

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
2:00 PM, September 24, 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, James Crandall, Scott Fibert-County Clerk, Paul Susienka-Chief Deputy, James Beeksmma.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 pm by Rondeau.

2009 Draft Budget Discussion: Paul Susienka, Chief Deputy of the Sheriff Department provided an overview of the proposed Sheriff, Jail and Communications budgets. Mission statement of the department as well as the 2009 goals were reviewed. In addition, Capital Expenditures, Squad Fleet and fund balances were reviewed. It was suggested to make adjustments to the Squad Fleet depreciation schedule in an effort to reduce the fund balance in the squad fleet fund.

Brief discussion regarding General Transportation Aid notification received from the Department of Transportation.

Motion Good, Bichanich to increase the General Transportation Aid amount in the Highway Department to reflect \$651,505. Motion Carried.

Committee members were asked if there were specific budget items to be reviewed/considered.

Discussion regarding vehicle for Land Conservation Department. Abeles-Allison explained how this request would be accommodated. No new vehicle purchase necessary at this time requiring any budget adjustment.

Land Conservation Committee approved support for financial assistance for Conservation Congress Delegates from Bayfield County in the amount of \$1800. It was also noted that a grant employee will be contracted for the CREP program.

Discussion regarding pending retirement of the Forestry Administrator in 2009. Discuss reduction in the Department Head line item in this department to reflect the retirement.

Discussed Capital Improvement allocations for the Fairgrounds. Abeles-Allison explained that \$25,000 was allocated in the budget with the intent that the fair committee determine how they would prioritize projects to utilize this funding.

Abeles-Allison explained that there is \$4500 in the library budget allocation for the Red Cliff Library. The library has been de-certified temporarily, however, the funding has been kept in the budget.

The proposed budget does not include funding for the Birkie or for ITBEC. Visitor Center funding was kept at the \$10,000 level.

Revenue in the Treasurer's office was reviewed. Concern over interest earnings was discussed.

Motion Good, Bichanich to make the following adjustments to the proposed 2009 budget:
Reduce Forestry Administrator full time line by \$7750; Increase Fair temporary help line item by \$2700; increase Land Conservation budget by \$1850 for Conservation Congress Delegates;
Increase Tourism Budget by \$3000 for Birkie. Motion Carried.

Motion Jardine, Bichanich to authorize publication of the budget and forward revised budget to the Full County Board for Public Hearing and Approval. Motion Carried.

The September 25, 2008 Executive meeting will be cancelled.

Motion Jardine, Bichanich to adjourn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm.