

Minutes of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
June 26th, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Bayfield County Board Room, Bayfield County Courthouse, Washburn, WI

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:02 pm by Bayfield County Chairman, Dennis Pocernich. A roll call was taken by *County Clerk*, Scott Fibert, follows: George Newago-absent; Thomas J. Gordon-present; Larry Fickbohm-present; Harold A. Maki-absent; Jeremy Oswald-present; Jeffrey Silbert-present; Dennis M. Pocernich-present; Fred Strand-present; Thomas Snilsberg-present; Marty Milanowski-present; David A. Zepczyk-present; James A. Crandall-present; Brett T. Rondeau-present. Total: 11 present, 2 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for today's meeting: *County Clerk*-Scott Fibert; *County Administrator*, Mark Abeles-Allison; *Clerk III*, Allison Radke; *State Senator District 25 Representative*; Janet Bewley; *Emergency Management Director*, Jan Victorson; *Highway Commissioner*, Paul Johanik.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance**; The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Motion Regarding Minutes of May 29th, 2018 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meetings**; *Motion by Rondeau, Crandall to approve minutes of May 29th, 2018 meeting. Motion carried.*
5. **Public Comments**

Ellen Lafans from Grandview Township thanked the Bayfield County Board for their work. Expressed concern for the recent weather and its severe impact on property and roads. Lafans is on the Board of the Bayfield County Lakes Forum and is also a member of a citizen work group that works with the Planning and Zoning Committee and Bayfield County professionals to recommend improvements. She voiced the need for County Board oversight for this work. Lafans also urged the Board to act.

Kenneth (Kim) Bro, Chair of Washburn Town Plan Commission spoke regarding recent storm damages. The town of Washburn has a comprehensive plan. Bayfield County can lead in identifying where these sensitive and steep slopes are. Bro expressed that Bayfield County could do more. He urged County Board to act soon, especially regarding zoning and planning, before next big storm occurs.

6. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-53, Honoring Dawn Bellile upon her Retirement from the Bayfield County Clerk's office**;

WHEREAS, Dawn Bellile has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the County Clerk's Office for 21 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, honors Dawn Bellile for her 21 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for her efforts, wishing her well in the years ahead.

Motion by Silbert, Gordon to approve Resolution 2018-53 honoring Dawn Bellile upon her retirement. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fibert presented the plaque and thanked Dawn Bellile for her service.
County Clerk Fibert then introduced Allison Radke, new Clerk III.

7. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-54, Honoring Dave Swanson upon his Retirement from the Bayfield County Highway Department;**

WHEREAS, David Swanson has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Highway Department for 29 years,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, honors David Swanson for his 29 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for his efforts, wishing him well in the years ahead.

Motion by Crandall, Rondeau to approve Resolution 2018-54 honoring David Swanson upon his retirement. Motion carried.

Presented to the *Highway Commissioner* Paul Johanik for Dave Swanson. Crandall spoke to thank Mr. Swanson.

8. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-60 Employee of the Year General, 2018-61 EOY Sheriff's Dept., and Department of the year 2018-62;**

Resolution No. 2018-60 Courthouse Employee of the Year-2018

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees,

WHEREAS, Caloney Mesik has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Health Department,

WHEREAS, her fellow employees have determined that she reflects the highest level of values within her work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors: Caloney Mesik, as Employee of the Year for 2018 in the Health Department, for her dedication and service to Bayfield County.

Motion by Gordon, Rondeau to approve Resolution 2018-60 honoring Caloney Mesik as Employee of the Year. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2018-61 Sherriff's Office Employee of the Year-2018

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicate employees,

WHEREAS, Scott Stephenson has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Sheriff's Office,

WHEREAS, his fellow employees have determined that he reflects the highest level of values within his work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors: Scott Stephenson, as Employee of the Year for 2018 in the Sheriff's Department for his dedication and service to Bayfield County.

Motion by Strand, Zepczyk to approve Resolution 2018-61 honoring Scott Stephenson as Employee of the Year. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2018-62 Department of the Year-2018

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees and departments,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Land Records Department has demonstrated strong cooperation with other departments,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Land Records Department has received commendations from other departments, citizens, or community organizations.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Land Records Department saves Bayfield County time, energy, or dollars through their efforts.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Land Records Department encourages others through their positive image and attitude.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors honors: The Bayfield County Land Records Department as Department of the Year for 2018.

Motion by Rondeau, Fickbohm to approve Resolution 2018-62 honoring Bayfield County Land Records Department as Department of the Year. Motion carried.

