

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

**August 15, 2022, meeting minutes**

**Members Present:** Jeremy Oswald, Dennis Pocerlich, Jeff Silbert, Larry Fickbohm (remote), John Rautio

**Members Excused:** none

**Other's Present:** Paul Susienka-Sheriff, Andy Runice-Chief Deputy, Mark Abeles-Allison-Co. Administrator (4:10pm), Luke Kleczka-Jail Captain, Jen Jones-Child Support Office, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management, Scott Galetka-Land Records, Deb Milanowski-Sheriff's Office

Meeting called to order @ 4:05 pm by Jeremy Oswald

**Approval of Minutes:** *Motion by Fickbohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Silbert to approve the July 18, 2022, minutes. Motion Carried (5-0)*

**Public Comment:** None

**Child Support Office-Jen Jones:** Review of 2023 proposed budget. Revenues budgeted for \$184,000 and expenses budgeted for \$306,000. The large expense is due to the relocation of Child Support Services to the Register of Deeds Office and includes the furniture expense for their new space. The State will reimburse 66% of the furniture cost. The construction costs will not be reimbursed.

As of July, they have served 498 juvenile children. Collection, enforcement and establishing paternity is ongoing. They have court once a month. Collections are down from the last few years.

Jen has accepted an offer to continue with the Modernization Group.

*Jen left the meeting at 4:20pm*

**Emergency Management-Meagan Quaderer:** Update on the fair that just happened over the weekend. Handed out 300 emergency kits.

September is Preparedness Month, and her office along with Ashland County and UW Extension will be hosting preparedness seminars in September.

*Motion by Silbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rautio to recommend the Bayfield County Celebrates National Preparedness Month 2022 Resolution to the county board. Motion carried (5-0)*

**Sheriff's office** - Presented a budget amendment to the committee that will add \$12,000 for the sheriff's office to purchase equipment through a state program.

We were awarded \$26,478 for the period of March 15, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

*Motion by Rautio, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pocernich to move this budget amendment on to the full county board with our recommendation. Motion carried (5-0)*

Currently looking into hiring a mutually contracted consultant with Ashland County providing \$25,000 and Bayfield County providing \$25,000 (with this committee's approval). There is a time constraint due to grant funds that have a deadline of October 25<sup>th</sup>. This grant will reimburse for the feasibility study costs if received. Discussed some downsides of combining the two dispatch centers.

*Motion by Silbert, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pocernich to go forward with the joint dispatch feasibility study.*

*Discussion prior to call for vote. Motion carried (5-0).*

*Meagan left at 5:10pm*

PSAP grant discussed. This is a mapping and 911 grant. Just a heads up that we are looking at doing this newly announced grant. Maximum award is \$500,000 with a 40% match by the county.

*Jeff left the meeting @ 5:20p*

*Motion by Pocernich, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rautio to do this grant submittal for PSAP funds. Motion carried (4-0).*

*Jeff returned to the meeting @5:30pm*

Discussed ATV use opening to all county roads. The Highway Committee would like the Sheriff's Office thoughts on this matter. There is a concern for safety if this happens, however there is no data out to count or make decisions from. There is apprehension from this group due to safety concerns with opening all county roads. Suggest that this doesn't occur, but the Highway Committee should do what they feel is right.

Drone use discussion with Scott Galetka from Land Records. Land Records is looking at purchasing a county truck for Scott to use with the drone and all it's equipment. He currently uses his personal truck. The Sheriff's Office is very supportive of the mapping/droning that land records does for their office and would support more equipment being provided to Land Records.

*Mark left the meeting @ 5:36 pm*

*Scott left the meeting @5:36 pm*

Reviewed the proposed 2023 budget. Squad cost discussion and the possibility that the Highway Department may be able to provide some vehicle maintenance. Discussed the proposed capital equipment purchases.

Jail currently has 9 boarded inmates as of today. We may be boarding more (12-16) from Sawyer Co due to construction at their facility.

Looking a purchasing a video wall in the jailer station to help assist with monitoring inmates. Still looking at the door controls and finding quotes. Senior meals program will have a meal charge increase. We are currently in a deficit. They purchased a new washing machine (under budget) and are awaiting its arrival and installation.

**Other Concerns:** None

**Future agenda items:** Clarification of who would take over for the Sheriff in case they Sheriff can no longer perform. The State governs this, but there is some ambiguity.

**Next meeting date is set for September 19, 2022 @4pm**

*Meeting adjourned at 6:11pm*

Minutes submitted by Deb Milanowski

Minutes approved on:

9/26/22 @ 4:02pm