted to the City of Washburn, Bayfield and the Village of Mason for their board approval.

Updated the committee on the work being done to set up 'warming sites' during these extreme cold temperatures. Used a phone number from the EOC that was sent to Jan's cellphone. Identification of 7 places that would house someone for a few hours.

More PPE is scheduled to arrive this week.

2020 budget-Norvado didn't bill for the tower sites which were slated to come out of 2020's budget.

Currently working on the transition for Jan's replacement, Meagan Quarderer. Meagan begins her role as Director of Emergency Management as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. This give her an Jan 2 weeks to work together.

**Sheriff's Office:**

As a result of Meagan taking the Emergency Management Director's position, there is now an opening in our Dispatch Center.

Change with our K9 Deputy- David Renz, Jr. will replace the current K9 deputy, Matt Leino. Dave will be heading down to training in March. Parker will go earlier and be waiting for Renz to be trained together. There was some concern expressed about this change.

Anticipate one or two retirements this year on the patrol side.

Birkie event has been changed to a 5-day event and starts and ends in Cable. Will not require a large presence (like past years) from our agency.

Jail update- one jailer to retire in March and our lead Cook is retiring in April. Postings for hiring have been put out. 24 inmates. 22 males and 2 females. We have 2 board DOC inmates.

Jail construction is finished except for a passthrough. Could be awhile before it's completed but is not a crucial element. All cells are operational. No work release yet for inmates. Those who have jobs have been put on electronic monitor. We currently have one on electronic monitor.

**Other Committee Concerns:** None

**Future Agenda Items:** Lexipol Review, meeting in person and the jail inspection for April.

**Public Comment:** None

**Next meeting date is set for March 15, 2021 at 4:00pm in the EOC or remotely.**

*Motion by Fickbohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pocerlich to adjourn. Motion carried (5-0)*

*Meeting adjourned at: 5:08 p.m.*

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 3/15/21 @ 4:40pm