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Minutes of the: Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting February 23rd, 2021 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Held in the Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, WI
& Remotely

The meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Bayfield County *Chairman* Dennis M. Pocernich. A roll call was taken by *County Clerk*- Lynn Divine, as follows: Steve Sandstrom- present virtually; Mary Dougherty- present; Larry Fickbohm- present; Charly Ray- present; Jeremy Oswald- present virtually; Jeff Silbert- present virtually; Fred Strand- present; Tom Snilsberg- present virtually; Marty Milanowski- present; David Zepczyk- present; Jim Crandall- present virtually; Brett Rondeau- present virtually; Pocernich- present. Total: 13 present, 0 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for today's meeting: *County Administrator*- Mark Abeles-Allison; *County Clerk*- Lynn Divine; *Health Director*-Sara Wartman virtually; *Forest Administrator*- Jason Bodine virtually; *Human Services Director*- Elizabeth Skulan virtually *Clerk III*- Paige Terry virtually; *Bluesource Vice President*- Joshua Strauss virtually

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

4. **Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes from February 11th, 2021;**

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Zepczyk to approve the minutes from February 11, 2021.
Motion Carried, 13-0.*

5. **Public Comment;** None.

6. **State of County Presentation;**

Abeles-Allison reviewed the State of the County presentation with the Board. Fickbohm questioned if the multiple staffing changes in the Sheriff's Office has severely impacted the payroll. Abeles-Allison stated that he did not believe so.

Motion by Zepczyk, seconded by Ray to Receive and Place on File. Motion Carried, 13-0.

7. **COVID-19 Health Update;**

Wartman reported 1,063 total confirmed positive COVID-19 cases and 71 current probable cases. Wartman informed the board that the number of probable cases is expected to rise more than positive cases due to the adjustments made in testing and to conserve testing supplies. Currently, there are 46 active COVID-19 cases and a total of approximately 1,000 recovered cases. Bayfield County has reported an additional death due to COVID-19. COVID-19 activity within Bayfield County is still high but has continued to decrease over the past four weeks. On average, 8-12 positive cases on average are being reported per week with a majority of cases affecting those in

the 60-69-year age range. The Bayfield County Health Department has no information regarding the COVID-19 variants that have been reported elsewhere in the State.

Wartman reported that the Health Department has entered their ninth week of vaccine distribution and reports approximately 28% of the County population having received their first dose of the vaccine while an estimated 11% of the population has also received the second dose. Additional LTE staff members have been hired to assist with vaccine distribution, giving the Health Department the capacity of delivering 1,000-1,200 vaccines per week. Low vaccine supply, roughly 100 doses per week, limits how many vaccines are able to be administered. The Health Department is only vaccinating individuals that the State declares eligible for the vaccine. There are three ways citizens can register for a COVID-19 vaccine; by filling out the online registration form, filling out the paper copy of the registration form, or by calling the COVID-19 hotline. Starting March 1-15, 2021, the Health Department will begin to vaccinate school Districts. Bayfield County has been able to vaccinate approximately 50% of the population aged 65+. There is no fee for receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

Silbert questioned if Bayfield County citizens would be informed if a new variant of COVID was in the community and if Bayfield County citizens were able to lower their vigilance regarding the virus due to the increase of vaccinations. Wartman explained that the testing for new COVID variants is conducted by the CDC as Bayfield County does not have the funds or the capacity for such tests. Approximately 40 cases of the new strains have been reported in Wisconsin. Wartman advised the board that citizens should not let up on wearing masks or other safety practices as the vaccine does not prevent individuals from getting sick and may lead a citizen to becoming an asymptomatic carrier of the virus.

Oswald asked for clarification regarding the previously given estimation of the Health Department's capability of distributing 1,200 vaccines per week as well as if the Health Department would be prepared to distribute a sudden onslaught of vaccines. Oswald also questioned if all of the vaccination clinics would be taking place at the St. Louis school in Washburn. Wartman clarified that the current number of staff members assisting with the vaccine clinics would offer the ability to vaccinate 1,200 individuals per week, the numbers would also aide the department should they receive a larger amount of vaccines. Wartman reported that the Health Department has applied for 15 different vaccination sites, but the department has not yet received an appropriate number of vaccines to warrant traveling a long distance. The Health Department currently has enough staff members to staff 2-3 vaccination clinic sites per day.

