

Minutes of the  
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting  
Of June 30, 2009 - 6:00 p.m.  
Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, Wisconsin

The monthly meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Kacvinsky at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken by Bayfield County Clerk, Scott Fibert as follows: *Kenneth Jardine-present; Harold A. Maki-present; Delores Kittleson-present; John J. Blahnik-present; William D. Kacvinsky-present; James Beeksma-present; Wayne H. Williams-absent; Marco T. Bichanich-present; Shawn W. Miller-present; James A. Crandall-present; Rondeau-present; David L. Good-preset; Thomas J. Gordon-present. Total: 13, 12 present, 1 absent, a quorum was present to conduct business. The motion carried.* Others present were: Mark Abeles-Allison, *County Administrator*; Scott S. Fibert; *County Clerk*; Dawn M. Bellile; *Deputy County Clerk*; Chris Johnson, *Veteran's Service Director*; Tim Kane, *Community Development Educator*; Amelia Lindsey, *Health Director*; Diane Fizell. Rick Olivo, *Reporter for The Daily Press.*

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

1. Motion Regarding Minutes of May 11 & 26, 2009 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meetings. The Board dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the May 11, 2009 and May 26, 2009 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meetings.

*A motion was made by Blahnik/Rondeau to adopt the minutes of the May 11, 2009 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' meeting. The motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to adopt the minutes of the May 26, 2009 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' meeting. The motion carried.*

2. Public Comment - None

3. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-24, Honoring Diane Fizell upon her Retirement from the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department Working 34½ years. Chairman Kacvinsky read the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Diane Fizell has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Sheriff's Department for 34½ years; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, honors Diane Fizell for her 34½ years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for her efforts, wishing her well in the years ahead.

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*A motion was made by Blahnik/Gordon to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-24, Honoring Diane Fizell upon her Retirement from the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department Working 34½ years. The motion carried.* Fizell was present and received a plaque from the County Board for her many years with Bayfield County.

4. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-25, Honoring Paul Lundberg upon his Retirement from the Bayfield County Forestry Department. Chairman Kacvinsky read the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Paul Lundberg has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication as Bayfield County Forest Administrator for 10 years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, honors Paul Lundberg for his 10 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for his efforts, wishing him well in the years ahead.

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*A motion was made by Good/Jardine to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-25, Honoring Paul Lundberg upon his Retirement from the Bayfield County Forestry Department. The motion carried.*

**5. Presentation of Veteran's Office Annual Report.** Chris Johnson, *Veteran's Service Officer*, gave the Board a power point presentation of his annual report. He reported that this past year, both the American Legion and VFW shut down and turned in their charters. These organizations have done so much for our communities. He explained that they asked other Vets to help organize the Memorial Day celebration, and found that there were many who were willing to help. The celebration this year had the ceremony with approximately 125 people attending and a meal afterwards that served around 75 people. This year, we tried something different, using men that had served in one force or another as the honor guard and they were thrilled to have been asked and allowed to share in the celebration. The Boy Scouts also became involved this year with grave decorations.

Through the power point presentation, Johnson touched on the subjects of the High Ground Dedication in 2009, whereby the Red Cliff Honor Guard came down for this dedication. At the Wisconsin Counties United in Service Dedication, Bayfield County's stone read: Bayfield County - "We will not forget those who served."

Johnson went over the distribution of VA expenditures and explained how the internet county website has been used for a resource for our Vets. He has been featuring a Vet to honor every month or two

The Board thanked Johnson for a very nice presentation and Johnson thanked the Board for allowing him to serve them.

*A motion was made by Rondeau/Beeksma to receive and place on file the Annual Report of the Veteran's Office. The motion carried.*

**6. Presentation of UW-Extension Annual Report "Extension Highlights."** Tim Kane, *UW-Extension Community Development Educator*, was present to go over the UW-Extension Annual Report entitled, "Extension Highlights." Kane went over the Report which topics consisted of Agricultural Education; Agricultural Community & Economic Development; Community, Economic & Business Development; Organizational Development & Environmental Education; the 4-H Pledge - Building Leadership Through Personal Experience; Building Leadership Through Personal Experience; Family Health & Nutrition; Family Education; Family Economics; Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program; and the Bayfield County Fair. A question and answer session took place regarding the 4-H and fair topics. 4-H groups seem to be pretty stable unless a group folds, which is usually due to the lack of a leader. The fair isn't actually part of the Extension office, but, is physically placed in their office. The fair has an entirely separate budget from the UW-Extension office. It was again reiterated as to how we can get Red Cliff more involved in the 4H programs. We need a key person to reach out to the youth.

