

Budget Summary and Highlights

The proposed budget for this department is \$265,942, this is a 12.9% reduction from 2021. Primary reduction is due to personnel adjustments with new staffing, contract adjustments and 911 address responsibility transfers. Continuing review of the EPCRA Grant section is underway. With revenues of \$143,788 a levy of \$122,154 is proposed. This is a reduction of 26% from 2021.

Mission Statement

Bayfield County Emergency Management coordinates effective disaster preparedness, response, and recovery resources among multiple organizations and agencies to meet the needs of citizens. Through planning, training, and exercising we promote resiliency throughout our community and mitigate the loss of lives and property.

2021 Highlight of Department Activities

- Three new Local Government Radio tower repeaters were purchased and replaced three existing repeaters that were out of current production at the Grand View, Barnes, and Mason tower sites.
- Emergency Management saw the retirement of longtime director, Jan Victorson. Jan provided over 33 years of service to Bayfield County. She continues to serve local EMS and Fire agencies and has continued her activities with the State of Wisconsin through the COAD committee and the WISCOM sub-committee. Meagan Quaderer was named Director of Emergency Management upon Jan's retirement. Meagan has been with Bayfield County for over seventeen years, serving as a 9-1-1 communications operator and supervisor.
- Secured a \$5,000 grant to provide evacuation kits to families at the Bayfield County fair.
- Attended all four days of the Bayfield County Fair and hosted the Fire Safety House from the Superior Fire Department. Approximately 200 families went through the Fire Safety House and learned about safe evacuation and 500 (free) starter evacuation kits were distributed among fairgoers.
- Addressing duties have been transferred to Land Records.

2021 Budget Notes

- There was a \$16,273.22 sick leave payout due to retirement.
- Received a \$5,000 grant from Enbridge to provide educational materials to citizens at the Bayfield County Fair.
- There was a \$4,690.06 increase in addressing revenues and a \$3804.41 increase in addressing expenses than what was adopted in the budget.

2022 Budget Changes

- Addressing expenses and revenues will be moved to Land Records and will no longer reflect in the Emergency Management budget.
- \$5,850 increase in contract costs. This includes a new contract from KBK Services to service the HVAC systems at the county-owned radio tower sites and a new contract for Code Red to provide emergency alerting services to the citizens living and visiting Bayfield County.
- \$11,060 increase in funding from the state EMPG grant. Increase is due to COVID funds received by the State from the Federal government.
- \$3,608 decrease in wage costs due to Jan’s retirement.

2022 Measures of Success

- Submission of completed Bayfield County Hazard Mitigation plan to FEMA.
- Complete requirements for EMPG and EPCRA grants.
- Attendance and participation in eight monthly EMS Council and Fire Association meetings.
- Attendance and participation at two bi-monthly meetings of the Bayfield-Ashland County unit of the Wisconsin Towns Association.
- Coordinate an annual LEPC meeting.
- Perform public outreach of emergency preparedness topics to a minimum of two community groups.
- Maintain operational activities so they are in line with budget requirements.

5-Year Revenue and Expense Comparison

