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Draft Minutes of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
October 29th, 2019 6:00 p.m.

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

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Bayfield County *Chairman*, Dennis Pocernich. A roll call was taken by *County Clerk*- Scott Fibert, as follows: George Newago- absent; Thomas Gordon- present; Larry Fickbohm- present; Harold Maki- absent; Jeremy Oswald- present; Jeffrey Silbert- present; Dennis Pocernich- present; Fred Strand- present; Thomas Snilsberg- present; Marty Milanowski- present; David Zepczyk- present; James Crandall- present; Brett Rondeau- present. Total: 11 present, 2 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for today's meeting: *County Administrator*- Mark Abeles-Allison; *County Clerk*- Scott Fibert; *Clerk III*- Allison Radke.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance;** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

4. **2020 Bayfield County Budget Public Hearing;**

Motion by Gordon, Silbert to adjourn as a County Board and convene as a Committee of the Whole to hold a public hearing on the 2020 Bayfield County Budget. A roll call was taken as follows: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes, Maki-absent. (11-yes, 0-no, 2-absent) Motion carried.

No public comment was received regarding the 2020 Bayfield County Budget.

County Board Chair Pocernich introduced the budget and thanked the Bayfield County staff for their work to compile the budget. *County Administrator* Abeles-Allison provided an overview of the 2020 Bayfield County Budget, including comparisons from the previous years, modifications that were made, and general information about the Bayfield County levy. The proposed 2020 expenditure budget is \$33,242,680. That represents a 4.21% increase over 2019. The main factor that has increased the budget for 2020 is the borrowing of \$1.65 million for Highway repairs. It was noted that the Executive Committee met over 4 meetings to review the 2020 budget.

Motion by Rondeau, Milanowski to close the Public Hearing and reconvene as a County Board. A roll call was taken as follows: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes, Maki-absent. (11-yes, 0-no, 2-absent) Motion carried.

5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt 2020 Budget;**


Motion by Silbert, Zepczyk to adopt the Bayfield County 2020 Budget as proposed. A roll call was

NOTICE OF PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING FOR BAYFIELD COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of s65.90 of the Wisconsin Statute that a PUBLIC HEARING on the PROPOSED BUDGET for Bayfield County for the year 2020, will be held in the County Board Room of the Bayfield County Courthouse on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Bayfield County Clerk's Office from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed budget:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	2019 Adopted Budget	2020 Proposed Budget	% Change
REVENUES:			
Taxes:			
General Property Taxes	5,495,548	5,562,446	1.22%
41 Other Taxes	1,663,359	1,777,032	6.83%
42 Special Assessments	0		0.00%
43 Intergovernmental Revenues	2,106,068	2,200,584	4.49%
44 Licenses & Permits	346,650	356,900	2.96%
45 Fines, Forfeitures & Penalties	51,500	50,000	-2.91%
46 Public Chrges for Services	4,178,085	4,142,217	-0.86%
47 Intergovernmental Charges for Services	24,435	21,638	-11.45%
48 Miscellaneous Revenues	1,183,285	1,419,196	19.94%
49 Other Financing Sources	0		0.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	15,048,930	15,530,013	3.20%
Cash Balance Applied	2,249,571	1,267,799	-43.64%
Total Revenue & Cash Balance Applied	17,298,501	16,797,812	-2.89%
EXPENDITURES:			
General Government	4,352,877	4,455,957	2.37%
Public Safety	5,296,353	5,565,013	5.07%
Public Works	118,975	98,023	-17.61%
Health & Human Services	1,068,374	1,189,963	11.38%
Culture, Recreation & Education	1,352,461	1,485,519	9.84%
Conservation & Development	2,794,458	2,773,038	-0.77%
Capital Outlay	0	0	-
Other Financing Uses	2,315,003	1,230,299	-46.86%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,298,501	16,797,812	-2.89%

