

**Minutes of the  
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting  
4:00pm, October 11, 2018  
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Bayfield County Annex, Washburn, WI**

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

**Members Excused:**

**Others Present:** Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator, Kris Kavajecz-Assistant, Larry Fickbohm, Scottie Sandstrom-Economic Development Director, Jim Miller

Meeting Called to Order at 4:00pm by Rondeau.

**Public Comment:**

Minutes of October 11, 2018 were tabled until the next meeting.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report from Bayfield County Economic Development-Scottie Sandstrom:**

Sandstrom summarized activities of the BCEDC over the last 3 months. Encouraging Tech Education has been one of the priorities. Telemark project is still seeking investors. Will be touching base with representatives of World Class Manufacturing next week. Sandstrom highlighted many of the businesses he has worked with to retain or expand jobs.

*Motion Gordon, Silbert to receive the Third Quarter BCEDC report and place it on file. Motion Carried.*

**Authorization to apply for broadband grant in partnership with Towns of Bayview, Barksdale and Washburn for Broadband Grant:** Jim Miller reported that there are approximately 400 homes in the Bayview, Barksdale, Washburn area that do not have access to broadband. The Town of Washburn Town Hall does not currently have broadband and would be a key component in a grant that will require a public access location. Joint meeting of these towns will take place on Oct 25 regarding this topic. Cost to provide a stationary access point with security and key card access would be approximately \$10,000 for a 2-year period. A request was made to ask the County to contribute 25% of the cost and partnership with the towns on this project.

*Motion Oswald, Pocernich to authorize the County to partner with the Towns of Bayview, Barksdale and Washburn on the Broadband Grant and to authorize a contribution of up to \$2500 toward the project if the grant is awarded. Motion Carried.*

**Final payment approval for Business Park Road Project:** Ritola, Inc has completed the road project at the business park. Abeles-Allison reported that he has been observing additional run-off at this property.

*Motion Pocernich, Silbert to authorize final payment for the business park road project. Motion Carried.*

**430 Fund Budget Amendment for Sheriff Door Controls:** These expenses were budgeted in 2017, but were not actually incurred until 2018. A budget amendment is being requested to authorize payment of these expenses in 2018 with unused funds from 2017.

*Motion Silbert, Gordon to approve the 430 Fund Budget Amendment for Sheriff Door Controls. Motion Carried.*

### **Broadband Forward Ordinance.**

<https://psc.wi.gov/Documents/broadband/bbForwardModelOrdinance.pdf>

*Motion Gordon, Strand to authorize the County Administrator to draft an ordinance related to Broadband Forward and forward to the Highway Committee and County Board for consideration. Motion Carried*

**2019 Budget:** Abeles-Allison distributed an updated budget summary, list of modifications, and a written summary of changes discussed/recommended by the Executive Committee.

Revisions to the budget include maintaining the existing grant positions in Land Conservation and Land Records offices as contract employees. The modifications also reflect an additional 200 hours for existing part-time staff in the Clerk of Court and Register of Deeds offices and 150 hours for the existing part-time maintenance staff person. Additional bridge aide is included.

*Motion Pocernich, Gordon to recommend the amended budget to the full county board for approval at the October 30 meeting. Motion Carried.*

Suggestion was made to investigate whether Northern Lights could potentially be considered for the housing program discussed by the Criminal Justice Coordinator.

### **Reports:**

- a. Treasurer Report, September:** Balance at the end of September is the highest it has been in 5 years, but will take a large dip as many highway projects are being finalized.
- b. Financial Report, September:** General fund revenues are similar to the same time last year. Expenditures are higher than they were at this time last year (transfers were completed earlier in the year than in the past). Human Services revenues and expenditures are very similar to the previous year. Highway expenses are far below the previous year. Expenditures anticipated to take place in the next month.
- c. Pigeon Lake Camp Facility:** State office of Public Lands controls this facility. They want to dispose of the property.

*Motion Pocernich, Gordon to move in and out of Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e)(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; and 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.*

- a. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of September 13, 2018.*

- b. Negotiation Strategy with Regard to WPPA and Teamster Bargaining Units.*
- c. Lawsuit filed by Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians.*

*Motion Carried. Entered Closed session at 5:21pm.*

*Motion Gordon, Silbert to return to open session. Motion Carried.*

Meeting Adjourned at 5:40pm.

*Minutes submitted by Kristine Kavajecz*