9. Disaster Proclamation Ratification Resolution No. 2018-66 for Bayfield County.

WHERAS, a disaster, namely heavy rains and thunderstorms commencing on June 11, 2018 have struck several jurisdictions within Bayfield County; and

WHEREAS, documentation in the form of an emergency proclamation related to emergency conditions and related expenditures support local jurisdiction and the county requests for outside funding assistance; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to State Statute 321.11 and 323.14 (4)(b) of the Wisconsin State Statutes it was necessary and expedient for the health, safety, welfare, and good order to proclaim that emergency conditions exist; and

WHEREAS, the County Board Chair of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors signed an emergency proclamation at the Bayfield County Courthouse on June 18, 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, by the resolution, ratifies the emergency proclamation signed by the County Board Chair on June 18th, 2018.

Emergency Management Director, Jan Victorson provided an update on a damage report update and aide status. Bayfield County was given a disaster proclamation. Town damages estimated at 3 million and federal forest roads at approximately 4.3 million dollars.

Highway Commissioner, Paul Johanik provided specific updates on roads, washouts, and culverts. No citizens trapped any longer on a county road system. Except County F and County E, all roads reported open. Employees working 14-16 hour days. Estimate opening Highway 2 end of August. 137 was closed. 118 was affected. 63-Bibon Swamp- there was 4 feet of water.

The Bayfield County Board and *County Administrator* thanked all involved for their work. Citizens are asked to provide photographs of damage.

Motion by Fickbohm, Zepczyk to approve Resolution 2018-66 Ratifying Emergency Proclamation. Motion carried.

10. Presentation State Senate District 25 Representative Janet Bewley;

Bewley expressed appreciation for the County's response. This flood is a disaster. Bewley expects federal declaration. Bewley stated she is running for re-election and asked Bayfield County Board members to keep in touch.

Bewley responded to a question and informed that the First Lady of Wisconsin visited Minong. The visit had to do with the cause of trauma informed care.

Bewley and the Board discussed Medicaid, low reimbursements, and the impact on Northern Lights Nursing Home and area medical providers. Wisconsin has the lowest amount of Medicaid reimbursement in the country. Bayfield County has a higher amount (80-85-90-95%) of Medicaid patients.

Bewley spoke about NorthLakes which is a FQHC, Federal Qualified Health Clinic. She reported the clinic works extensively with addiction and behavioral health.

When asked about the Department of Transportation Bill, Bewley responded that it will be determined by voters in November.

Chairman Pocernich thanked Wisconsin State Senator Bewley and State Representative Beth Meyers. Bewley said it's an honor and privilege to do this work.

11. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-55, Accepting Communicable Disease Prevention Grant; Sara Wartman;

The *County Administrator* explained the resolution.

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department has received a grant in the amount of \$3,200 from the Wisconsin Division of Public Health to offset increasing budgetary pressures resulting from ongoing disease surveillance and investigations at the local level as well as for new projects. Total award to be expended by June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Budget does not contain any projections to account for any revenue or expenditures for said grant; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Bayfield County Board of Health to accept and expend said grant in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, hereby approves the following 2018 budget amendments:

<u>Increase Revenue:</u>		
100-20-43550-027	Communicable Disease Prevention Grant	\$3,200
Increase Expenses:		
100-20-54138-50121	Full Time Employee	\$1,000
100-20-54138-50123	Temporary Employee	\$1,098
100-20-54138-50151	FICA/Medicare	\$161
100-20-54138-50152	Co. Share Retirement	\$141
100-20-54138-50154	Health Insurance	\$200
100-20-54138-50155	Life Insurance	\$25
100-20-54138-50311	Postage	\$25
100-20-54138-50325-002	Registration & Tuition - RN	\$200
100-20-54138-50332-002	Mileage-Registered Nurse	\$200
100-20-54138 -50390	Other Supplies and Expense	\$175

Motion by Gordon, Crandall to approve Resolution No. 2018-55, Accepting Communicable Disease Prevention Grant. Roll call was taken: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Maki-absent, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes. Motion carried. (11-0)

12. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-56, Accepting Chequamegon Bay Car Seat Program Grant; Sara Wartman;

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department has received a grant in the amount of \$1,000 from the Chequamegon Bay Area Community fund, an affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation to purchase car seats to be given away through the Chequamegon Bay Area Car Seat Program. Total award to be expended by May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Budget does not contain any projections to account for any revenue or expenditures for said grant; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Bayfield County Board of Health to accept and expend said grant in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, approve the following 2018 budget amendments:

<u>Increase Revenue:</u>		
100-20-48530-003 Car Seat Chequamegon Bay Area Community Fund		\$1,000
<u>Increase Expenses:</u>		
100-20-54101-50390	Other supplies/expense	\$1,000

Motion by Silbert, Zepczyk to approve Resolution No. 2018-56. Roll call was taken: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Maki-absent, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes. Total 11, 11 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Motion carried.

13. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-57, Accepting ABC's for Healthy Communities Grant; Sara Wartman;

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Health Department has received a grant in the amount of \$21,213 from Security Health to increase the infrastructure available to the public for physical activity to promote health and wellness. The Bayfield County Health Department will be partnering with the City of Washburn to turn a hiking trail into a combination fitness/hiking trail. Total award to be expended by May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Budget does not contain any projections to account for any revenue or expenditures for said grant; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Bayfield County Board of Health to accept and expend said grant in 2018.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, hereby approves the following 2018 Budget Adjustments:

<u>Increase Revenue:</u>		
100-20-48509	ABC's of Healthy Communities	\$21,213
<u>Increase Expenses:</u>		
100-20-54139-50121	Full Time Employee	\$2,648
100-20-54139-50151	FICA/Medicare	\$203
100-20-54139-50152	Co. Share Retirement	\$178
100-20-54139-50154	Health Insurance	\$1,878
100-20-54139-50290	Contractual Services	\$1,000
100-20-54139-50332-008	Mileage-Public Health Educator	\$20
100-20-54139-50390	Other Supplies & Expense	\$14,286
100-20-54139-50315	Advertising	\$500
100-20-54139-50348	Educational Supplies	\$500

Motion by Rondeau, Oswald to approve Resolution 2018-57. Roll call was taken: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Maki-absent, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes. Total 11, 11 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Motion carried.

14. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-58, 2018 Health Department Budget Amendment; Sara Wartman;

WHEREAS, an amendment to the 2018 Health Department is necessary due to a decrease in federal and state grant funding for the WIC Grant; and

WHEREAS, this will not affect the amount of tax levy requested by the department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, hereby approves the following 2018 budget amendments:

<u>Decrease Revenue:</u>		
100-20-43550-001	WIC Grant	\$9,270
<u>Decrease Expense:</u>		
100-20-54107-50121	Full Time Employee	\$9,270

Motion by Strand, Milanowski to approve Resolution No.2018-58. Roll call was taken: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Maki-absent, Oswald- yes, Silbert- yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand- yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes. Total: 11, 11 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Motion carried.

15. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-63, approving BUILD grant commitments;

The *County Administrator* explained the BUILD grant. It would connect roads and provide year-round access for Highways A and N. The match would be 14%. Rondeau said it was a mistake to not do this in the first place. Clarifying questions from Crandall regarding funding. Chairman reminded this is just a motion to apply for the grant.

WHEREAS, Bayfield County maintains 172 miles of county highways; and

WHEREAS, Forestry is a critical industry for Bayfield County; and

WHEREAS, Bayfield County annually places road weight limit restrictions on county highways during the spring break-up to protect roads which negatively impact the ability of the logging industry to access and transport forest product; and

WHEREAS, County Highways A and N provide access to thousands of acres of forestland that supplies timber for forest products; and

WHEREAS, funding for highways is important. Scarce resources make funding difficult. Bayfield County has annually dedicated additional resources to highway projects, and

WHEREAS, over the past five years both the Bayfield County Board and the Citizens of Bayfield County have ranked Highways as the number one priority of the County during the annual budget process and budget survey; and

WHEREAS, maintenance and upkeep of roadways are of regional concern to support the forest industry; and

WHEREAS, alternate funding mechanisms are important to supplement the county's ability to properly maintain county roads; and

WHEREAS, the US Department of Transportation BUILD program offers matching grant funds for economic development projects and in May 2018 the Bayfield County Board authorized submittal of an application to the BUILD grant program for reconstruction of County Highways A and N to all season road standards; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for the project is \$26,611,470 dollars encompassing 22 miles of county highway reconstruction, and

WHEREAS, this improvement project would have a significant economic development impact on Bayfield County Communities and businesses in addition to improving safety and reducing maintenance costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Bayfield County Board, this 26th day of June 2018 will commit and hereby encumbers \$3.75 million (14%) toward this project over a period of three years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County has previously supported efforts at the state level to raise additional funds for county highway reconstruction and that the Bayfield County Board hereby petitions the Governor, the Assembly, and Senate of the State of Wisconsin to pursue supplemental funding for county highways in Wisconsin.