Pocernich questioned if the numbers Wartman presented include the numbers from the Red Cliff Tribe. Wartman stated that they do. Pocernich then questioned if other Bayfield County members would be able to be vaccinated in Red Cliff once the tribe has finished vaccinating all of their tribal members. Wartman explained that would be up to the discretion of the Red Cliff Community Health Center as well as the Tribal Council.

8. Presentation: Bayfield County Forest Carbon Opportunity and Summary Proposal; Joshua Strauss, Vice President-Bluesource. Discussion regarding the presentation;

Bluesource Vice President, Josh Strauss reviewed the Bayfield County Forest Carbon presentation with the board. From the start of the project to the time when carbon credits could be sold would be an estimated 18 months. The project would require a 40-year commitment between Bayfield County and Bluesource with inventory being installed in the first year then revisited on a 10-year basis. Another requirement for signing a contract with Bluesource would be a verification requirement every 5 years with basic reporting to occur on an annual basis. During the extent of the contract, Bayfield County would not be able to harvest in an amount that would exceed the annual growth of the forest. Bluesource would be responsible for all of the costs of the project and would only receive a profit in the form of a percentage of generated sales. It is estimated that Bayfield County stands to gain approximately \$10 million in revenue over a period of 10 years.

Oswald questioned what were to happen if Bayfield County experienced a significant loss due to a forest fire, blow down, etc. Strauss explained that each project that Bluesource oversees has a buffer in place that would act as an insurance policy to cover any catastrophic loss that is not a direct result of the County's actions.

9. **Bayfield County Forest – Forest Carbon Offset Project. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Participation in the Voluntary Carbon Market Under the American Carbon Registry Improved Forest Management Program;**

Bodine informed the board that upcoming Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-16 is two-fold, to give permission to develop a project that would be enrolled Voluntary Carbon Market under the American Carbon Registry Improved Forest Management Program, also to be contracted directly with Bluesource to assist with the project enrollment.

Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Zepczyk to participate in the Voluntary Carbon Market Under the American Carbon Registry Improved Forest Management Program.

Oswald questioned Strand if there was any apprehension felt during the discussion at the Forestry Committee meeting. Strand explained that the Forestry Committee had studied and evaluated the topic for an extended period and any questions that were had have been answered. The main topic of apprehension was the skepticism surrounding getting paid for what Bayfield County is already doing. Strand reported that the Executive Committee has also reviewed the topic and is recommending its approval. Pocerlich questioned if there was the need for Bayfield County to utilize some of the produced carbon credits to reduce the County's own carbon footprint and, should there be such a need, would Bayfield County be able to buy carbon credits back. Bodine explained there should not be a need to offset the County's footprint and some credits will be set aside to make up for the carbon footprint. Strauss informed the board that an amendment in the agreement between Bluesource and Bayfield County could be made should the County need to offset its carbon footprint.

Motion Carried, 13-0.

10. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-16;**

2021-16

Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Bayfield County Owned Lands, Including the Bayfield County Forest and for Participation in the Voluntary Carbon Market Under the American Carbon Registry Improved Forest Management Program

WHEREAS, since 2020, the Forestry and Parks Department has researched the merits of enrolling Bayfield County owned lands in a carbon offset program; *and*,

WHEREAS, after an extensive and thorough review, Bayfield county has determined that participation in a forest carbon offset program would align with both the County and Forestry and Parks Department missions; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department recommends the development of a carbon project, involving the majority of Bayfield County Forest lands in addition to other Bayfield County owned lands, for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR)

Improved Forest Management (IFM) program; *and,*

WHEREAS, as part of the review process, the Forestry and Parks Department collaborated with carbon experts, consultants and other large public land managers with similar carbon projects, to determine the best carbon program fit for Bayfield County; *and,*

