

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
4:00 PM, September 15, 2008 County Board Room, Washburn, WI**

Members Present: Kenneth Jardine, Brett Rondeau, David Good, Marco Bichanich

Members Excused: Bill Kacvinsky, Dee Kittleson

Others Present: Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator; Kris Kavajecz-Confidential Secretary, Tom Gordon, John Blahnik, Denise Kontny, Elizabeth Skulan, Keith Larson, Susan Butterfield, Darrell Pendergrass

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

2009 Draft Budget: Abeles-Allison reviewed the summarized the draft budget. Elizabeth Skulan, Human Services Director provided an overview of the Human Services budget, which reflects a zero levy increase in 2009. Discussion was held regarding the impact of implementation of the Long Term Care program by the state. Skulan explained that although Bayfield County will not be providing the direct service, the county will be contributing the funding to the state to carry out the program. The funding from the county to the state decreases each year and then levels off in year 5. The impact of this change is that Bayfield County will have less ability to leverage dollars in the future. Brief discussion was held regarding accessibility issues for the ADRC. Board members are invited to an accessibility tour prior to the County Board meeting at 3:30 on September 30th.

Darrell Pendergrass with the Washburn Library represented all Bayfield County libraries and provided a handout of their funding request. The handout included a breakdown of circulation by library and cost per check-out. Lengthy discussion was held regarding funding of out of county libraries. The libraries' request were funded in the proposed budget at 100%.

Keith Larson and Susan Butterfield provided an overview of the highway budgets. Susan explained the difference between the 280 and 710 funds. The 280 fund pays county trunk maintenance, where the 710 pays state, town, city, and village expenses, and includes depreciation of equipment. The 710 fund bills the 280 fund. Normally, fund balance has been used to pay for projects and equipment. Fund balance has been reduced from over 3 million in 2005 to about \$750,000 currently. The budget reflects minimal county trunk work, with no major paving projects funded by the county. Larson reviewed the list of equipment to be purchased in 2009 and projects planned, including upgrades to highway garages.

Brief discussion was held regarding the library funding levels, Ashland Airport, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, and Bayfield County Economic Development contributions budgeted.

Brief discussion was held regarding whether other creative ideas were considered in budgeting such as going to a 4-day work week in any departments.

Consensus of the committee was to change the meeting on September 24th to 2:00 instead of 4:00.

Motion Jardine, Bichanich to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.