

Minutes of the  
**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting**  
**Of May 15, 2008 - 4:00 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 4:05 p.m. Roll call was taken by Bayfield County Clerk, Scott Fibert as follows: Jardine-absent; Maki-absent; Kittleson-present; Blahnik-present; Kacvinsky-present; Beeksma-absent; Williams-present; Bichanich-present; Miller-absent; Crandall-present; Rondeau-absent; Good-present; Gordon-present. Total 13: 8 present, 5 absent. Others present were: County Administrator, Mark Abeles-Allison; County Clerk, Scott Fibert; Deputy County Clerk, Dawn M. Bellile; Kathryn Miller, UW-Extension Family Living Agent; Tim Kane, Community Resource Agent; Attorney Rich Levine; James Fennessey and other Bayfield County citizens.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

1. **Motion Regarding Minutes of April 15, 2008 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting.** *A motion was made by Blahnik/Bichanich to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2008 Bayfield county Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The motion carried.*

2. **Public Comment:** Chairman Kacvinsky asked 3 times if anyone from the public wished to comment. Rich Levine from Spears & Carlson stated that he is the attorney of record regarding a rezone petition on the agenda for James and Mary Fennessey. He wanted the Board to know that he was here and available for any questions or comments the Board may have.

3. **Power Point 'Prepare to Care" presented by Kathryn Miller, UW-Extension Family Living Agent.** Miller thanked the Board for allowing her the time to bring this information to them. Miller gave each Board member a packet of information regarding the "Prepare to Care" presentation. Why is this being done she asked everyone? To raise awareness of concerns and costs for caregivers in the workplace and employers supporting employees who care for family members. She stated to the Board that the information in the packet is very informational and this pilot program is conjunction with 3 other states. Discussion took place about care giving benefits offered through the County, pretaxed spending, information, flex time, all which are called "silent issues at work." A survey was sent out earlier this year to all Bayfield County employees to fill out. One of the major concerns was that employees will not tell their supervisors that they are caregivers, as they will sometimes be overlooked for promotions, etc. and because they do not want to necessarily share with employers what is going on in their personal lives. Discussion took place among the board members and Kathy. Abeles-Allison told Miller that this would be an excellent topic to follow up with labor management group. The Board thanked Miller for coming to the meeting.

4. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-15, Supporting NACO's Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE)**. Abeles-Allison explained the purpose of this resolution in the absence of Elizabeth Skulan. Childhood sexual abuse is a major issue and through this we are trying to bring more awareness and prevent future issues. Human Services has adopted this as a focus area, stating that we agree with the cause and want to keep this issue before the public and Human Services will be working on press releases to raise awareness locally. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

**Supporting NACO's Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE)**

**WHEREAS**, there is a growing epidemic of children being sexually exploited across our nation;

**WHEREAS**, Statistics show that hundreds of thousands of children have been lured into prostitution all over the country;

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County values its youth and all that they represent for the future of our County, State, and Nation;

**WHEREAS**, Bayfield County has an interest and an obligation to protect local youth from harm;

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Counties has partnered with the National Center for Missing and Exploited children (NCMEC) to launch the Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE);

**WHEREAS**, the campaign calls for a commitment from all counties to combat this growing epidemic in a variety of ways;

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Human Services Board has encouraged the Bayfield County Department of Human Services to participate in this initiative by promoting public awareness; providing information and education to mandated reporters; and working with collaborative partners to locally address the needs of exploited children; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisor's assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, hereby supports the Bayfield County Department of Human Services in their efforts to support this initiative.

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*A motion was made by Blahnik/Williams to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-15, Supporting NACO's Campaign Against Sexual Exploitation (CASE). The motion carried.*

**5. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-16, Northwest Long-Term Options Consortium Appointment of Consumer Appointees to Long-Term Care District Governing Board.** The Board dispensed with the reading of this resolution, which reads as follows:

**Northwest Long-Term Care Options Consortium Appointment of Consumer Appointees to Long-Term Care District and Bayfield County Governing Boards**

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Long-Term Care Options Consortium (NWLTCO), which includes Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, and Washburn counties, have jointly planned since February, 2006 for the regionalization of Family Care; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned counties have all passed resolutions relating to the creation of a Long-Term Care District and provided for the appointment of a Long-Term Care District Governing Board in accordance with s.46.2895; and

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in the enabling resolutions, five (5) members of the Long-Term Care District Governing Board are to be representatives of the members that the Long-Term Care District serves, which members are referred to as Consumer Appointees; and

