

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
6:00pm, September 27, 2018
County Board Room, Bayfield County Courthouse, Washburn, WI**

Members Present: Jeff Silbert, Fred Strand, Tom Gordon, Dennis Pocerlich, Jeremy Oswald, Brett Rondeau

Members Excused:

Others Present: Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator, Kris Kavajecz-Assistant, Larry Fickbohm, David Zepczyk, Harold Maki, Tom Snilsberg, Sara Wartman-Health Director

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00pm by Rondeau.

Public Comment: None Received

Minutes of September 20, 2018: *Motion Gordon, Strand to approve minutes of September 20, 2018. Motion Carried.*

2019 Budget Discussion

- County Priorities and Goals, pages 6-7: Abeles-Allison reviewed the items that are included in the budget, which address the priorities and goals that were identified in the budget survey.
 - \$1.5 million Fund Balance to be used to reach the annual goal of 6 miles of highway reconstruction. It was noted that the use of fund balance at this level is not sustainable in the long term.
 - Economic Development Improvements-Business Park & BCEDC
 - Protection of water resources. Lakes Specialist position being considered.
 - Support of Northern Lights: Reduction of lease payments originally planned in 2019.
 - Fairgrounds Electrical
 - Substance Use: Continuing communication and collaboration with many agencies to discuss, educate and implement programs to address substance use issues.
 - Technology: phone system and cabling
- Prior Accomplishments and impacts on 2019 budget, individual departments: review of projects and expenditures that were accomplished in 2018.
- County Finance and Fund balance needs in 2020 and beyond: Estimated that \$1.8 million of fund balance will be used in 2018, leaving approximately \$4.3 million in unrestricted fund balance. Based on the 2019 proposed budget, fund balances would be reduced to approximately \$2 million to start 2020.
- Department Adjustments: The proposed budget includes \$300,000 in contingency funds for unanticipated expenses.

Consensus of the committee was to add to the County Board Accomplishments for 2018 and goals for 2019: Commitment to natural resources. Highlights of notable proposed changes in each department budget were reviewed. Health Department will no longer

service Sawyer County on the non-transient water testing program. This will reduce the Health Department revenue significantly. The Business Park was changed from an individual fund to a department within the General Fund.

- CIP Adjustments
- Budget Changes Spreadsheet: Changes that have been discussed / proposed to this point were reviewed.

Next Meeting Agenda Topics, October 10, 4pm

- Personnel, positions and finance
- Grants
- Budget Changes Spreadsheet
- Master Spreadsheet
- Levy Update and Proposal

Next meeting is October 10 at 4:00pm. Meeting Adjourned at 8:05pm.

Minutes submitted by Kristine Kavajecz