Motion by Rondeau, Gordon to approve Resolution No. 2018-63. Motion carried.

16. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-64, Tourism Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Tourism Department has entered into a Challenge Cost Share Agreement with the USDA Forest Service to work together in a cooperative effort to promote trails and facilities on National Forest System lands; and

WHEREAS, the “2018 Wisconsin Bat Festival and Science Night” will be held in Bayfield County on August 24-25, 2018 at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center hosted by the USDA Forest Service and the WI Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Forest Service funds in the amount of \$2,500 are currently available for this event from the Fiscal Year 2018 Youth Engagement Projects fund; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Bayfield County Tourism Department will partner with the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to receive and expend the funds that have been awarded to them; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Bayfield County Tourism budget needs to be amended to reflect these revenues and expenses:

<u>Revenue Accounts</u> to increase for a total of:	\$2,500
# 100-23-43260 Misc Federal Grant	\$2,500
<u>Disbursement Accounts</u> to increase for a total of:	\$2,500
# 100-23-55301-50390 - Other Supplies and Expense:	\$1,900
# 100-23-55301-50336 - Lodging:	\$600

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018 does hereby amend the Tourism budget to reflect the increase in revenues by \$2,500 and the increase in expenditures by \$2,500.

Motion by Strand, Rondeau to approve Resolution No. 2018-64. A roll call was taken: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Maki-absent, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes. Total: 11, 11 yes, 0 no, 2 absent. Motion carried.

17. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2018-65, Energy Grant Application

Resolution 2018-65 was explained by the *County Administrator*.

WHEREAS, Bayfield County plans to apply for an Energy Innovation Grant, and;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has successfully completed multiple projects, conserving or reducing energy consumption in the past, and;

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is proposing a mix of projects that will include renewable and alternate energies, equipment controls in the Bayfield County Computer Server room, and HVAC equipment upgrades.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of June 2018, do hereby support the application for an Energy Innovation Grant and commits necessary resources to these projects as budgeted.

Motion by Crandall, Fickbohm to approve Resolution No. 2018-65. Motion carried.

18. Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding the Rezone of the Bucher Property Located in Delta – Robert Schierman, Zoning Director;

County Board member Strand explained the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee report.

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:

The Zoning of **Todd C and Nine Bucher** 8-acre parcel (ID# 12815) (V. 751 P. 355), located in part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ SE ¼), lying North and West of the River, Section Seventeen (17), Township Forty-Six (46) N, Range Seven (7) W, Town of Delta, Bayfield County, WI from **Forestry-1 (F-1) to Residential-Recreational Business (R-RB)**.

Motion by Strand, Rondeau to receive and place on file the Report of the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried.

19. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2018-07, Regarding the Rezone of the Bucher Property Located in Delta - Robert Schierman, Zoning Director;

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 **Todd C and Nine Bucher** 8-acre parcel (ID# 12815) (V. 751 P. 355), located in part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW ¼ SE ¼), lying North and West of the River, Section Seventeen (17), Township Forty-Six (46) N, Range Seven (7) W, Town of Delta, Bayfield County, WI from **Forestry-1 (F-1) to Residential-Recreational Business (R-RB)**.

Motion by Rondeau, Milanowski to approve the Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2018-07. Motion carried.

20. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Appointment of Board of Adjustment Members Jane Bucy–Member and Frank Kostka–alternate for term July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021;

Motion by Rondeau, Silbert to approve the appointments of the Board of Adjustment Members. Motion carried.

21. Motion by to move in and out of Executive/Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e)(f)(g), deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session; or considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data or involved in such problems or investigations; or conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.

Motion by Gordon, Milanowski to move into Executive/Closed Session at 7:08 pm. Motion carried.

There being no further business to conduct in Executive/Closed Session, *a motion was made by Rondeau, Gordon to return to open session at 7:59 pm. Motion carried.*

22. Administrator’s Report:

a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:

✓ July 31st; Aug. 28th; Sept. 26th (Wednesday, one day later due to WCA Conf. ending on Tuesday)

a) Committee Reports, Meeting Dates, Members;

b) Supervisors' Reports:

Oswald, Silbert, and Strand gave updates for their respective committees.

c) Future Agenda Items;

Strand recommends Board Resolution to acknowledge and thank all who have worked on flood response.

Crandall spoke about Ambulance services. Concerns. Suggested EMS have County representation. Steering committee.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *Chairman* Pocernich adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert

Bayfield County Clerk

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