

**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors Sheriff's Emergency Government,  
Veterans and Child Support Committee**

**February 21, 2022, meeting minutes**

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

**Members Excused:** Fred Strand

**Other's Present:** Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice-Chief Deputy, Luke Kleczka-Jail Administrator, Meagan Quaderer, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office, Sjana Schanning

Meeting called to order @ 4:58 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Silbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fickbohm to approve the November 15, 2021, minutes. Motion Carried (4-0)*

**Veterans' Office-Kevin Johnson:** absent

**Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer:** The trailer quote will be present at the County Board meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Review of the proposals again and reminded committee members that it will be paid out of ARPA funds. The proposal came in a little higher than expected.

*Sherriff Susienka entered meeting at 5:06pm*

**Sheriff's office** -reviewed 2021 budget. Expenses were under budget, but revenue was also less than expected. Big decrease in prisoner board revenue.

Staffing & retention discussed- currently 3 deputies short on the patrol side. Dispatch will be short part time dispatchers due to a retirement and one leaving. Jail is down 2 fulltime positions. One of these empty positions moved to Ashland County jail and we are hoping for no one else leaves. Have heard reports that others are looking at Ashland County since they increased their starting wage by \$2. Some of our current jailers would make \$4 more an hour if they left and went to Ashland County. Ashland County also runs a 12-hour shift. We are going to try the 12-hour shift starting in March.

Discussion of creating a recruiting video for the jail. Wage discussions are still on going with the County Administrator.

Discussed the possibility of the county going to 40-hour work weeks. This will give everyone 5 more hours on their paychecks.

Academy Training contract for patrol is still in discussions.

We have received \$20,000 donation from the WCA which will be used to purchase new cameras for our squads. We also received another donation of \$20,000 for the K-9 unit.

The jail has started a competency program which provides help will they are in our jail waiting for an institution/hospital to have an open spot for them. It can take awhile to get them moved.

Will aim to have the jail tour scheduled for May.

Currently have 4 inmates out on Huber.

**Other Concerns:** None

**Public comment:** updated on the issue of pop up warnings appearing when opening Bayfield County webpages

**Future agenda items:** None

**Next meeting date is set for March 21, 2022 @5:00pm**

*Meeting adjourned at 5:45pm*

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on:

3/21/22 @ 5:05pm