

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

June 20, 2022, meeting minutes

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

Members Excused: none

Other's Present: Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice-Chief Deputy, Luke Kleczka-Jail Administrator, Jen Jones-Child Support Office, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Deputy Dave Renz-Sheriff Office, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order @ 5:01 pm by Jeremy Oswald

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Silbert, 2nd by Pocernich to approve the May 16, 2022, minutes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Child Support Office-Jen Jones: Exceeded statewide average in all areas except for arrears. Expenses/Revenues: in line from last year. Case load is down from last year. Receive majority of revenue normally at the end of the year.

Collections are going well due to tax intercepts.

Child Support Modernization Meeting: Jen is still attending. At the end of July, she can decide if she wants to continue. Group consists of 4 county representatives, 3 state staff and IT. Around 10 members.

Jen left the meeting at 5:09pm

Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer: Discussion of putting a generator at the Wiscomm site in cable. Currently have battery backup but that only lasts 20 minutes. Norvado owns the tower, we have our equipment on it and the state maintains the equipment we have. The state will not put a generator in. Discussion of Bayfield County putting in a generator, Norvado putting in the generator or a split between the two for the purchase and installation. If we install, Bayfield County would request a moratorium on annual rental fee increases. If Norvado installs, they will add a charge to our rental bill we already pay. Received a quote from DSC of \$8,655 for just the generator will an additional \$9500 for the installation. We don't have any numbers from Norvado if they were to purchase. Will do more homework on generator quotes and will update committee members next meeting.

Discussion of Community Emergency Response Team(CERT). FEMA based with possible grant funds. This team is made up of community members (volunteers) who would receive training. Looking for county support since there are many people interested in forming a team. Needs to be sponsored by

a local government to be a recognized CERT. Consensus that it would have a benefit. Will bring additional information to the next meeting regarding this type of community team.

Meagan left the meeting at 5:50pm

Sheriff's office -Discussion of the need to replace our equipment for the jail doors and intercoms. Have one estimate from Accurate Controls which came in extremely high (around \$280,000). Not an emergency but something that will have to be done. More research into vendors and quotes will happen but wanted to inform the committee of the need to upgrade this system.

Sheriff is in discussions with Mark and the Administrator for Ashland County regarding combining dispatch centers. Early in the process but eventually the board will be involved.

Dave Renz left the meeting at 6:00pm

Meetings will be held at 4:00pm again starting with July.

Other Concerns: Discussion of COVID in the jail. Had some jailers out but they are all back to work now. No cases of inmates testing positive for COVID.

Public comment: None

Future agenda items: Hybrid squad cars

Next meeting date is set for July 18, 2022 @4pm

Committee toured the jail. Had been a couple of years since they were in the jail. Saw the new body scanner in action.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on:

7/18/22 @ 4:04pm