**WHEREAS**, each county member of NWLTCO must approve the initial Long-Term Care District Governing Board Consumer Appointees; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the full and fair participation of the Consumer Appointees at the Long-Term Care District's organizational meeting, the Consumer Appointees must be appointed prior to such organizational meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to ensure the full and fair participation of the Consumer Appointees on the Long-Term Care District Governing Board have participated in the planning and implementation of the Long-Term Care District as members of the Family Care Development Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the individuals nominated herein possess the experience and qualifications necessary to act as effective and efficient members of the Long-Term Care District Governing Board, as particularly described in the abbreviated curricula vitae attached to this Resolution;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recommends that:

- 1.) The following individuals are appointed as the Consumer Appointees to the Long-Term Care District Governing Board to serve for the term and in the manner set forth in the Long-Term Care District's By-Laws:
 

A. Jeff Kieffer	B. Mark Novotny	C. Terri Stone
D. Sue Zieke	E. Mike Linton	
  
- 2.) A copy of this approved resolution will be sent to the Secretaries of the state Departments of Administration, Health and Family Services and Revenue as required under s.46.2895 (1) (a) 2.

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008.

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*A motion was made by Gordon/Kittleson to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-16, Northwest Long-Term Options Consortium Appointment of Consumer Appointees to Long-Term Care District Governing Board. The motion carried.*

6. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-17, Honoring Connie Dickerhoff Upon Her Retirement from the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department. The Board dispensed with the reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

**Honoring Connie Dickerhoff  
Upon Her Retirement from the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department**

**WHEREAS**, Connie Dickerhoff has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Sheriff's Department for 10 years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, honors Connie Dickerhoff for her 10 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for her efforts, wishing her well in the years ahead.

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*A motion was made by Gordon/Blahnik to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-17, Honoring Connie Dickerhoff upon her Retirement from the Bayfield County Sheriff's Department. The motion carried.*

7. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-18, Honoring John Jatzo Upon His Retirement from the Bayfield County Highway Department. The Board dispensed with reading of the resolution, which reads as follows:

**Honoring John Jatzo Upon His Retirement from the Bayfield County Highway Department**

**WHEREAS**, John Jatzo has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Highway Department for 17 years,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, honors John Jatzo for his 17 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for his efforts, wishing him well in the years ahead.

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*A motion was made by Bichanich/Williams to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-18, Honoring John Jatzo upon his Retirement from the Bayfield County Highway Department. The motion carried.*

8. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-19, Establishing the Term Compensation for Bayfield County Elected Officials. The Board dispensed with the reading of this resolution, which reads as follows:

**Establishing the Term Compensation for Bayfield County Elected Officials**

**WHEREAS**, Wisconsin Statute 59.22 (1) (a) 1 identifies the timeframe and authority for establishing compensation for county elected officials;

**WHEREAS**, the statute requires that compensation be determined by resolution or ordinance before the earliest time for filing nomination papers for elective office to be voted on in the county;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, authorize that elected officials shall receive pay increases as identified in the following Table:

	2009	2010	2011	2012
County Clerk	\$ 57,614	\$ 57,614	\$60,570	\$62,256
County Treasurer	\$ 50,343	\$ 50,343	\$53,299	\$54,985
Register of Deeds	\$ 50,343	\$ 50,343	\$53,299	\$54,985

<b>Sheriff</b>	\$57,614	\$57,614	X	X
<b>Clerk of Court</b>	\$50,343	\$50,343	X	X

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*A motion was made by Gordon/Good to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-19, Establishing the Term Compensation for Bayfield County Elected Officials. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Maki-absent; Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-absent; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-absent; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent. Total: 13, 8 yes, 0 no, 5 absent. The motion carried.*

9. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-020, Budget Amendment to Reflect Award of WDNR AIS Control Grant to Continue Education, Prevention and Planning Project in the Iron River (Pike Chain) and Delta Area Lakes. The Board dispensed with the reading of this resolution which reads as follows:

**Budget Amendment to Reflect Award of WDNR AIS Control Grant  
to continue AIS Education, Prevention and Planning Project  
in the Iron River (Pike Chain) and Delta Area Lakes**

**WHEREAS**, the Bayfield County Land and Water Conservation Department has been awarded an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Grant through the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for AIS education, prevention, containment and planning programs;

**WHEREAS**, the award of these grants was received after the FY2008 budget had been approved;

**WHEREAS**, county policy requires that any grants received which change the bottom line of a department's budget must be approved by resolution of the County Board;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, do hereby amend the 2008 Budget as follows:

Increase expense account 100-28-56113 by \$18,624.

