

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

July 18, 2022, meeting minutes

Members Present: Jeremy Oswald, Dennis Pocernich, Jeff Silbert (remote), Larry Fickbohm (4:07), John Rautio

Members Excused: none

Other's Present: Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice-Chief Deputy, Kevin Johnson-Veterans Office, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Steve Sandstrom, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order @ 4:03 pm by Jeremy Oswald

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pocernich, 2nd by Rautio to approve the June 20, 2022, minutes. Motion Carried (4-0)

Public Comment: None

Veterans Office-Kevin Johnson: Highland Memorial in honor of the Dolezal Brothers (8 served). In the Town of Eileen. This was recorded and is on the Veterans Office website.

On track with the budget for 2022.

The increase of IRS mileage is helping retain the volunteer drivers for his office. So far, they haven't lost any due to the rising gas prices.

On January 1, 2023, Michelle will be working for the Veterans Office only. Also looking at increasing the base hours from 50% to 75%. There will be grant funds to cover this increase. There will now be two separate office assistants between the Veterans Office and Emergency Management. Emergency Management will hire a 50% person for her office to assist as support for Meagan.

This increase will be added to the Veterans' budget for 2023 and then Mark will take it to the personnel committee for approval.

Kevin left the meeting at 4:25pm

Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer: Review of the EMS final report and resolution. A committee was formed to have the County work with towns/municipalities, but the responsibility still lies with those same towns/municipalities. The county is to serve as a resource/liaison. This will help motivate towns and municipalities and motivate the State level regarding volunteer EMS.

Discussion of the resolution that will be presented to the county board. It was mentioned that the County Association is also looking at supporting this concept statewide, but the resolution presented here is not going to the WCA.

Motion by Silbert, 2nd by Fickbohm that the committee offer support of Resolution 2022-75-In Support of Rural Emergency Medical Services in Bayfield County be recommended to the county board.

Discussion followed regarding the LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) being used as a way to get other agencies together to discuss issues instead of creating a new committee.

Motion to call the vote by Silbert, 2nd by Fickbohm. Motion carried (3-2)

Further discussion of who in the county would be responsible for all the responsibilities detailed in the report and resolution.

Motion by Pocernich, 2nd by Silbert to amend the prior motion to have the resolution state who has the responsibilities detailed in the resolution and that the EM Director for Bayfield County be named as the person in charge of these tasks. Motion carried (4-1).

Discussion of the CERT proposal which is not complete yet. It will be a regional resource to serve Ashland, Bayfield, and Douglas counties. There will be three focus groups: unmounted, mounted and aerial. To have a team, it needs local government sponsorship which will fall under EM. This is a resource for Law Enforcement but not managed by law enforcement. The county needs to approve because the volunteers will fall under the liability insurance of the county. There are grant opportunities for establishing teams. The Sheriff's Office and Meagan will work more closely and bring back a more detailed proposal.

Received donations and want to use these funds to purchase emergency kits to be handed out to citizens at the county fair. There will also be 2 comprehensive kits for a drawing. Any remaining funds will be put toward the entry fee for the families of those EMS members that are volunteering at the fair.

Motion by Pocernich, 2nd by Rautio to support that the donations be accepted and be used to hand out emergency kits to citizens at the faire and to have 2 comprehensive kits to be given away in a drawing. Motion carried (4-1)

Meagan was recognized by the committee for completing her Bachelors' Degree and was presented with a proclamation.

Sheriff's office – Staffing update- Brian Vecchio was hired and started his training/employment on July 5, 2022.

Negotiations between Bayfield County and the deputies' union are beginning this week. The 1950 vs. 2080 hours worked per year will be brought up and

the Sheriff wanted to reiterate that he would rather have the 'person' instead of the increasing hours.

Currently have two dispatchers in training. The Jail is losing 2 jailers to Red Cliff as they will begin their Law Enforcement training with their agency.

Chief Deputy Runice has been accepted into Command College and begins his classes in August.

Jail update- 30 inmates with about 12 boarded inmates. The captain is also looking at an electronic program to do cell checks.

Other Concerns: None

Future agenda items: None

Next meeting date is set for August 15, 2022 @4pm

Meeting adjourned at 5:36pm

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski Minutes approved on: 8/15/22 @ 4:00pm