

Minutes of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
Of January 29, 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: Williams-present; Bichanich-present; Miller-present; Crandall-absent; Rondeau-absent; Good-present; Gordon-present; Jardine-present; Maki-present; Kittleson-present; Blahnik-present; Kacvinsky-present; Beeksma-present; Total 13: 11 present, 2 absent. Others present were: County Administrator, Mark Abeles-Allison; County Clerk, Scott Fibert; Deputy County Clerk, Dawn M. Bellile; Scott Galetka, Land Records Director; Butch Lobermeier, County Conservationist; Stefania Stralkowska, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, and Rick Olivo, Reporter for the Daily Press.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

1. **Motion to Approve Minutes of the December 18, 2007 County Board of Supervisors' Meetings.** *A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to approve the December 18, 2007 Minutes of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' meeting.* There were two corrections: the motion to move into Executive Session, Compton's name is listed, should be Crandall; and in the Supervisor's Reports, item (b), should read World Class Mfg. *The motion carried.*

2. **Public Comment.** There was no public attendance.

3. **Appointment of Marcia Wellnitz to the Northern Waters Library Board.** *A motion was made by Jardine/Beeksma to appoint Marcia Wellnitz to the Northern Waters Library Board. The motion carried.*

4. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Agricultural Station Easement.** Abeles-Allison reported to the Board that the two county Ag Station Committee met giving approval for a permanent easement to Gregg Martinsen for accessing his property to construct a new home. The property is located on the north side of Highway 2 between Sports Hollow and the Ag Station property. Martinsen has agreed to pay the necessary preparation costs in addition to providing Bayfield County with a reciprocal easement as appropriate. It was reported that permanent easements are only granted by the County Board or Land Sales Committee. Discussion took place and *a motion was made by Jardine/Good to approve the easement with Martinsen with Martinsen paying all legal fees; for him to provide a certified survey map, and to build and maintain the access road.* Further discussion took place. *The motion carried.*

5. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Permission to Access Bayfield County Land for the 2008 Cable Area Off Road Classic Mountain Bike Race.** Abeles-Allison reported that this request is for permission to use properties owned by Bayfield County for the Mountain Bike Race. *A motion was made by Good/Jardine to approve the use of County land for the mountain bike race. The motion carried.*

6. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-01, Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Protecting the Iron River-Delta Area Lakes through Education, Prevention, Containment and Planning. Stralkowska was present to explain this Resolution to the Board. She explained that this resolution allows the County Conservationist to submit an application for a grant in the amount of \$5,000 with the County's contribution that of approximately \$8,000 for a total project cost of approximately \$12,000. Both the Tourism and Executive Committees have discussed this and support continued funding and applications for the boat inspections around the Twin Bear and Delta Lakes. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

**Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Protecting the Iron River-Delta Area Lakes
through Education, Prevention, Containment and Planning**

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is deeply committed to provide high quality and safe recreational opportunities and to preserve the natural beauties and ecosystems of the county, and;

WHEREAS, the Iron River/Delta area lakes are extremely important water resources used extensively by the public, and the main access to many of these lakes are via the Twin Bear and Delta Lakes county park landings, and Twin Bear and Hart Lakes of the Pike Chain of Lakes have persistent Eurasian Water-milfoil beds, and;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes the need to prevent additional infestations in Iron River area lakes, contain the present Eurasian Water-milfoil infestation to the Pike Chain of Lakes, and to continue education and planning efforts in addressing aquatic invasive species issues in the area, and;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has and will again fund watercraft monitoring at the Twin Bear and Delta County Parks' landings, presently supports a county-wide Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, and will soon adopt a county-wide AIS Strategic Plan, and;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the aquatic invasive species control project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of January, 2008, does hereby requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program," and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the County Conservationist to act on behalf of Bayfield County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes; sign documents; take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved AIS control grant; and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of the project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bayfield County will meet the obligations of the project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under this grant including prompt payment of our cost share commitment to project cost.

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A motion was made by Blahnik/Good to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-01, Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Protecting the Iron River-Delta Area Lakes through Education, Prevention, Containment and Planning. Discussion. The motion carried.

7. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-02, Strengthening the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. Butch Lobermeier, County Conservationist, was present to explain this resolution to the Board. He stated that the Land Conservation Committee approved its contents in December of 2007. The resolution urges support of the Compact which will help protect the Great Lakes waters. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

Strengthening the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact

WHEREAS, the waters of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Basin are important public natural resources shared and held in trust by the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence States and Provinces;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the world's largest source of freshwater and are essential to the economic health and quality of life of Great Lakes Basin communities, citizens, and businesses;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin provide fresh drinking water; support countless family, commercial, tourism, and cultural activities for basin residents and visitors; drive economic development and improve the economic value of shoreline communities; support critical wildlife habitat and aquatic and coastal ecosystems; and support agricultural and industrial activities;

WHEREAS, despite their size, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Basin are vulnerable because they are finite and are at risk of depletion and degradation with only one percent of the water in the Great Lakes being recharged each year;

WHEREAS, future diversions and consumptive uses of the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Basin water resources have the potential to significantly impact the environment, economy, and welfare of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence region;

WHEREAS, Wisconsinites and citizens of the Great Lakes States have the right to manage the Great Lakes, and the duty to protect, conserve, restore, and improve the Great Lakes for the use, benefit, and enjoyment for ourselves and future generations;

WHEREAS, the most effective means of protecting, conserving, restoring, improving, and managing the Great Lakes Basin Waters is through the pursuit of strong, unified and cooperative principles, whereby Wisconsin sets a forward thinking example for other Great Lakes States with strong policies, enacted and adhered to by all Wisconsinites;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact ("Great Lakes Compact") is an appropriate and necessary venue to establish strong policies to protect the Great Lakes;

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Compact should be strengthened to become The Strong Compact for a Strong Wisconsin through implementing language that includes the following:

- Clarification of the bottled water exemption to safeguard against unlimited and unregulated diversions one bottle at a time.
- Required environmentally responsible return of all diverted waters.
- Includes stronger, measurable and meaningful water conservation requirements and practices.
- Requires higher standards for in-basin users.
- Sets environmentally responsible standards for return flow.
- Sets permit and monitoring standards for large water users within the Great Lakes Basin.
- Maintains the integrity of the Great Lakes watershed by establishing fixed community boundaries.
- Assures an open, public approval process for diversion requests.
- Maximizes public participation and expands public enforcement options.

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact is not binding until ratified by each of the Great Lakes state legislatures and is approved by the U.S. Congress.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the citizens of Bayfield County call upon the Governor and the legislators of Wisconsin to quickly ratify the Great Lakes Compact and pass strong implementing legislation using the ten points above, so that it will help protect Wisconsin's Great Lakes and may allow the Great Lakes Compact to become enforceable law in the great Lakes States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Wisconsin Governor James Doyle, State Senator Robert Jauch, and Assemblyman Gary Sherman.

Adopted this 29th day of January, 2008 By a vote of () in favor () against () abstain

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A motion was made by Gordon/Bichanich to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-02, Strengthening the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact. A brief discussion on the resolution noting that the Ashland County Board adopted the resolution. The motion carried.

8. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-03, Application for Lake Management Planning.**

Lobermeier also explained this resolution which we need passed in order to apply for the grant. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

Application for a Lake Management Planning Grant by the County Conservationist

WHEREAS Bayfield County lakes are important resources used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS public education will lead to better understanding and will promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity and public welfare; and

WHEREAS we recognize the need for written guidance to better manage the lake, its watershed, and its use; and

WHEREAS we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the planning project

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors requests the funds and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Lake Management Planning Grant Program" and hereby authorizes, Robert Lobermeier, to act on behalf of the Bayfield County and the Land and Water Conservation Department to: submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for lake planning purposes; sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved planning grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bayfield County will meet the obligations of the planning project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under this grant including the prompt payment of our 25% to lake planning project costs.

We understand the importance of a continuing management program for Bayfield County Lakes and intend to proceed on that course.

Adopted this day of January, 2008 By a vote of () in favor, () against, () abstain.

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A motion was made by Jardine/Good to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-03 Application for a Lake Management Planning Grant by the County Conservationist. The motion carried with two oppositions.

9. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-04, Request to Amend 2008 Land Records Department Budget.** Scott Galetka, Land Conservation Director was present to discuss this resolution

with the Board. He stated that the amendments were regarding the wireless 911 project. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

Request to Amend 2008 Land Records Department Budget

WHEREAS, Emergency Management has been awarded a Wireless 911 grant; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management has contracted with the Bayfield County Land Records Department to acquire address information for the Wireless 911 project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of January, 2008 amends the Land Records budget revenue account #100-13-47410 by \$136,000 and the 2008 expense account #100-13-51741 by \$136,000.