ALL GOVERNMENTAL PLUS PROPRIETARY FUNDS COMBINED	ANTICIPATED 2020 FUND BALANCE JANUARY 1	PROPOSED 2020 TOTAL REVENUES	PROPOSED 2020 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	PROPOSED 2020 BALANCE DECEMBER 31	FUNDS	2020 PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION	2019 PROPERTY TAX CONTRIBUTION	2020 PROPERTY TAX CHANGE	% CHANGE
General Fund	11,565,674	15,530,013	16,797,812	10,297,875	General Fund	5,562,446	5,495,548	66,898	1.22%
Employee Health Fund	335,103	0	74,459	260,644	Employee Health Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Human Services Fund	714,161	7,373,277	7,373,277	714,161	Human Services Fund	1,817,788	1,817,788	-	0.00%
Housing Rehabilitation Fund	75,008			75,008				-	
Jail Assessment Fund	6,457	16,000	20,000	2,457	Jail Assessment Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Veterans Relief Fund	5,444	2,500	2,500	5,444	Veterans Relief Fund	1,500	1,500	-	0.00%
UW Extension Program Fund	(185)	48,405	48,405	(185)	UW Extension Program Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Nursing Home Debt Fund	7,687	442,217	442,217	7,687	Nursing Home Debt Fund	437,717	443,017	(5,300)	-1.20%
Capital Projects Fund	418,905	1,089,449	1,156,449	351,905	Capital Projects Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Highway Fund	0	6,859,866	6,859,866	-	Highway Fund	3,585,788	1,832,654	1,753,134	95.66%
Motor Pool Fund	80,173	192,935	192,935	80,173	Motor Pool Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Copy Machine Fund	32,522	24,260	24,260	32,522	Copy Machine Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Squad Car Fund	36,395	226,000	226,000	36,395	Squad Car Fund	0	0	-	0.00%
Dog License Fund	6,315	21,500	24,500	3,315	Dog License Fund	13,000	13,000	-	0.00%
TOTAL	13,283,659	31,826,422	33,242,680	11,867,401	TOTAL	11,418,239	9,603,507	1,814,732	18.90%


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taken as follows: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes, Maki-absent. (11-yes, 0-no, 2-absent) Motion carried.

6. **Discussion and Possible Action to Set the 2020 Tax Levy;**

The total amount of the 2020 tax levy is \$11,418,239. The main increase is due to Highway repairs.

Motion by Gordon, Rondeau to adopt the Bayfield County 2020 Tax Levy of \$11,418,239. A roll call was taken as follows: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes, Maki-absent. (11-yes, 0-no, 2-absent) Motion carried.

7. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-69; Tax Charge Backs: Year of 2018 - Town of Iron River; Year of 2018 - Town of Lincoln; Year of 2017 - Town of Russell; Years of 2015-2018 - Town of Russell; Bayfield County Treasurer;**

County Administrator Abeles-Allison explained the meaning and use of the tax charge backs. The total amount of the tax charge backs from Resolution No. 2019-69 is \$2,197.09

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, has examined a report of the Bayfield County Treasurer setting forth the certain Tax Certificates now owned by Bayfield County. The legal description for said Tax Certificates is as follows:

Town of Iron River: Tax ID #20174; Lots 11-14; Section 2 – Township 47N – Range 8W. Bayfield County foreclosed on said property on 12/19/2017 for the unpaid taxes of 2012. Bayfield County is tax-exempt. The Face of the Certificate is \$71.85; *and*

Town of Lincoln: Tax ID #22384; Parcel in the NW ¼ NW ¼ in 2017R-568399; Section 1 – Township 45N – Range 5W. Bayfield County Highway Department purchased said property on 5/19/2017. Bayfield County is tax-exempt. The Face of the Certificate is \$153.33; *and*

Town of Russell: Tax ID #29689; SE ¼ NW ¼; Section 17 – Township 51N – Range 3W. Per the Town of Russell, this property should not have been assessed for taxes and called it an illegal tax. The Face of the Certificate is \$559.27; *and*

Town of Russell: Tax ID #29786; Part of S 442' in NE ¼ NW ¼, North of Old Hwy 13 less West 1205" in V.289 P.376; Section 31 – Township 51N – Range 3W. The Town Assessor erred in assessing the parcel to have improvements of which there are none. The Face of the Certificate is \$1,412.64; *and*

WHEREAS, these Tax Certificates are illegal and void in that said Certificates were issued on the tax exempt property, or property on which there was a double or incorrect description and for other reasons as set forth in said Treasurer's Report and are not justly re-assessable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, authorizes that the amounts of said illegal and void Tax Certificates are charged back to the respective towns, cities, or villages where in such lands are situated as follows: Town of Iron River in the amount of \$71.85; Town of Lincoln in the amount of \$153.33; Town of Russell in the amount of \$559.27; *and* the Town of Russell in the amount of \$1,412.64.

Motion by Rondeau, Zepczyk to adopt the Bayfield County Tax Charge Backs. A roll call was taken as follows: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes, Maki-absent. (11-yes, 0-no, 2-absent) Motion carried.

8. **Public Comment**; No public comment was received.