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department recommends working with a carbon contractor to assist in the development of a project that would include marketing and selling carbon offsets; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bluesource, LLC, is a prominent leader in North American carbon markets since 2001 and has developed the continent's largest portfolio of carbon credits. Bluesource plays a dominant role in domestic forest carbon development and marketing, including a major presence in the Lake States, and is responsible for over 60% of all carbon credits developed and registered as part of the ACR IFM program; *and,*

WHEREAS, Bluesource, LLC has developed a carbon project proposal for Bayfield County that includes a majority of the County Forest, in addition to other County owned lands; *and,*

WHEREAS, as part of the proposal presented by Bluesource, LLC, it is estimated that a forest carbon offset project involving the County Forest and other County owned lands, has the potential to generate \$10 million dollars in new net revenue within the first ten years of the program; *and,*

WHEREAS, for the entire length of the contract with Bluesource, LLC, including all aspects of carbon offset project development and administration, marketing and selling of carbon credits, there would be no direct out of pocket budgetary expenses incurred by Bayfield County; *and,*

WHEREAS, the potential net returns realized from the registration and sale of carbon offsets would supplement current revenues received from current sustainable forest management practices on County owned lands; *and,*

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2021, the Forestry and Parks Committee unanimously approved moving forward with the development of a forest carbon project and made the following recommendation to the full Board: "that the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Administrator be granted approval to establish a forest carbon offset project and that the entire Bayfield County Forest be considered for inclusion with the exception that all Bayfield County land within the Red Cliff Reservation be omitted. In addition, other county owned, non-county forest lands also be considered for the same forest carbon project, again with the exception that all Bayfield County land within the Red Cliff Reservation be omitted, if deemed advantageous to the county. That the Forestry and Parks Administrator and County Administrator be authorized to negotiate directly with Bluesource on the terms of a forest carbon contract or similar agreement. And, assuming acceptable terms can be reached, that the county contract Bluesource to work with the Forestry and Parks Department, through the Forestry and Parks Administrator, on the development and management of a forest carbon project for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program"; *and,*

WHEREAS, during their meeting held on February 11, 2021, the Executive Committee also unanimously approved moving forward with a forest carbon project, as presented by the Forestry and Parks Department and Bluesource, LLC, and made the following motion: "that the Board approves the establishment of a forest carbon offset project for all appropriate County Forest and other County owned lands excluding all County owned lands within the Red Cliff Reservation, and that the Board authorizes the County Forest Administrator and the County Administrator to negotiate and execute an appropriate agreement with Bluesource for a forest carbon offset project".

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February, 2021, authorizes the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Administrator and County Administrator on behalf of Bayfield County, in consultation with Bayfield County Corporation Counsel, and upon confirmation from the Wisconsin DNR that there are no conflicts with state statute 28.11 (County Forest Law), to develop a 40 year forest carbon offset project for all appropriate County Forest and other County owned lands, excluding all County owned lands located within the Red Cliff Reservation and other lands deemed not appropriate, for participation in the voluntary carbon market under the American Carbon Registry (ACR) Improved Forest Management (IFM) program,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, the Forestry and Parks Administrator and County Administrator are authorized to negotiate and execute an 8 to 12 year contract directly with Bluesource, LLC to assist in the development of said forest carbon project, in consultation with Bayfield County Corporation Counsel and upon confirmation from the Wisconsin DNR that there are no conflicts with state statute 28.11.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Rondeau to adopt Resolution No. 2021-16; Develop a Forest Carbon Offset Project for Bayfield County Owned Lands, Including the Bayfield County Forest, for Participation in the Voluntary Carbon Market Under the American Carbon Registry Improved Forest Management Program.

Silbert informed the board that Resolution No. 2021-16 excludes property within the Red Cliff Tribal Reservation boundaries so that the land repatriation efforts may continue.

Motion Carried, 13-0.

11. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-17;

2021-17

**Sale of Land to the Across the Pond Veterans Park
AND
Withdrawal from County Forest Law**

WHEREAS, as per Resolution 2017-37, Bayfield County (hereafter, the County) agreed to sell approximately 10 acres of county forest land to Across the Pond Veterans Park (hereafter, Across the Pond) for the sum of \$1.00; *and*,

WHEREAS, the land was withdrawn from County Forest Law and was to become the future home of a new Veterans Park, which would be open for public use; *and*,

WHEREAS, as per their planning process, Across the Pond discovered that, of the 10 acres of land originally acquired, only about 6 acres was suitable for development, due to various set back requirements, road and utility rights of way, and steep slopes along the Iron River Flowage; *and*,

WHEREAS, since the original request of land was approved, the Across the Pond project (proposal) has expanded to include, but not limited to, additional campsites, outdoor learning areas, war memorials, walking trails and a boat dock (see Exhibit A); *and*,

WHEREAS, to complete the initial plan and to accommodate the additional proposal/expansion, Across the Pond would require more land; *and*,

WHEREAS, the County received a request to sell approximately 13 acres of additional County Forest land to Across the Pond, adjacent to the 10-acre parcel previously sold, in the Town of Hughes; *and*,

WHEREAS, County Forest land, further described as being located in part of the S½ NW ¼ SE ¼, Section 12, Township 47 North, Range 9 West, east of Redwine Road, in the Town of Hughes (see Exhibit B), has been identified as the parcel of interest; *and*,

WHEREAS, during their meeting on February 8, 2021, the Forestry and Parks Committee approved Across the Pond's expanded development proposal, including the sale of approximately 13 acres of additional County Forest land, for the total sum of \$1.00, and recommended the issue be sent to the County Board for consideration; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Committee's recommendation to sell the additional land to Across the Pond was contingent upon: 1) within two years from the date of this Resolution, Across the Pond having substantially completed the construction of the park facilities that were approved as part of the first transfer of land (as per Resolution 2017-37); or 2) within two years from the date of this Resolution, Across the Pond providing the County with formal financial documents disclosing that they have acquired, either directly and/or in the form of secure pledges, at least 50% of the estimated costs associated with the development/construction of the park facilities that were approved in the first transfer of land; and 3) Across the Pond must initiate construction of the expanded park facilities, or provide the County with formal financial documents disclosing that they have acquired, either directly and/or in the form of secure pledges, at least 50% of the estimated costs associated with the development/construction of the park facilities as outlined in Exhibit A, within four years from the official transfer of the additional land; *and*,

WHEREAS, if terms of the contingencies and/or stipulations outlined above are not met, to the satisfaction of the County, then the property, as described in Exhibit B, will revert to the County upon the filing of an Affidavit, by the County Administrator, indicating that the conditions listed above have not been met; *and*,

WHEREAS, the sale of County Forest land currently enrolled in County Forest Law is inconsistent with the purposes set forth in ss. 28.11, Wisconsin Statutes (County Forest Law); *and*,

WHEREAS, any proposal to sell County Forest land will first require filing an application to withdraw said parcel from County Forest Law; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Committee has recommended the sale of the above parcel for the sole purpose of establishing a public use Veterans Park, as well as the subsequent withdrawal of said land from County Forest Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February 2021, authorizes the Bayfield County Forestry and Parks Administrator, on behalf of Bayfield County, to make an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 28.11(11), Wisconsin Statutes, to withdraw the real estate described above from the provisions of the County Forest Law (Section 28.11, Wisconsin Statutes); *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, if the application for withdrawal from County Forest Law is approved by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors approves the sale of the property, as described in Exhibit B, to Across the Pond, for the sum of \$1.00; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Across the Pond will also be responsible for costs incurred in the transfer of said land, including, but not limited to, costs associated with a survey (if necessary), legal fees and recording fees; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Across the Pond is required to honor the contingencies and stipulations as outlined and described above or said property will revert back to the County upon the filing of an Affidavit, by the County Administrator, indicating that the conditions listed above have not been met.

Strand informed the board that 10 acres of county forest land was sold in 2017 to the Across the Pond Veterans Park, LLC. Only approximate 6 of the 10 acres proved to be suitable for development. Strand reported that the park has expanded their original plans that will require more space.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Fickbohm to adopt Resolution No. 2021-17; Sale of Land to the Across the Pond Veteran's Park and Withdrawal from County Forest Law.