*A motion was made by Rondeau/Jardine to receive and place on file the report of the UW-Extension Office "Extension Highlights." The motion carried.*

7. **Health Department Presentation.** Amelia Lindsey, *Health Director*, was asked to speak to the County Board regarding the pandemic influenza A H1N1 virus (swine flu). She reported that the virus continues to circulate widely in parts of Wisconsin and that there have been 4,251 cases in Wisconsin and that the United States itself has had 27,000 cases. The Division of Public Health continues to take this pandemic very seriously.

Wisconsin's laboratory capacity is unique. In addition to the extensive testing conducted by the State Laboratory of Hygiene and the Milwaukee Health Department Laboratory, two private labs are capable of sub-typing influenza. Lindsey passed out a document indicating in which counties the virus has been located. Lindsey stated that she believed it is in our community and that we just haven't identified with it yet.

Lindsey further reported that \$350,000 has been allocated for health preparedness. It is a one time funding. There hasn't been any guidelines set on how we can spend the money, and she is hoping it can be used for intervention in our county. The vaccine is in the early stages of development but it has been stated that there are 5 companies producing the vaccine and it will be available in 4-6 months and will be distributed in waives. We are at a level 6 because it is worldwide. This is the highest it goes.

Lindsey said her department is actively planning activities for this fall to keep the public aware of the situation as well as keeping them informed as to what symptoms are. She wants to make sure that we have enough equipment like masks, gloves, etc., and if we don't to start ordering to be on top of things. Discussed how to have immunizations clinics, how to set up, keeping people more separated and possibly by appointment, and they will need more clerical help since there is more involved than there was before.

Lindsey was asked whether or not all of her department is currently staffed and she stated that there is still a position yet to fill.

The Board thanked Lindsey for her report.

8. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-26, Identifying the Line of Succession for Proclaiming Emergency or Disaster in Bayfield County and Authorizing Emergency Reassignment of County Staff Emergency Declaration Process.** The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, several types of hazards pose a threat to the lives, property and environment in Bayfield County; and

**WHEREAS**, local elected officials (city, village, town, tribal) may request assistance from the county if special resources are required, or the response is beyond the capability of a single jurisdiction and routine mutual aid or local resources are exhausted; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County may be requested to declare a state of emergency related to emergency or disaster conditions in part or all of the county; and

**WHEREAS**, State Statutes allow for the County Health Officer to declare a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors has the authority to declare a State of Emergency within Bayfield County; and

**WHEREAS**, it may be difficult to convene a quorum of the County Board of Supervisors with promptness.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, hereby authorizes that the County Board Chairperson, County Board Vice Chairperson, the

Sheriff and the County Administrator, in this order, shall have the authority to declare a State of Emergency or disaster in all or part of Bayfield County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that temporary reassignment of employees for emergency or disaster assistance between county departments is approved under the direction of the County Administrator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the County Board shall be convened as soon as possible following any such declaration.

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*A motion was made by Good/Crandall to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-26, Identifying the Line of Succession for Proclaiming Emergency or Disaster in Bayfield County and Authorizing Emergency Reassignment of County Staff.* Abeles-Allison explained that this Resolution allows the County Board Chairperson, County Board Vice Chairperson, the Sheriff and the County Administrator to declare a state of emergency within Bayfield County until the full County Board can meet. *The motion carried.*

9. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-27, Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding through the Renewable Energy and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, The Wisconsin Office of energy independence will oversee grants to be distributed by the Renewable Energy and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

**WHEREAS**, The Act will allow for applications to be made for energy saving projects including energy efficient windows, insulation, HVAC and Solar Hot Water projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County has identified several projects that meet these criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2008 Bayfield County passed resolution 2008-59 Supporting Governor Doyle's 25 x 25 plan, declaring Bayfield County a partner with the State of Wisconsin in pursuit of those goals; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution 2008-58 authorized Bayfield County to apply for an energy planning grant with neighboring communities. Bayfield County was one of seven local communities that received funding and is currently doing Energy Independence Planning under that grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009, hereby authorizes the Bayfield County Administrator to apply for grant funds that meet the above criteria and address identified county infrastructure needs.