9. **Motion Regarding the Minutes of the October 1st, 2019 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting**;

Motion by Rondeau, Milanowski to approve the Minutes of the October 1st, 2020 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting. No additions or corrections. Motion carried.

10. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-70; In remembrance and recognition of Veterans Day; Office of Veterans Service**;

This Resolution was proposed by the *Bayfield County Interim Veterans Service Officer*, Michelle Anderson. Veterans Day is November 11th, 2019. *County Administrator Abeles-Allison* read Resolution No. 2019-70 in respect and recognition of veterans.

WHEREAS, the 11th of November 2019 is celebrated as Veteran's Day; and

WHEREAS, we remember the countless sacrifices that our country's valiant veterans have made throughout our history to preserve our liberty and prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been imperative in preserving our freedoms and way of life; and

WHEREAS, our veterans are courageous and selfless individuals who, when duty called, readily put themselves in harm's way to defend the lives and freedom of others; and

WHEREAS, we must all strive to ensure that ours remains a land worthy of the boundless devotion our veterans have shown for it.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, recognize and respect the contributions of our veterans to the ideologies of democracy, individual freedom and civil liberties.

Motion by Rondeau, Crandall to approve Resolution No. 2019-70, In remembrance and recognition of Veteran's Day. Motion carried.

11. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-71; In awareness of winter travel and in appreciation of County and Municipal snowplow operators; Bayfield County Administrator**;

This Resolution serves as a reminder of winter driving awareness and in appreciation of the snowplow operators. It was advised to send Resolution No. 2019-71 to all Municipal Clerks in Bayfield County.

WHEREAS, Bayfield County contains over 2,100 miles of roads.

WHEREAS, snowplowing is a critical service to ensure that emergency services can safely travel as required, and that citizens are able to access work, school and necessary services, and;

WHEREAS, County and Local Roadway maintenance employees are dedicated to keeping roadways clear at all times of year, but have additional burdens during the winter season; and

WHEREAS, Bayfield County reminds all persons to:

- Be cautious when they encounter snowplows
- Limit driving during bad weather to avoid becoming stuck or stalled in their vehicles.
- Be aware that Wisconsin state law requires drivers to be at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow.
- Use caution when passing a working snowplow because it can create a cloud of snow that can obscure a driver's vision.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, does hereby recognize the importance of the work of County and Local Roadway Maintenance Employees and thanks them for their efforts to keep County and Local Roadways safe during heavy snow events.

Motion by Oswald, Fickbohm to approve Resolution 2019-71, In awareness of winter travel and in appreciation of County and Municipal snowplow operators. Motion carried.

12. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-72; Recognizing Larry Tutland for over 23 years of dedication and service in the Bayfield County Highway Department;**

County Board *Supervisors* recognized Larry Tutland for his work at the Bayfield County Highway Department.

WHEREAS, Larry Tutland has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Highway Department for 23 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, honors Larry Tutland for his 23 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for his efforts, wishing him well in the years ahead.

Motion by Gordon, Crandall to approve Resolution No. 2019-72, Recognizing Larry Tutland for over 23 years of dedication and service in the Bayfield County Highway Department. Motion carried.

13. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-73; Recognizing Sheila Mack for over 23 years of dedication and service in the Bayfield County Department of Human Services;**

County Board *Supervisors* thanked Sheila Mack for her dedication and service over the last 23 years.

WHEREAS, Sheila Mack has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Human Services Department for over 23 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, honors Sheila Mack for her 23 years of public service

to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for her efforts, wishing her well in the years ahead.

Motion by Crandall, Rondeau to approve Resolution No. 2019-73, Recognizing Sheila Mack for over 23 years of dedication and service in the Bayfield County Department of Human Services. Motion carried.

14. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-74; Request to apply for a waiver from Federal rules excluding Medicaid coverage for institutional stays; Elizabeth Skulan, Human Services Director;**

Human Services Director Skulan provided background information regarding this Resolution. Federal rules exclude all patients from 22 – 64 years old from Medicaid coverage in an Institute for Mental Disease. This exclusion results in high costs to Wisconsin counties. The waiver is statewide and if received would impact all Wisconsin Counties. The State has to request this waiver and this Resolution encourages the State to apply. It was advised to also forward Resolution No. 2019-74 to Federal Senators.

