

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

**April 18, 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, Jen Jones-Child Support, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office, Sjana Schanning

Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm by Chairman Oswald

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Pocernich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fickbohm to approve the March 21, 2022, minutes. Motion Carried (5-0)*

**Child Support-Jen Jones:** Erin Tibbits started on March 31<sup>st</sup>. She came from Ashland County Child Support.

Still attending the Modernization Forum meetings. She will continue attending this for now. It is scheduled to go through 2027.

Received the Outstanding Achievement award.

Tour of Child Support Office in June or July for the committee.

*Jen left the meeting at 5:08pm*

**Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer:** EM Response trailer is scheduled to be delivered in November of this year.

There were three generator failures on the Tornado Training Day. Communications down for about 45 minutes with the Portwing Tower. No generator for Wiscomm on the Cable tower. This tower is owned by Norvado and they need to figure out a backup for this site. Found one generator that ran out of gas and that's why the failure occurred for that tower. The county owns four towers that we are responsible for providing backup: Portwing, Hillside, Maple Hill, and Bayfield towers.

We pay Norvado for local government sites on the towers owned by them.

Generators are not all the same and it is believed that they suffer from non-use. Discussion of having the same type of generator for each tower owned by the county. New ones can now test themselves.

We have alarms on Hillside, Bayfield, Portwing for over/under temperature, intrusion, and power failure.

**Sheriff's office** -There is a tentative offer of employment to go out once the board approves the Academy MOU. Ed McKillip is retiring, and his last day is the Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Updated committee on visits to academy schools by Deputy Kellen McHale and Chief Deputy Andy Runice.

Update on the arrest of two people for burglaries in our county as well as all over the State (12 counties total).

Jail update- 1 F/T vacancy right now. Discussed the challenge of mental health within the jail the challenges that come with it. There was a couple of close OD deaths in the jail. But, due to staff paying attention, these were avoided. One was sent to Duluth after being booked into the jail. The other admitted to taking drugs and an ambulance came right away. Also found some contraband in a body scan.

A new jailer started since the last meeting and there were two interviews but neither worked out.

Kurt Belanger resigned his position in the kitchen.

The Sheriff announced that he will not seek re-election for the next term.

**Other Concerns:** None

**Public comment:** None

**Future agenda items:** Set the jail tour date with new committee members

**Next meeting date is set for May 16, 2022 @5:00pm**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm*

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on: 5/16/22 @ 5:02pm