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A motion was made by Blahnik/Kittleson to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-04, Request to Amend 2008 Land Records Department Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Bichanich-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-absent; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-yes; Maki-yes; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-yes; Williams-yes. Total: 13, 11 yes, 0 No, 2 absent. The motion carried.

10. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-05, Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Implementation of a Publicly Utilized Web-Based Reporting System for Aquatic Invasive Species. Strzalkowska explained that this resolution is a requirement for Bayfield County to apply for this grant and is part of the overall aquatic invasive species plan. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Implementation of a Publicly Utilized Web-Based Reporting System for Aquatic Invasive Species

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is deeply committed to provide high quality and safe recreational opportunities and to preserve the natural beauties and ecosystems of the county, and

WHEREAS, Bayfield County recognizes the need to be proactive when addressing AIS issues and support efforts to education and empower the public to assist in the prevention and management of AIS; and

WHEREAS, the public can greatly assist natural resource agencies with the management of AIS if there is a simple and accessible reporting method to report new populations of AIS;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County AIS Strategic Plan includes an activity to: "Coordinate with Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area (NCWMA) and WDNR in developing and/or implementing established reporting procedures." and;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the aquatic invasive species control project.

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HEREBY AUTHORIZES the County Conservationist to act on behalf of Bayfield County to submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes; sign documents; take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved AIS control grant; and submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of the project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Bayfield County will meet the obligations of the project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations under this grant including prompt payment of our cost share commitment to project cost.

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A motion was made by Good/Bichanich to approve Bayfield County Resolution 2008-05, Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Implementation of a Publicly Utilized Web-Based Reporting System for Aquatic Invasive Species. The motion carried.

11. Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding Amendments to Section 13-1-21, 22, 24, 61 and 62 of the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance. The Board dispensed with the reading of the report, which reads as follows:

REPORT OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

TO: The County Board of Supervisors of Bayfield County on the hearing of petitions to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, having held a public hearing pursuant to Section 59.69(5)(e), Wisconsin Statutes; notice thereof having been given as provided by law; and having been duly informed of the facts pertinent to the following changes; hereby recommends the following action on said petition:

1. Section 13-1-21(e)(1)y is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):

y. Zoning Petition District Change \$ 225.00

Number of Separately Owned Lots and
Commonly Owned but Not Contiguous
Lots Included in Proposed Change

<u>1</u>	\$ 225.00
<u>2 - 5</u>	\$ 325.00
<u>6 - 10</u>	\$ 500.00
<u>11 - 20</u>	\$ 1,050.00
<u>21 - 30</u>	\$ 1,500.00
<u>31 - 45</u>	\$ 2,250.00
<u>46 - 60</u>	\$ 3,050.00
<u>More than 60</u>	\$ 5,050.00

2. Section 13-1-22(a)(2)c is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):

Mitigation. A property owner shall comply with the mitigation requirements of ~~Section 13-1-40(e)~~ 13-1-40(c)(5) in order to qualify to qualify for the setback reductions of this section.

3. Section 13-1-22(k) is created to read as follows:

(k) **Boundary Line Determinations.**

(1) Prior to the placement or construction of a structure within ten (10) feet of the minimum required setback, the boundary line from which the setback must be measured must be visible from one previously surveyed corner to the other previously surveyed corner or marked by a licensed surveyor at the owner's expense.

(2) Prior to the placement or construction of a structure more than ten (10) feet but less than thirty (30) feet from the minimum required setback, the boundary line from which the setback must be measured must be visible from one previously surveyed corner to the other previously surveyed corner, or verifiable by the Department by use of a corrected compass from a known corner within 500 feet of the proposed site of the structure, or must be marked by a licensed surveyor at the owner's expense.

4. Section 13-1-24(c) (introductory paragraph) is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):

Filling. A Class B Special Use Permit shall be required for the filling ~~in of Five Hundred (500) square feet or more~~ of any wetland. In addition, a permit ~~may~~ shall be required from the

Department of Natural Resources under Ch. 30, Wis. Stats., or from any other state agency having jurisdiction:

- 5. Section 13-1-62(b) is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):
 - (b) A lot created by the subdivision of a parcel of land in an F-1 zoning district into three (3) or more lots of less than ten (10) acres each within a five (5) year period, regardless of any change(s) in ownership during such period, may not be improved with a single family dwelling or duplex ~~only if~~ unless the subdivision has been approved as Conservation Subdivision meeting the requirements of Section 13-1-29A. ~~A lot created by the subdivision of a parcel of land in an F-1 zoning district into four (4) or more lots of less than ten (10) acres each within a five (5) year period, regardless of any change(s) in ownership during such period may not be improved with a single family dwelling or duplex.~~ [Note: Under Section 13-1-29A(b)(9) a Conservation Subdivision in an F-1 zoning district may not be developed with more than 3 units.]