WHEREAS, federal rules exclude patients age 22-64 years of age from Medicaid coverage in an Institute for Mental Disease (IMD), resulting in high costs to Wisconsin counties for individuals with mental illness who require short-term placement; *and*

WHEREAS, the IMD rule can be a barrier to securing necessary health care treatment and aiding young and middle-aged adults with brain disorders on their path to recovery; *and*

WHEREAS, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued an invitation to states to apply for a waiver of this exclusion, allowing states to receive federal reimbursement for the cost of treatment in an IMD;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019 urges Governor Evers and the Legislature to submit an application for a CMS waiver of the Medicaid IMD exclusion to allow federal reimbursement of short-term acute care and transition planning for persons with serious and persistent mental illness;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, once approved, the Bayfield County Clerk is directed to send a copy of the resolution to Governor Tony Evers, Senator Janet Bewley, Representative Beth Meyers, the Wisconsin County Human Services Association (WCHSA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA).

Motion by Rondeau, Fickbohm to approve Resolution No. 2019-74, Request to apply for a waiver from Federal rules excluding Medicaid coverage for institutional stays. Motion carried.

15. **Report of the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee No. 2019-18; Petition to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance regarding the Zoning of an Edward Scheider parcel in the Town of Keystone from Residential-One (R-1) to Forestry-One (F-1); Rob Schierman, Planning and Zoning Director;**

Supervisors from the Zoning Committee gave information about this Zoning Report. This Report was disapproved by the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee. There has been a history of problems with this property.

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 Edward W Scheider 6.0-acre parcel (ID# 21910) (Doc # 2017R-568920), described as a parcel in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼, NE ¼), further described as lying North of U.S. Highway 2, LESS the following described parcel: To find the point of beginning, commence at the NE corner of said NE ¼ NE ¼; thence South on the Section Line 186 feet to the North line of the right-of-way of US Highway 2; thence along said North line of said US Highway 2 Westerly 650 feet to the point of beginning; thence from point of beginning, 208 feet in a Northerly direction at right angles to said highway right-of-way to a point; thence Westerly on a line parallel to the right-of-way of said US Highway 2, 208 feet to a point; thence Southerly 208 feet to the right-of-way of said US Highway 2; thence Easterly along said US Highway 2 right-of-way to the point of beginning, in Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township Forty-Seven (47) N, Range Six (6) W, Town of Keystone, Bayfield County, WI.
Petitioning: Residential-One (R-1) to Forestry-One (F-1).

Motion by Strand, Zepczyk to receive and place on file Report No. 2019-18, Petition to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance regarding the Zoning of an Edward Scheider parcel in the Town of Keystone from Residential-One (R-1) to Forestry-One (F-1). Motion carried.

16. Bayfield County Ordinance No. 2019-18; Amendment regarding the Zoning of an Edward Scheider parcel in the Town of Keystone from Residential-One (R-1) to Forestry-One (F-1); Rob Schierman, Planning and Zoning Director;

A rezone request must be acted upon by the full County Board. It cannot be finalized by the Planning and Zoning Committee. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended this request be denied.

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:

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.69 (5) authorizes the County Board to adopt a zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.69(5)(e) authorizes the County Board to change district boundaries; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County of Bayfield that the District Boundaries be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter set forth;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain as follows:

The Zoning of **Edward W Scheider** 6.0-acre parcel (ID# 21910) (Doc # 2017R-568920), described as a parcel in the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼, NE ¼), further described as lying North of U.S. Highway 2, LESS the following described parcel: To find the point of beginning, commence at the NE corner of said NE ¼ NE ¼; thence South on the Section Line 186 feet to the North line of the right-of-way of US Highway 2; thence along said North line of said US Highway 2 Westerly 650 feet to the point of beginning; thence from point of beginning, 208 feet in a Northerly direction at right angles to said highway right-of-way to a point; thence Westerly on a line parallel to the right-of-way of said US Highway 2, 208 feet to a point; thence Southerly 208 feet to the right-of-way of said US Highway 2; thence Easterly along said US Highway 2 right-of-way to the point of beginning, in Section Twenty-Eight (28), Township Forty-Seven (47) N, Range Six (6) W, Town of Keystone, Bayfield County, WI.
Petitioning: Residential-One (R-1) to Forestry-One (F-1).

Motion by Rondeau, Strand to approve Ordinance No. 2019-18 to deny the request of the Amendment regarding the Zoning of an Edward Scheider parcel in the Town of Keystone from Residential-One (R-1) to Forestry-One (F-1). Motion carried.

17. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-75; Cooperative Law Enforcement Services Agreement; Bayfield County Sheriff's Office; Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Police Department;**

This is a yearly agreement between the Bayfield County Sheriff's Office and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Police Department. Red Cliff's Police Department would receive 100% of the funds. There have been multiple meetings. This item is estimated to be \$50,000. It is determined by the State based on how many tribes and communities come to an agreement each year.