Increase revenue account 100-28-43590-101 by \$18,624.

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*A motion was made by Good/Gordon to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2008-20, Budget Amendment to Reflect Award of WDNR AIS Control Grant to continue AIS Education, Prevention and Planning Project in the Iron River (Pike Chain) and Delta Area Lakes. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Kittleson-yes; Blahnik-yes; Kacvinsky-yes; Beeksma-absent; Williams-yes; Bichanich-yes; Miller-absent; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-absent; Good-yes; Gordon-yes; Jardine-absent; Maki-absent. Total: 13, 8 yes, 0 no, 5 absent. The motion carried.*

10. Appointment of Carol DeMars to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. *A motion was made by Blahnik/Williams to reappoint Carol DeMars to the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. The motion carried.*

11. Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Rezone of the Bruce & Kathy Goff Property in the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The Board dispensed with the reading of the report, which reads as follows:

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:

The Zoning of Bruce A. and Kathy Goff 1.0-acre parcel (ID# 04-012-2-43-08-13-3-02-000-0600) located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), described as: Beginning 32 rods North of the center of Highway; thence running North on the Section line 16 rods thence East at right angles with the Section line 10 rods; thence South parallel with said Section line 16 rods; thence West 10 rods to the place of beginning. Section Thirteen (13), Township Forty-Three (43) North, Range Eight (8) West, Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin not be changed from Residential-2 (R-2) to Residential-1 (R-1).

Date: March 20, 2008

#### BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

*A motion was made by Kittleson/Crandall to receive and place on file the Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Rezone of the Bruce & Kathy Goff Property in the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The motion carried.*

12. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2008-04 Regarding the Rezone of the Bruce & Kathy Goff Property in the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The Board dispensed with the reading of the amendatory 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:**

The Zoning of Bruce A. and Kathy Goff 1.0-acre parcel (ID# 04-012-2-43-08-13-3-02-000-0600) located in the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), described as: Beginning 32 rods North of the center of Highway; thence running North on the Section line 16 rods thence East at right angles with the Section line 10 rods; thence South parallel with said Section line 16 rods; thence West 10 rods to the place of beginning. Section Thirteen (13), Township Forty-Three (43) North, Range Eight (8) West, Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin **is not changed from Residential-2 (R-2) to Residential-1 (R-1).**

Dated: May 27, 2008

By Action of the  
**Bayfield County Board of Supervisors**

Attested to by:  
Scott S. Fibert, Bayfield County Clerk

*A motion was made by Kittleson/Crandall to reaffirm the Planning & Zoning Committee's recommendation to deny the petition to rezone the Bruce & Kathy Goff property in the Town of Cable, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The motion carried.*

13. Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Rezone of the James Fennessey and Mary Fennessey Property in the Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The Board dispensed with the reading of the report, which reads as follows:

**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:

The Zoning of **James Fennessey and Mary Fennessey 3.52-acre parcel (ID# 010-1060-08)** located in Government Lot One (Gov't Lot 1) further described as follows: beginning at the Northwest Corner of Gov't Lot 1, which is the point of beginning. Thence S 2° 57' E., 250 feet, thence N 86° 45' E., 593.9 feet, thence N. 7° 28' E., 254.2 feet, thence S 86° 45' W., 637.6 feet to the point of beginning (this description describes the property) West of the Town Road, Section Twenty-Nine (29), Township Fifty-One (51) North, Range Six (6) West, Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin **be** changed from Forestry-One (F-1) to Residential One (R-1).

Date: April 17, 2008

#### BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

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

*A motion was made by Crandall/Kittleson to receive and place on file the Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Rezone of the James Fennessey and Mary Fennessey Property in the Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The motion carried.*

14. **Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2008-05 Regarding the Rezone of the James Fennessey & Mary Fennessey Property in the Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin.** The Board dispensed with the reading of the amendatory 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:**

The Zoning of **James Fennessey and Mary Fennessey 3.52-acre parcel (ID# 010-1060-08)** located in Government Lot One (Gov't Lot 1) further described as follows: beginning at the Northwest Corner of Gov't Lot 1, which is the point of beginning. Thence S 2° 57' E., 250 feet, thence N 86° 45' E., 593.9 feet, thence N. 7° 28' E., 254.2 feet, thence S 86° 45' W., 637.6 feet to the point of beginning (this description describes the property) West of the Town Road, Section Twenty-Nine (29), Township Fifty-One (51) North, Range Six (6) West, Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin **be** changed from Forestry-One (F-1) to Residential One (R-1).