- 6. Section 13-1-61(b) is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):
 - (b) **Principal Building.** A ~~special land~~ conditional use permit shall be required for more than one (1) principal building on a parcel of land, unless that parcel could be divided under the terms of the Bayfield County Subdivision Control Ordinance with each building located on a resulting lot and meeting applicable setback requirements. No more than one principal building may be located on a substandard lot.

Date: January 17, 2008

BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

James Beeksma, Harold Maki, Kenneth Jardine, Shawn Miller, Brett Rondeau

A motion was made by Jardine/Beeksma to receive and place on file the Report of the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee Regarding Amendments to Section 13-1-21, 22, 24, 61 and 62 of the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance. The motion carried.

12. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2008-01, Regarding Amendments to Section 13-1-21, 22, 24, 61 and 62 of the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Ordinance, which reads as follows:

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:

That the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance, adopted June 1, 1976, be and the same, is hereby amended as follows:

- 1. Section 13-1-21(e)(1)y is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):
 - y. Zoning Petition District Change ~~\$~~ 225.00

Number of Separately Owned Lots and
Commonly Owned but Not Contiguous
Lots Included in Proposed Change

<u>1</u>	<u>\$ 225.00</u>
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Mitigation. A property owner shall comply with the mitigation requirements of ~~Section 13-1-40(e)~~ 13-1-40(c)(5) in order to qualify to qualify for the setback reductions of this section.

3. Section 13-1-22(k) is created to read as follows:

(k) **Boundary Line Determinations.**

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- (2) Prior to the placement or construction of a structure more than ten (10) feet but less than thirty (30) feet from the minimum required setback, the boundary line from which the setback must be measured must be visible from one previously surveyed corner to the other previously surveyed corner, or verifiable by the Department by use of a corrected compass from a known corner within 500 feet of the proposed site of the structure, or must be marked by a licensed surveyor at the owner's expense.

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5. Section 13-1-62(b) is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):

(b) A lot created by the subdivision of a parcel of land in an F-1 zoning district into three (3) or more lots of less than ten (10) acres each within a five (5) year period, regardless of any change(s) in ownership during such period, may not be improved with a single family dwelling or duplex ~~only if~~ unless the subdivision has been approved as Conservation Subdivision meeting the requirements of Section 13-1-29A. ~~A lot created by the subdivision of a parcel of land in an F-1 zoning district into four (4) or more lots of less than ten (10) acres each within a five (5) year period, regardless of any change(s) in ownership during such period may not be improved with a single family dwelling or duplex.~~ [Note: Under Section 13-1-29A(b)(9) a Conservation Subdivision in an F-1 zoning district may not be developed with more than 3 units.]

6. Section ~~13-1-61(b)~~ 13-1-33 is amended as follows (deleted text lined through; new text underlined):

~~(b) **Principal Building.** A special land conditional use permit shall be required for more than one (1) principal building on a parcel of land, unless that parcel could be divided under the terms of the Bayfield County Subdivision Control Ordinance with each building located on a resulting lot and meeting applicable setback requirements. No more than one principal building may be located on a substandard lot.~~

A ~~Class B~~ special land conditional use permit shall be required for more than one (1) principal building on a parcel of land, unless that parcel could be divided under the terms of the Bayfield County Subdivision Control Ordinance with each building located on a resulting lot and meeting applicable setback requirements. No more than one principal building may be located on a substandard lot.

- *An error was made when the amendments were drafted and approved by Zoning Committee. The wrong section and language were used. The yellow highlighting is the correct section and language, which needs to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.*

Dated: January 29, 2008

By Action of the
BAYFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Attested to by:
Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk

A motion was made by Jardine/Beeksma to adopt Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2008-01, Regarding Amendments to Section 13-1-21, 22, 24, 61 and 62 of the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance. Discussion took place. The motion carried.