WHEREAS, the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under a Constitution adopted August 25, 1938, and approved on November 9, 1938, pursuant to section 16 of the Indian reorganization Act; *and*

WHEREAS, the Tribal and Bayfield County Law Enforcement Agencies have had a history of cooperation in striving to meet the Red Cliff Community's law enforcement needs; *and*

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statute 165.90 provides for the establishment of cooperative law enforcement efforts between County and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies; *and*

WHEREAS, County and Tribal Law Enforcement Officials have worked together to develop the FY 2016 County-Tribal Law Enforcement (CTLE) Plan and grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, does hereby encourage continued cooperation between the County and Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies and approve the 2020 County-Tribal Law Enforcement Plan and Grant Application.

Motion by Silbert, Gordon to approve Resolution No. 2019-75, Cooperative Law Enforcement Services Resolution and Agreement. Motion carried.

18. **Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield Wireless Partnership and Tower Agreement for a State Broadband Grant, Town of Bayview, Washburn and Barksdale; Mike Cariveau;**

This agenda item will be revisited on November 12th, 2019 at the next County Board Meeting.

19. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-77; Participation in the State of Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program; Bayfield County Administrator's Office**

This item was moved up to accommodate a speaker for a later agenda item.

County Administrator Abeles-Allison summarized the considerations, figures, and comparisons of this potential health insurance change. The possible health insurance change will be further discussed and examined at the next Personnel Committee meeting on November 7th. Benefits and concerns of the State of Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program were discussed. The State of Wisconsin requires this resolution for two reasons: for participation in the State of Wisconsin Public Employers' group health insurance plan and in order to request to retain a second group health plan. Bayfield County's second group health plan is the Teamster Health Plan. It would continue to be offered as a separate Health Insurance Plan to Highway Department employees for 2020.

WHEREAS, employee benefits are a critical component of Bayfield County's employee compensation package; *and*

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has been exploring various options for employee Health Insurance Coverage for 2020 and into the future; *and*

WHEREAS, analysis of cost and benefits through the State of Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program appears to meet the needs of employees and the county; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin requires that a "Resolution for Inclusion" be approved by the County Board authorizing participation; *and*

WHEREAS, the Teamster Health Plan would continue to be offered as a separate Health Insurance Plan to Highway Department employees for 2020; *and*

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin requires a resolution requesting to retain a second group health plan; *and*

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Personnel Committee will review the State Health Plan cost/benefit analysis at their meeting on November 7, 2019; *and*

WHEREAS, Bayfield County offices need as much time as possible to educate employees on their benefit options, have employees complete enrollment, and for the payroll related set-up of benefit premiums and enrollment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 29th day of October 2019, do hereby approve the "Resolution for Inclusion Under the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program with a request to retain a second group health plan" contingent upon the review and approval by the Bayfield County Personnel Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date of Certification on the State of Wisconsin resolution reflect the date that participation is authorized by the Bayfield County Personnel Committee.

Motion by Strand, Rondeau to approve Resolution No. 2019-77, Participation in the State of Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program, subject to the recommendation of

the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

20. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2019-76; Providing Loan to Northern Lights Services, Inc.;

This item was delayed in order to wait for the arrival of the Northern Lights *Director*.

Director Pauline Darling gave an explanation of the \$500,000 loan over a 5-year period that Northern Lights is requesting. The purpose and need for the loan were explained. It will be mostly used to update the Northern Lights facility. The current and projected finances were explained. November 18th, 2019 is the prospective loan date and on January 1st, 2020 payments would begin. The Comments were received from County Board *Supervisors* about the importance of Northern Lights Nursing Home and the service they provide for Northern Wisconsin families.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Bayfield County, Wisconsin (the “County”), as follows:

