

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
4:00 PM, November 13, 2007
Emergency Operations Center, Washburn, WI**

Members Present: Dee Kittleson-Vice Chairman, Kenneth Jardine, Brett Rondeau-Chairman, John Blahnik, Bill Kacvinsky

Members Excused: Thomas Gordon

Others Present: Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator; Scott Galetka-Land Records Administrator; Kris Kavajecz-Confidential Secretary

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Chairman Rondeau.

Minutes of October 11, 2007: *Motion Blahnik, Kacvinsky to approve minutes of the October 11, 2007 Executive Committee meeting. Motion Carried.*

Land Records Department Update: Scott Galetka provided an update of current and upcoming activities in the Land Records Department. Plat book information will be sent to the printer in January. One major project is to combine the parcel data of the platbook and tax parcel databases into one. This should present a cost savings of about \$20,000 annually. The wireless 911 grant is providing funding for the 911 addressing project. This will require field work to verify addresses that are unclear. This is a busy time for the tax deed and property lister.

Review of Act 420 Agreement: Abeles-Allison reviewed a copy of an agreement with the Vaughn Library for a phase in of the Act 420 payments. The committee discussed various options to address this issue in the future.

Motion Blahnik, Jardine to add a statement at the bottom of the agreement that it was approved by the Executive Committee. Motion Carried.

Northern Lights Bonding Change Orders: Bids for bonds came in at 4.04% for 20 years. This was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million dollars less than estimated.

Motion Jardine, Kittleson to designate Abeles-Allison and Blahnik to approve change orders not to exceed \$10,000 each related to the N Lights project. Motion carried.

Annex Roofing Project Update: The annex roof project will be re-bid in the spring of 2008. The committee discussed the solar water heater included in the 2008 budget. Discussion was whether to expand the heating capacity of the water heater, or to only utilize it for the jail kitchen and showers.

Reports:

Financial report from the Treasurer's Office was reviewed.

GHT Health Insurance Rates have been received verbally from the trust. The county currently has 3 plans, but received one aggregated rate from GHT. The rate is very favorable, but there is concern with having one rate for 3 different plans.

NACo Rx Prescription program continues to be utilized and shows an average 22% savings per prescription.

Northern Lights Bonding update will be provided at the county board meeting.

Courtroom Project expenditures to date were reviewed. Handout provided with the packet.

Regional Revolving Loan Fund recently made a façade loan to a Bayfield County business. Continues to make loans to new businesses.

Final budget 2008 books are in county board member mailboxes. Books to be distributed to libraries this week.

Tribal taxation issue was discussed briefly. This topic will be discussed frequently during the coming months and years as various effects of the determination emerge.

Trail Update: The appeal was heard at the federal level last week. Each side has 10 days to provide a brief. A ruling should be received by the end of December. Pat Thornton and Rich Nordeng contacted county officials with their impressions of the hearing.

Motion Kacvinsky, Blahnik to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.