

Minutes of the  
**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting**  
**Of August 26, 2008 - 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 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken by Bayfield County Clerk, Scott Fibert as follows: Maki-present; Kittleson-present; Blahnik-present; Kacvinsky-present; Beeksma-present; Williams-present; Bichanich-present; Miller-present; Crandall-present; Rondeau-present; Good-present; Gordon-present; Jardine-present; Total 13: 13 present, 0 absent, a quorum was present. Others present were: County Administrator, Mark Abeles-Allison; County Clerk, Scott Fibert; Deputy County Clerk, Dawn M. Bellile; Alan Ralph, Candidate for Assemblyman for the 74<sup>th</sup> District; Elizabeth Skulan, Human Services Director; Karl Kastrosky, Zoning Administrator; and Rick Olivo, Reporter for the Daily Press.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

1. **Motion Regarding Minutes of July 29, 2008 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting.** *A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to approve the minutes of the July 29, 2008 Bayfield county Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The motion carried.*

2. **Public Comment:** No comments.

3. **Presentation by Candidate for Assembly - Alan Ralph.** Ralph thanked the Board for allowing him time to speak to them this evening. Ralph then gave a brief background on himself, where attended schools, worked, etc., and how he had moved away from the area and had recently moved back and is presently living in Drummond. He stated he is running because he feels he is a qualified candidate. He ran for this office in 1984, however, was defeated. He had served as a legislative aid in the late 1980's and became more familiar with how the government works; he has served on both the Ashland City Council and County Board along with other steering committees. He is bringing with him new ideas and hopes to bring accountability back to the local level. He has the experience he believes is necessary to hold this office, knows the issues facing people today, and believes people need a new leader and a new change. The Board thanked Ralph for his presentation.

4. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-34, Request to Amend 2008 Planning & Zoning Department Budget for Comprehensive Planning Grant Funds.** The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County applied for and has been awarded a Multi-jurisdictional Comprehensive Planning Grant;

**WHEREAS**, the FY2008 budget was developed prior to the award of this grant

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Department requests that their 2008 budget be adjusted as follows to reflect the revenue and expenditures anticipated to be received/expended through the Comprehensive Planning Grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, meeting this 26th day of August, 2008 approve the following budget amendments to reflect Comprehensive Planning Grant revenues and expenditures:

- Increase revenue account #100-26-43580-004 by \$291,000
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50210 by \$244,210
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50212 by \$500
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50290 by \$30,790
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50311 by \$200
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50315 by \$500
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50332 by \$3,000
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50313 by \$600
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50140 by \$4,000
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50340 by \$200
- Increase expense account # 100-26-56302-50348 by \$7,000

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that funds not expended in 2008 shall be carried over into FY2009.

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*A motion was made by Jardine/Miller to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-034, Request to Amend 2008 Planning & Zoning Department Budget for Comprehensive Planning Grant Funds. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-yes; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-yes; Maki-yes. Total: 13, 13 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.*

**5. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Awarding Contract to Consultant for Comprehensive Plan as Recommended by the Planning & Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Steering Committees.** Zoning Director, Karl Kastrosky was present and handed out documents for the Board to review, which they discussed together. It is hopeful that next Thursday interviews will take place among the top two candidates. The interviews will take place with the Zoning Chairman, County Board Chair and Vice-Chair, and County Administrator being present. Discussion took place regarding the qualified candidates. *A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to have the Zoning Committee Chair, Zoning Administrator, County Board Chair and Vice-Chair, and County Administrator to look over the proposals and give them the authority to award the proposal. The motion carried.*

6. **2007 Department of Human Services Annual Report.** Elizabeth Skulan, Human Services Director, was present this evening to go over the Annual Report for her Department with the Board. Skulan thanked the Board for allowing her the time to speak with them. Skulan highlighted some of the trends and good things that are happening in the Human Services Department and noted that the report is on their website. As Skulan went over the report with the Board, they interjected with comments at questions at various times. Further discussion took place on how the Department of Human Services budget and department itself, will be changing in 2009.

*A motion was made by Rondeau/Gordon to receive and place on file the Annual Report of the Department of Human Services. The motion carried.*

7. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-36, Withdrawal of 4.2 acres of County Forest Land Adjacent to County Road C.** The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS,** David and Kathy Mohr have proposed a land exchange to provide them access to their property.

**WHEREAS,** The parcel that they desire to obtain is the narrow 4.2 acre strip between the east side of their property and County Rd. C in Section 35 T50N R6W.

**WHEREAS,** In trade they will grant to Bayfield County a 6 acre strip of land from the west side of the Mohr 40 acre parcel that is adjacent to existing County Forest property.

