

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

**March 21, 2022, meeting minutes**

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

**Members Excused:** None

**Other's Present:** Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice-Chief Deputy, Luke Kleczka-Jail Administrator, Kevin Johnson-Veteran's Office, Jen Jones-Child Support, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office, Sjana Schanning

Meeting called to order @ 5:04 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Fickbohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silbert to approve the February 21, 2022, minutes. Motion Carried (4-0)*

**Veterans' Office-Kevin Johnson:** Review of what services are offered in the Veteran's Service Office.

Healthcare Eligibility Reviewed -Not everyone is eligible

Healthcare locations-Ironwood, Rhinelander, Twin Ports or the Twin Cities.

Benefits include Disability, Education, Wisconsin Property Tax Credit (100% disabled), and Surviving Spouse Benefits.

Reviewed

- 6.25 million-Comp. & pension
- 13.5 million -total VA Expenses
- Tax credit: 76 households in Bay County

*Kevin left the meeting@5:32pm*

Child Support-Jen Jones: Summary of Performance Measures reviewed. Higher than State and higher than last year. Expenses/Revenues: have minimal expenses right now and revenue won't show until April. There is a new person hired to fill the position the Bonni Gary held. She begins on 4/11/22.

Received Certificate of Outstanding Achievement Award. Will have a tour in May of Child Support once the new board is set.

*Jen left the meeting at 5:40pm*

**Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer:** Attended the Governor's Conference, looking at School Emergency Operation Plan for all schools in

Bayfield County. Dodge County has a plan that works well and is the same operational plan for all schools, replacing computer consoles in dispatch (they are 7 years old), Alarm Systems were installed on 3 of 4 tower, and two new Wiscomm Repeaters-one in Washburn and one in Portwing.

**Sheriff's office** -discussion of the importance of recruitment due to the retirement of several deputies. Currently working on options for people who don't meet requirements. Currently two vacancies with one more at the end of April. The new deputy hired in December 2021 is now off of FTO.

Chief Deputy Runice and Deputy Kellen McHale will be doing academy visits to promote Bayfield County and find new hires.

Jail population runs around 30. Boarding is way down as other agencies are using electronic monitor.

Offered a parttime job in the jail and was accepted. If he works out, he will be hired at fulltime. The jail has now gone to 12-hour shifts.

An emphasis was placed on maintaining the number of employees there are in the Sheriff's/Jail area vs. an increase to 2080 hours per year for each employee.

**Other Concerns:** None

**Public comment:** None

**Future agenda items:** Set the jail tour date when new committee members are determined

**Next meeting date is set for April 18, 2022 @5:00pm**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:22pm*

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on:

4/18/22 @ 5:05pm