1. Under Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.0621, as amended (the “Act”), the Municipality is authorized and empowered to issue revenue obligations to finance all or any part of the cost of acquisition, construction, equipping, improving, enlarging, or extending of public utilities, as defined therein.
2. Under and pursuant to the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Sections 59.01 and 59.52(6), the Municipality is authorized to:
 - (1) acquire and hold, lease or rent real and personal estate for public uses or purposes, to sell, lease and convey the same, to make such contracts and to do such other acts as are necessary and proper to the exercise of the powers and privileges granted and the performance of the legal duties charged upon it;
 - (2) acquire, lease or rent property, real and personal, for public uses or purposes of any nature, including without limitation, acquisitions for county buildings;
 - (3) direct the clerk to lease, sell or convey or contract to sell or convey any county property, not donated and required to be held for a special purpose, on terms that the Board approves;
 - (4) construct, purchase, acquire, lease, develop, improve, extend, equip, operate and maintain all county buildings, structures and facilities hereinafter in this subsection referred to as “projects,” including, among others, schools, hospitals, homes for the aged or indigent, regional projects and including all property, real and personal, pertinent or necessary for such purposes;
 - (5) finance such projects, including necessary sites, by the issuance of revenue bonds under the Act, and payable solely from the income, revenues and rentals and fees derived from the operation of the project financed from the proceeds of the revenue bonds
3. The County has a vested interest in ensuring the continued operation and success of Northern Lights Services, Inc (“Northern Lights”) for reasons that include, but not limited to the following:
 - a. The County owns the property that is operated by Northern Lights and Northern Lights pays the County rent pursuant to a long-term lease.
 - b. Northern Lights operates the only skilled nursing facility in Bayfield County.
 - c. Northern Lights employs a significant number of residents.
4. Northern Lights has shown a need for a loan in the amount of \$500,000 and has shown that based

upon its non-profit status and lack of assets, it is unable to obtain a conventional loan without the assistance of the County. The County has reviewed financing options and has found that using \$500,000 of its reserve funds to be best option to the County and its residents.

5. The County Administrator and County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute all documents necessary to provide Northern Lights with a loan in the amount of \$500,000.00 effective November 18, 2019 with an interest rate of 2.61% per annum and payable over 60 months.

Motion by Gordon, Rondeau to approve Resolution No. 2019-76, Providing Loan to Northern Lights Services. A roll call was taken as follows: Newago-absent, Gordon-yes, Fickbohm-yes, Oswald-yes, Silbert-yes, Pocernich-yes, Strand-yes, Snilsberg-yes, Milanowski-yes, Zepczyk-yes, Crandall-yes, Rondeau-yes, Maki-absent. (11-yes, 0-no, 2-absent) Motion carried.

21. **The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors may entertain a motion to move in and out of Executive/Closed Session pursuant to: §19.85(1)(g) to confer 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, Crandall to enter Executive/Closed Session at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried with unanimous vote.

The following were allowed to remain in Executive/Closed Session: *County Administrator-* Mark Abeles-Allison; *County Clerk-* Scott Fibert; *Clerk III-* Allison Radke.

Discussion took place on the Red Cliff Zoning Lawsuit with an update from Bayfield County's *Corporation Counsel*. No action was taken.

There being no further business to conduct in Executive/Closed Session, *a motion was made by Crandall, Rondeau to return to Open Session at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried.*

22. **Bayfield County Administrator's Report:**

- a) **Future County Board Meeting Dates:**

- ✓ **November 12th, 2019 (Statutory Meeting)** - with Public Hearing regarding MMC Bond.
- ✓ **No December 2019 County Board Meeting** anticipated at this time. Will schedule if required.
- ✓ **January 28, 2020 & February 25, 2020** – Regularly scheduled meetings.

- b) **2020 – 2022 Supervisor Term Compensation discussion;**

The last time there was a change in compensation was about 20 years ago. Comparisons were made with other County Boards throughout the state. A suggestion was made to prepare Resolution with proposal for compensation for the November 12th County Board meeting. Comments were received from County Board *Supervisors*. A recommendation will be brought to the Executive Committee prior to the County Board meeting.

- c) **2020 Census;**

A Census 2020 document was reviewed. The Census is reported to be easy, convenient, and confidential. It can be completed online, as early as March 2020. There are 10 questions, 10

minutes, every 10 years.

d) CWD Testing and Dumpsters;

A brochure was shared that the Land Water Conversation Department developed. Contributions, grants, and feedback have been positive for the Chronic Wasting Disease dumpster program.

e) Health Insurance 2020 Update;

This was discussed previously in the meeting.

f) Superior Days Issues;

Superior Days issues were discussed. The 3 main issues from Bayfield County include: access to mental health services, EMS services, and Chronic Wasting Disease encouraging further research, stricter regulations, and statewide adopt-a-dumpster program. Further suggestions can be contributed.

23. Supervisors' Reports;

Newspaper articles regarding the Wisconsin Finance Authority were discussed.

24. Future Agenda Items; None identified.

25. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *Chair* Pocerlich adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

SCOTT S. FIBERT

Scott S. Fibert, *Bayfield County Clerk*
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