**WHEREAS,** The timber values on the two parcels are nearly equal.

**WHEREAS,** In order to make this trade Bayfield County must withdraw the 4.2 acre parcel from County Forest Law which requires a vote of not less than two-thirds of the membership of the County Board.

**WHEREAS,** The Bayfield County Forestry Committee has recommended the withdrawal of this parcel.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, recommends the withdrawal from County Forest Law the above described County owned parcel of land to the Department of Natural Resources.

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*A motion was made by Good/Bichanich to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-36, Withdrawal of 4.2 acres of County Forest Land Adjacent to County Road C. Supervisor Good explained the nature of the Resolution and went over a map that had been passed out for the*

Board to review in conjunction with the Resolution. The Forestry Committee has reviewed and asked to proceed with the exchange. Discussion took place as to who is paying for the legal work involved and it was explained that the property owners will be responsible for the legal work and expenses involved. *The motion carried.*

**8. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-35, Request to Amend 2008 Highway Department Budget.** The Board dispensed with reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County applied for and has been awarded a Wisconsin Department of Transportation TEA Grant;

**WHEREAS**, the FY2008 budget was developed prior to the award of this grant;

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Highway Department requests that their 2008 budget be adjusted as follows to reflect the revenue and expenditures anticipated to be received/expended through the TEA Grant;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, meeting this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008 approve the following budget amendments to reflect TEA Grant revenues and expenditures:

Increase revenue account #280-71-43531 by \$135,000

Increase revenue account #710-71-46310 by \$135,000

Increase expense account #280-71-53311-50900 by \$135,000

Increase expense account #710-71-53311-50240 by \$135,000

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*A motion was made by Gordon/Blahnik to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-35, Request to Amend 2008 Highway Department Budget. Abeles-Allison explained the Resolution. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-abstained; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-yes; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-yes; Maki-yes; Kittleson-yes. Total: 13, 13 yes, 0 no. The motion carried.*

The Board recessed at 6:55 p.m. for a 5-minute break.

9. *A motion was made by Crandall/Beeksma to move into Executive Session pursuant to §19.85(1),(c) and (g) Conferring with Legal Counsel for the governmental body who is rendering written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved regarding the Railroad Right of Way Trail Issue; and discussion regarding appointment of Highway Commissioner. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-yes; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent; Maki-yes; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes. Total: 13, 12 yes, 0 no, 1 absent. The motion carried.*

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10. **Administrator's Report:**

a) **Report and Update on Acquisition of Plum Creek Land in the Town of Bayfield.** Abeles-Allison stated that he is referring this topic back to the Forestry Committee for further discussion to answer all questions that have been raised by the County Board. Supervisor Good gave a background on the document passed out (on file) which gives you the steps as to what happened in acquiring this property and distribution of funds. Budget time is once again upon us and we were told that we would be receiving the funds and we haven't. There are no other sources to go to obtain the dollars already spent. Discussion on how the Forestry Committee denied purchasing the property and yet it went to the full County Board, who were misinformed, and the Board voted to purchase the land. Discussion took place on whether the County should have become involved in this sort of issue. Over the past number of years, we have spent a substantial amount of money in purchasing land and we need to scrutinize what we are purchasing in the upcoming years. Further discussion took place on the fact that some Board members want accountability for the transactions that take place with the purchase of land in the Forestry Department.

b) **Budget Update.** Abeles-Allison reported that Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> is the due date for department heads to turn in their respective budgets. The Executive Committee will have its first budget meeting on Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in the EOC, with other meetings following on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and 25<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. in the County Board Room. Notices will go out to all County Board members.

Valuations for Bayfield County as a whole were looked at, and it is a far cry from what valuation used to be. Abeles-Allison further went over the values and stated that the 2009 budget is going to be a challenge.

c) **Update on National Forest Road Closures.** A copy of a letter dated August 18, 2008 from Mary Motiff, Tourism Director, was given to the Board for their review. The letter

went on record stating that the Bayfield County Tourism & Recreation Committee Supports Alternative 1 of the CNNR Travel Management Project. (A copy of the letter is on file).

**d) Wisconsin Counties Association Conference.** If anyone would like to go that hasn't yet signed up, please do so at your earliest convenience.

**11. Supervisors' Reports:**

**a)** It was reported that Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup> was "Bob Janigo Day" at the Fair. There will be a resolution forthcoming for action by the County Board. Thank you to everyone for a good fair.

There being no further business, *a motion was made by Gordon/Jardine to adjourn. The motion carried,* and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert,  
Bayfield County Clerk  
SSF/dmb