

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
4:30pm, February 14, 2018
Emergency Operations Center, Bayfield County Annex, Washburn, WI**

Members Present: Jeff Silbert, William Bussey, Fred Strand, Shawn Miller

Members Excused: Brett Rondeau, Harold Maki

Others Present: Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator, Kris Kavajecz-Assistant, Jeff Bierl-Ashland County Administrator, Sheriff Paul Susienka, Denise Tarasewicz-Register of Deeds.

Meeting called to order at 4:30 pm by Vice-Chairman Bussey.

Public Comment: None Received

Motion Strand, Silbert to approve Minutes of January 4, 2018. Motion Carried (4-0)

Ice Angel Agreement: Abeles-Allison explained that this is a multi-jurisdictional rescue service and equipment that was originally funded through a state appropriation. Jeff Bierl reported that the draft Memorandum of Understanding has Ashland and Bayfield Counties as the fiscal contributors at \$5000 each, per year, with the City of Ashland being the service provider. Ashland County would use their ordinance to bill citizens that are rescued for the services, to recoup actual costs. Any funds not used for maintenance each year, will be placed in a reserve account for larger repairs. Suggestion was made to identify a reserve cap to be included in the agreement, which would stop future contributions until the fund fell below the cap.

Recommendation of the committee is to develop a memorandum of understanding between Ashland and Bayfield County to include a 3 month out clause, Ashland County authorization to bill/collect for rescues, \$5000 contribution per county, \$20,000 maintenance fund cap. Abeles-Allison and Bierl are authorized to draft the MOU and bring to the full county board for final review and approval.

Elected Official Wages: Brett Rondeau and Abeles-Allison met with 3 elected officials to discuss wage increase options. Abeles-Allison reviewed the draft resolution for Sheriff, Clerk of Court and Coroner for 2019-2022. Various wage options were discussed.

Motion Strand, Bussey to recommend option 2 to the County Board, reflecting a 2%, 2%, 2.5%, 2.5% wage increase over the period of 2019-2022 for the Sheriff, Coroner and Clerk of Court. Roll Call Vote: Miller-No, Bussey-yes, Strand-yes, Silbert-Yes. Motion Carried (3-1)

Criminal Justice Budget Amendment: Abeles-Allison reviewed a budget amendment resolution correcting the 2018 budget and allocating additional grant funding for the Treatment Alternatives and Diversions Grant Program.

Motion Silbert, Miller to recommend approval of the 2018 Criminal Justice Treatment Alternatives and Diversion Grant budget amendment resolution to the County Board as presented. Motion Carried (4-0)

Support of the North Country National Scenic Trail (NCNST): Abeles-Allison reviewed a request for support for the North Country National Scenic Trail.

Motion Miller, Silbert to approve support for the NCNST. Motion Carried (4-0)

Allocation from 2017 Contingency to the Library Fund: The Iron River Library was allocated \$1623 more than was budgeted in 2017. Abeles-Allison explained that rather than asking that the monies be returned, and because the libraries are funded at less than 100%, this additional allocation be approved through the contingency fund. The funds were used for the construction of the new Library in Iron River.

Motion Strand, Silbert to approve an allocation of \$1623 from the contingency fund for the Library Fund for 2017. Motion Carried (4-0)

Business Park Incubator Project: Abeles-Allison reported that World Class Manufacturing will be ending their lease at the location in Bayfield. The business is interested in relocating to the new Bayfield County Business Park. Abeles-Allison reported on potential funding that could be used for partial funding of a new facility at the Business Park. Consensus of the committee was that they would prefer to focus on the current road construction project and securing funding for that before considering construction of any facilities.

Reports

- a. **Fraud Prevention Efforts:** In an effort to prevent fraud in Bayfield County, an anonymous fraud hotline has been implemented. It is accessible through the county web site, or by telephone. Publicity about this hotline will be distributed in the near future.
- b. **Mining Legislation:** Strand reported that WCA sponsored a recent conference on this topic, which was attended by several board members and the Zoning Administrator. Currently there are no known metallic mining opportunities in Bayfield County.

- c. **Treasurer Report January, 2018:** Very similar balances to this time in the previous year.
- d. **Financial Report for 2017 and January, 2018:** Overall, the 2017 budget came in under budget in the General Fund. Human Services and Highway departments will be over budget. First month of 2018 reflects no significant concerns.
- e. **Northern Lights Financial Report:** Has not yet been received. They are up to date on payments.
- f. **County Administrator Evaluation Process/Form:** A revised form was provided in the drop box. Evaluations should be completed prior to the next Executive Committee meeting.

The committee did not go into closed session.

Abeles-Allison reported that CVSO, Kevin Johnson received orders to be deployed for approximately 9 months. Interviews were held for Interim CVSO. Appointment of Paul Huber may be recommended at the County Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55pm. *Minutes submitted by Kristine Kavajecz*