Date: **April 17, 2008**

*A motion was made by Good/Williams to approve the rezone of the James Fennessey and Mary Fennessey property in the Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. The motion carried.*

The Board recessed at 4:45 p.m. for supper and reconvened at 5:30 p.m.

**15. Discussion and Planning Regarding 2009 Budget Direction.**

**Strategic Planning/2009 Budget Direction Meeting Summary**

The meeting was turned over to Abeles-Allison and Kane. Abeles-Allison stated that they are excited to start another year. Fibert and he had met earlier and agreed to ask Kane if he would host and plan this year's planning meeting. The most important thing the County Board does is adopt the County's budget, state its priorities and its expenditures. It was also noted that there was a training seminar held on Wed., May 14<sup>th</sup> for "new" county officials. Kane explained the purpose and plan for this evening.

Abeles then went over handouts given to each of the Board members. The Board was then asked: ***"What are the most important issues facing Bayfield County government that the County needs to address?"*** The following answers were given via a round robin:

1. Make county services match the dollars;
2. Too much being spent on courthouse building;
3. Hold the line on county spending;
4. Maintain good highway system;
5. Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC);
6. Look closely at County staffing and positions;
7. Build in an adequate capital budget to pay for capital expenses;
8. Future stumpage dollar shortfalls that could impact county budget;
9. Need to increase employment opportunities to keep young people in county;
10. Railroad grade issue and other trails (tourism);
11. Planning for Bayfield County's future;
12. Watching lakes for other aquatic invasive species;
13. Better communication between board members, county committees and county administrator;
14. Preserve historic Bayfield county courthouse;
15. Future of old Ag Research Station;
16. County lead effort to support a unified county-wide school district;
17. Increasing property taxes and decreasing property values;
18. More responsible spending of county dollars;
19. Impact of zoning enforcement building contractors;
20. Amount of land in public ownership in the county;

A history of Bayfield County's Levy and Budget were reviewed. The history showed the past 30 years of the County's levy vs. mill rate.

Next, the Board was asked, ***"What do you consider to be the top County Budget Priorities for 2009?"*** The following answers were again given via a round robin:

1. Provide services that are mandated by state law as first priority;
2. Hope there are no cuts in fair and extension;
3. Do not replace retiring Bayfield county employees;
4. Hold the line on spending;
5. Evaluate personnel in all county departments;
6. Fix elevator by courtroom;
7. Come up with reorganization plan for Human Services Dept.;
8. Look at combining Human Services and Health Dept.;
9. Maintain existing level/effort of economic development;
10. Build a budget that is within a 2% levy cap;
11. Use performance based budgeting with measurable goals for each dept.;
12. Long range capital improvement maintenance plan fro County buildings;
13. Continue support to resolve the trail issue;
14. Look at county committee structure and meeting schedule;
15. Finding monies to continue to maintain county roads;
16. Maintain 100% funding for libraries in county;
17. Maintain County's Criminal Justice;

The Board next placed marks on the above list of their priorities and they were rated by number in parenthesis as follows:

- (6) Build a budget that is within a 2% levy cap;
- (5) Finding monies to continue to maintain county roads;
- (4) Provide services that are mandated by state law as first priority;
- (4) Evaluate personnel in all county departments;
- (3) Hold the line on spending;
- (3) Look at combining Human Services and Health Dept.;
- (3) Long range capital improvement maintenance plan for County buildings;
- (2) Do not replace retiring Bayfield county employees;
- (2) Come up with reorganization plan for Human Services Dept.;
- (2) Continue support to resolve the trail issue;
- (1) Fix elevator by courtroom;
- (1) Maintain existing level/effort of economic development.

#### **Develop a Target Tax Levy for 2009 Budget**

After much discussion the Board came up with a proposed tax levy of \$8,404,809.

The Board thanked Kane for assisting in this evening's planning session.

The Board was informed that the County Clerk would not be able to make the June meeting, and it needed to be rescheduled. The Board went through possible meeting dates and it was decided that the June County Board meeting date would be June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.,

cancelling the regular meeting date of June 24<sup>th</sup>. It was also noted that the regular meeting date of May 27<sup>th</sup> will not be occurring.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *a motion was made Crandall/Beeksma to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.*

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert,  
Bayfield County Clerk  
SSF/dmb