Crandall asked for clarification on the reversion line included in the resolution, questioning what would happen to the project should it be started but progress halts and never finishes. Strand explained that there would need to be substantial accomplishments made to the initial plans, but the reversion clause would only take effect if the Board enacts it. Ray questioned what would happen in the long-term if progress was not made after the 2-year reversion clause expired. Strand explained that the reversion clause could only be put into effect if there was a failure to develop the property in the timeframe. Should the property be developed but is unable to be operated, Bayfield County would not be able to enact the reversionary clause.

Motion Carried, 13-0.

Oswald questioned if the Across the Pond Veterans Park, LLC is working with other veterans' groups throughout the county. Snilsberg reported that the current board of directors consists of local citizens, but anyone in the County could apply to be a member.

12. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-18;

2021-18

Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC)

WHEREAS, Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC) are the first place to go to get accurate unbiased information on all aspects of life related to aging or living with a disability; *and*,

WHEREAS, ADRC services include providing information and assistance, benefits, counseling, coordinating short-term services, conducting functional screens, ad enrollment processing and counseling; *and*,

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin, there are currently 34 single-county ADRCs, 12 multi-county/tribal ADRCs, and seven tribal Aging and Disability Resource Specialists that work with an ADRC; *and*,

WHEREAS, ADRCs serve the fastest growing demographic of our state's population; *and*,

WHEREAS, the funding method for ADRCs has not been revised in more than a decade, and funding for ADRCs has not increased since 2006; *and*,

WHEREAS, it has become evident that ADRC funding needs revision for a number of reasons, including

- The current inequitable distribution of funding among ADRCs.
- The need to increase funding so that all ADRCs may effectively meet their mission, as outlined in the Scope of Services contract addendum; *and*,

WHEREAS, the e for Resource Center Development (ORCD) within the Department of Health Services (DHS) established a stakeholder advisory group in 2017 to discuss ADRC funding; *and*,

WHEREAS, the stakeholder advisory group identified a number of issues with the current funding formula, such as:

- Dollars are distributed based on the date of ADRC establishment – older ADRCs (Generation One) receive more funding than ADRCs established at a later date (Generation Two and Three ADRCs);
- The current formula does not take into account elements associated with health and social inequity that require a greater need for ADRC services;
- The current formula does not adjust with need – Wisconsin’s aging and disability populations continue to grow and are expected to grow significantly over the next 20 years;
- The current formula does not account for needed cost of living adjustments;
- The ADRC of the North (ADRC-N) including Ashland, Bayfield, Iron, Price, and Sawyer Counties is currently the least funded ADRC in the state; *and*,

WHEREAS, a significant state GPR investment is needed to implement the recommendations of the stakeholder advisory group; *and*,

WHEREAS, such a significant state investment would provide consistency in ADRC funding statewide, cover the services required and recommended in the Scope of Services contract addendum, and equalize services among ADRCs; *and*,

WHEREAS, the work of the stakeholder advisory group complements the work of the Governor’s Task Force on Caregiving.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February 2021, approves this resolution and supports the following increases in the 2021-23 state biennial budget to ensure access to critical services provided by ADRCs to Wisconsin’s aging and disability populations:

- Provide an additional \$27,410,000 GPR in funding to our state’s ADRCs. It is important to note that the proposed change in the ADRC allocation methodology cannot occur unless the full \$27.4 million is allocated.
- Provide additional funding to expand/equalize ADRC services across the state:
 - Expand Dementia Care Specialist Funding Statewide: \$3,320,000
 - Fully Fund Elder Benefit Specialists Statewide: \$2,300,000
 - Expand Caregiver Support and Programs: \$3,600,000
 - Expand Health Promotion Services: \$6,000,000
 - Expand Care Transition Services: \$6,000,000
 - Fund Aging and Disability Resources in Tribes: \$1,180,000
 - Fully Fund Aging and Disability Resource Support Systems: \$2,650,000; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Bayfield

County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration, and all area legislators.

Skulan reviewed what Aging and Disability Resource Centers are and stated that the resolution is seeking additional funding to allow each center to provide all necessary core services. Currently, not every ADRC is able to provide every resource and the region that Bayfield County is part of is the least funded region of the state of Wisconsin.