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*A motion was made by Rondeau/Bichanich to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2009-27, Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding through the Renewable Energy and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.* Discussion took place on what is involved and what are we going to do with money. *The motion carried.*

10. Reappointment of Jacqueline LaBelle and Richard Compton to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year Term Beginning July 1, 2009, Expiring June 20, 2012.

*A motion was made by Bichanich/Kittleson to reappoint Jacqueline LaBelle to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year Term Beginning July 1, 2009, Expiring June 20, 2012. The motion carried.*

*A motion was made by Gordon/Beeksma to reappoint Richard Compton to the Board of Adjustment for a 3-year Term Beginning July 1, 2009, Expiring June 20, 2012. The motion carried.*

The County Board took a short recess from 7:00 p.m. to 7:06 p.m.

11. *A motion was made by Rondeau/Crandall to move in and out of Executive Session pursuant to §19.85(1),(c),(e),(g), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and to allow Mary Motiff, Tourism Director be in said meeting and to place a telephone conference allowing Attorney Rich Nording to be in said meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Harold A. Maki-yes; Delores Kittleson-yes; John J. Blahnik-yes; William D. Kacvinsky-yes; James Beeksma-yes; Wayne H. Williams-absent; Marco T. Bichanich-yes; Shawn W. Miller-yes; James A. Crandall-yes; Rondeau-yes; David L. Good-yes; Thomas J. Gordon-yes. Total: 13, 12 present, 1 absent, a quorum was present to conduct business. The motion carried.*

12. *A motion was made by Crandall/Jardine to move out of Executive Session pursuant to §19.85(1),(c),(e),(g), considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; and deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; and conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; and to allow Mary Motiff, Tourism Director be in said meeting and to place a telephone conference allowing Attorney Rich Nording to be in said meeting. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Harold A. Maki-yes; Delores Kittleson-yes; John J. Blahnik-yes; William D. Kacvinsky-yes; James Beeksma-yes; Wayne H. Williams-absent; Marco T. Bichanich-yes; Shawn W. Miller-yes; James A. Crandall-yes; Rondeau-yes; David L. Good-yes; Thomas J. Gordon-yes. Total: 13, 12 present, 1 absent, a quorum was present to conduct business. The motion carried.*

13. Action on Executive Session Items:

- a) Ag Station Lease: *A motion was made by Crandall/Good to approve the Ag station Lease Agreement with AERC. The motion carried with one opposition.*
- b) Forest Administrator: *A motion was made by Bichanich/Jardine to approve the appointment of the County Administrator, to hire Jason Bodine to the position of Bayfield County Forest Administrator. The motion carried.*

14. Administrator's Report:

- a) Update on Elevator Project: *Project is going well, delivery of the elevator is expected by the end of July and project completion by mid-August. We did not pay extra for the elevator.*

- b) **Update on County Highway C Project:** The Highway Department is pushing ahead with the County Highway C. They have discussed using Co Hwy D dollars on Hwy C and finding other monies or utilizing fund balance dollars for the Co Hwy D project. DOT is not pleased with the project being off by so many dollars.
- c) **Update on Budget.** The Governor signed the State budget which includes furloughs and layoffs. The Rural Transit Authority was approved for both Ashland and Bayfield Counties which could allow up to  $\frac{1}{2}\%$  for transportation issues. This would require county board approval and a referendum. Could be used for elderly transportation or other issues. Clean Sweep monies of \$750,000 were reinstated into the budget.

The Executive Committee met and it was determined that we have an approximate \$250,000 deficit in the General Fund. Abeles-Allison will be meeting with department heads regarding furloughs for employees.

**15. Supervisors' Reports.**

- a) It was suggested by Supervisor Maki that the County not hire another forester for the Forestry Department vacancy because of the economic times. The Forestry Department is not so overloaded that they cannot put out the same number of timber. Can we get by with the people we have during this hardship? We need to look at where we can cut everywhere.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, ***a motion was made by Gordon/Crandall. The motion carried*** and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert,  
Bayfield County Clerk  
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