13. Discussion and Possible Action to Change February County Board Meeting Date due to Conflict with Superior Days. The Board discussed amongst themselves different days in which to hold the February meeting. *A motion was made by Gordon/Beeksma to cancel the February 26th*

meeting and move it March 11th at 6:00 p.m. Further discussion took place and it was suggested that there not be a regular meeting in March since the statutory meeting in April follows approximately 1 month from the March 11th meeting. *The motion carried.* County Clerk Fibert reminded the Board that the April 15th meeting will be at 9:00 a.m. with swearing in by Judge Anderson.

14. **Administrator's Report:**

a) **Report on Highway 2 & 13 Meeting** - Supervisor Beeksma updated Board. He stated that the Bayfield County and Ashland County Highway Committees met with the DOT, and tried to make a point that we are not happy with how the DOT seems to be pushing the round-about for our area. The DOT assured both highway committees that this is not a cut and dried deal and that there will be a comprehensive study on the lights and the round-about. It did not look like, however, that there was a by-pass in the future for our area. The DOT couldn't warrant the cost of the by-pass, but, both the Bayfield County and Ashland County Highway Committees didn't agree with the costs that they are proposing for any of the projects. He went on to state that it was a very good meeting, and that he feels better now than he did before. If the local community opposes a design of there's, they will not pursue it, even the DOT does favor the round-about. The DOT stated that the design studies will be on both the traffic lights and the round-about because they feel they will be required anyway. Further discussion took place on the cost of the traffic lights and the fact that the traffic, regardless of what type of design they use, the traffic needs to be slowed down. Further discussion took place on the round-about located in Chippewa falls. The highway committees were instructed to go see these as they are the ones that the DOT approved of. The one built in Rice Lake was built by the City of Rice Lake and not done to DOT specifications. The DOT also said that we shouldn't worry about lobbying for the 4-lane highway because it won't be happening. The round- about is being pushed by the DOT because they will be getting federal dollars to help in the construction which will not affect their budget. Regardless, there will be either 2 or 3 public meetings before anything is decided. Further discussion took place on having a plan to go directly to the federal government in pursuing the overpass.

b) **Superior Days** - Abeles-Allison reported that they will be in Madison, Feb. 25, 26 & 27th. He reported that there will be 5 different avenues brought up for discussion and elaborated on the topics; Dept. of Corrections; Transportation, where issue of Hwy 2 & 13 will be brought up; Veterans Affairs; Health & Family Services; and Tourism.

c) **Courthouse Elevator** - Abeles-Allison reported that a meeting was held last Thursday evening discussing potential construction issues. It will be approximately 6 weeks before we have any kind of a draft for us to consider. Discussion took place on the elevator in relationship to the ADRC offices. We have a lot of unanswered questions. We need to look at the ADRC Office first, then look at the elevator situation. The idea of putting in another regular elevator where the lift elevator is presently located was brought up. We need to explore this further. How many elderly are we actually talking about coming in to the Human Services office. Further discussion took place.

d) **Legislative Conference** - Kacvinsky, Abeles-Allison and Blahnik will be attending the WCA conference on Tues. & Wed., February 4th & 5th in Madison. If you have anything you would like to have them share, please let them know.

e) **Election** – County Clerk Fibert updated the board on what is on the ballot for the February Presidential Preference election. He noted that there are 3 primaries, one for the City of Washburn, School District of South Shore and the City of Bayfield. He stressed to remember that you cannot cross over on presidential preference ballot.

15. **Supervisors' Reports.** Supervisor Blahnik brought up the fact that presently, our economy is bad, and brought up the topic of freezing taxes for food for thought. He thought perhaps we should consider a freeze on taxes for citizens 65 and older. He realized that the governor has the power to enact such an act, but questioned as to whether the county has this kind of authority as well. We could save the elderly dollars by freezing their taxes in order to help them out a bit.

Supervisor Gordon reported on World Class stating there are 28 jobs, the building is almost completed and they will be ready to move in soon. He further stated that perhaps we should be giving Bayfield County Economic Development a second look in supporting their endeavors. He stated that there is a pellet plant starting up in the Ino area which has been under the direct supervision of Bayfield County Economic Development. He commented that there have been differences between Northwest Regional Planning and Bayfield County Economic Development. We all need to work together and perhaps if a meeting was planned to sit down together a mutual understanding could be accomplished for the betterment of Bayfield County.

It was also reported that the Rural Health Clinic (TLC) is open in Iron River. The facility will serve anyone regardless of where you live or your income. Their hours are Monday thru Friday, 9-5.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, ***a motion was made by Beeksma/Williams to adjourn. The motion carried*** and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert,
Bayfield County Clerk
SSF/dmb