Motion by Dougherty, seconded by Crandall to adopt Resolution No. 2021-18; Resolution in Support of Increased Funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC).

Oswald questioned if the Be It Further Resolved section could include forwarding a copy of the resolution to the Wisconsin Department of Human Services and as a press release to the local paper. Skulan replied that a copy could be sent to those locations. Pocernich stated that the change would be made.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators and State Representatives representing Bayfield County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration, **the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services**, the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration, all area legislators, **and the Ashland Daily press for publication.**

Motion Carried, 13-0.

13. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-19;

2021-19

Authorizes Bayfield County to Apply for a Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) For Utility Feasibility and Preliminary Engineering Project at the Bayfield County Business Park

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has established a business park on county property along US Highway 2 in Bayfield County to provide more local business opportunities and jobs; *and*,

WHEREAS, the county performed a Development Study for the Business Park with the Assistance of Northwest Regional Planning Commission; *and*,

WHEREAS, in 2018 Bayfield County built an access road connecting approximately half of the lots; *and*,

WHEREAS, the parcel has access to single and three phase electricity, natural gas, fiber for broadband and phone; *and*,

WHEREAS, the parcel does not have municipal sanitary sewer or water; *and*,

WHEREAS, The County needs to complete a feasibility study and engineering to investigate water and sewer expansion at the Business Park; *and*,

WHEREAS, the cost to perform this evaluation is greater than the county can afford on its own; *and*,

WHEREAS funding sources are available to help the county cover feasibility and engineering expenses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February, 2021, does hereby authorize the County Administrator and Business Park Advisory Group to apply for and seek grant funding to assist with utility expansion in the Business Park.

Abeles-Allison informed the board that the Bayfield County Business Park currently has over 100 acres of available land on US 2. The site has many services available, including electric, fiber, and gas, but water and sewer are not currently available. Pocernich questioned if the Executive Committee favored the approval of the resolution. Rondeau stated that the Executive Committee does favor the approval of the resolution.

Motion by Rondeau, seconded by Silbert to adopt Resolution No. 2021-19; Authorizes Bayfield County to Apply for a Rural Business Development Grant (RDBG) for Utility Feasibility and Preliminary Engineering Project at the Bayfield County Business Park.

Motion Carried, 13-0.

14. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-20;

2021-20

BJA FY 21 Second Chance Act Community Based Re-Entry Program

WHEREAS, The Bayfield County Criminal Justice Department and Bayfield County Sheriff's Office are applying for grant funding in the amount of \$750,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Division of Care and Treatment Services to provide re-entry services and programs; *and*,

WHEREAS, This program furthers the Criminal Justice department and Sheriff's Office mission in reducing recidivism rates and combating violence by facilitating the successful reintegration of individuals returning to the community from incarceration; *and*,

WHEREAS, The total funds awarded are to be expended by October 1, 2025; *and*,

WHEREAS, It is the desire of the Bayfield County Criminal Justice Department and Sheriff's Office to apply and expend said grant of \$750,000 for four years at \$187,500.00 annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February, 2021, does hereby approve the following grant application for the BJA FY 21 Second Chance Act Community Based Reentry Program.

Abeles-Allison reviewed a summary by the Criminal Justice Inmate Re-Entry Program summary provide by Barb Flynn, Criminal Justice Coordinator.

Motion by Fickbohm, seconded by Sandstrom to adopt Resolution No. 2021-20; BJA FY 21 Second Chance Act Community Based Re-Entry Program. Motion Carried, 13-0.

15. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-21;

2021-21

Highway Department 2020 Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, County Highway N at Pigeon Lake incurred unexpected road maintenance expenses due to flooding and overflow of the lake; *and*,

WHEREAS, county highway expenses exceeded the budget for County Highway E East and County Highway B construction; *and*,

WHEREAS, Highway maintenance revenues have increased.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February, approve the following 2020 budget amendments:

Increase Revenues:	710-71-47231	by	\$287,974
	710-71-48905	by	\$241,800
	710-71-43531	by	\$ 38,237
	710-71-48310	by	\$ 11,197
	710-71-48330	by	<u>\$ 2,984</u>
			\$582,192
Increase Expenditures:	710-71-53311-50940	by	\$ 95,670
	710-71-53314-50290	by	\$355,211
	710-71-53322-50290	by	\$106,696
	710-71-53315-50375	by	<u>\$ 24,615</u>
			\$582,192

Abeles-Allison informed the board that the budget amendment was not to pay for additional expenses accrued by the Highway Department, but to accommodate additional revenue the department brought in.

Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Zepczyk to adopt Resolution No. 2021-21; Highway Department 2020 Budget Amendment.

Ray questioned where the surplus of revenue was coming from. Crandall informed the board that the revenue was coming from additional monies received by the State for work that had been completed for the State as well as some highway equipment that had been sold.

Motion Carried, 13-0.

16. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-22;

2021-22

2020 Jail Remodel Project Budget Amendment

WHEREAS, in 2018 the Sheriff's Office and Committee discussed and proposed a remodeling of the jail to provide additional holding cells including a padded cell to adjust to special needs as a result of meth and opioid addicted intakes; *and*,

WHEREAS, the 2019 budget included funding to select an engineer and develop plans for the proposed project; *and*,

WHEREAS, the engineer and architect recommended several modifications to the original plan. Modifications including sewer upgrade, upgrades to linear design style cell blocks and addition of one

more holding cell for a total of three new holding cells were recommended. The recommend option from the engineer also improves booking room flow; *and*,

WHEREAS, in 2019 the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors approved transferring \$200,000 from contingency and \$480,383 from the General Fund Balance for the Jail Remodel Project; *and*,

WHEREAS, due to specialty products needed, the project was not completed in 2019; *and*,

WHEREAS, \$39,930 was spent, leaving \$676,452 in the Capital Improvement fund balance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 23rd day of February 2021, authorizes using the \$676,452 in Capital Improvement fund balance:

Increase CIP Fund Balance applied account 430-70-49301 by:	\$676,452
Increase CIP Capital Projects 430-17-57100-50820 by:	\$676,452

Motion by Oswald, seconded by Ray to adopt Resolution No. 2021-22; Jail Project 2020 Budget Amendment. Motion Carried, 13-0.

17. Bayfield County Reports:

a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:

- a. March 30
- b. April 20 – THIRD TUESDAY OF MONTH
- c. May 25

b) 2020 Census Timeline Update: Abeles-Allison reported that the 2020 Census results are likely to be delayed with the due date being rescheduled to September 30, 2021. The new due date would not allow Bayfield Count to follow the standard redistricting process. Should redistricting become necessary, the new districts would not be prepared for the Spring 2022 elections, which would lock in the supervisory districts for an additional 2-year term.

c) WISDOT, 2050 Planning, Bayfield County Input; <https://connect2050.wisconsin.gov/> Abeles-Allison informed the board that a variety of surveys have been put in the packet in an effort to seek input from the public. Ray questioned if each of the board members would be filling out the surveys, or if Abeles-Allison would be filling out the survey on behalf of the board. Abeles-Allison stated that he would be more than willing to fill out the surveys based on the board’s input. Crandall reported that the item would be placed on the agenda for the upcoming Highway Committee meeting.

d) County Clerk Election Update: Divine reported that the February election went very well and she is waiting for the state to finish the work on their end. Divine stated that she is able to move forward with the candidates for the April 6, 2021 election.

18. Supervisors’ Reports:

Fickbohm reported that the Scenic Byway recently received federal recognition from the Federal Highway Administration, making the scenic byway one out of 34 byways given federal recognition.

Oswald reported that an article had been in the Ashland Daily Press discussing the possibility of Ashland County no longer putting funding towards BART. Oswald explained that he personally hadn’t heard any news but would inform the board should he hear that BART may be in danger.

19. The Board may entertain a motion to move in and out of Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1) (c) to consider the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility (e) to deliberate or negotiate 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:

Chairman Pocernich dispensed with the closed session as the only item listed was the minutes of the previous closed session.

20. Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *a motion was made by Fickbohm, seconded by Milanowski to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.*

Sincerely,

LYNN M. DIVINE

Bayfield County Clerk

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