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Minutes of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
May 25th, 2021 4:30 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 4:30 p.m. by Bayfield County *Chairman* Dennis M. Pocernich. A roll call was taken by *County Clerk*- Lynn Divine, as follows: Steve Sandstrom-present; Mary Dougherty-present; Larry Fickbohm-present virtually; Charly Ray-present; Jeremy Oswald-present virtually; Jeff Silbert-present; Brett Rondeau-present; Fred Strand-present; Tom Snilsberg-present; Marty Milanowski-present; David Zepczyk-present; Jim Crandall-present; Dennis 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; *Highway Commissioner*-Paul Johanik; *Human Services Director*-Elizabeth Skulan; *Bayfield County Sheriff*-Paul Suskienka; *UW-Extension Area 1 Director*-Mary Pardee virtually; *UW-Extension Community Development Educator*-Kellie Pederson; *Planning & Zoning Director*-Rob Schierman; *Veteran Services Officer*-Kevin Johnson; *Clerk III*- Paige Terry virtually

BAYFIELD COUNTY BOARD BUDGET PLANNING MEETING – 4:30 p.m.

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

4. **Welcome and Opening Remarks:**

County Board Chairman Pocernich welcomed meeting attendees and thanked them for coming. *Chairman* Pocernich listed the budget as the most important task of the County Board. *Chairman* Pocernich reviewed the purpose of the budget planning meeting and urged members to actively participate in the budget process. Abeles-Allison explained the process of adopting the budget. Abeles-Allison reviewed the board's role in the budget process.

5. **Budget Planning Introduction and Calendar:**

County Administrator Mark Abeles-Allison explained the process of adopting the budget and the County Board's role in the budget planning process. *County Clerk* Lynn Divine reviewed the budget planning calendar with the board.

6. **Presentations by Highway Commissioner Paul Johanik, Human Services Director Elizabeth Skulan and Sheriff Paul Susienka:**

Highway Commissioner Paul Johanik gave a presentation for the Highway Department that reviewed anticipated highway work to be started and completed over the next five years (2021-2025), explained general transportation aids, and listed a history of budget totals.

Human Services Director Elizabeth Skulan gave a presentation on the 2022 budget for the Human Services department which included explaining the various sub-departments in the

Human Services Department, services the department provides, and the individuals that may qualify for the services.

Bayfield County Sheriff Paul Susienka reviewed the Sheriff Office's budget, including the different components that make up the budget, the different challenges that affect the budget, and recommendations for the future.

7. **County Budget Survey Results and Discussion:**

UW-Extension Community Development Educator Kellie Pederson reviewed the results of the 2022 budget survey with the board. The survey results indicated the top three priorities for the community were: cell coverage and broadband service, economic development and job retention, and groundwater and surface water resource protection. The top three Funding Priorities for Bayfield County residents were; broadband expansion, senior services, and assistance to businesses.

8. **Budget Overview: Budget Process and How do we stand?**

UW-Extension Area 1 Director Mary Pardee reviewed the purpose and process of the County's budget. Abeles-Allison gave a presentation to review where Bayfield County currently stands in financial terms.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2022 Budget Questions:**

County Administrator Mark Abeles-Allison posed two questions before the County Board, the first being; should Bayfield County levy the maximum amount under the current levy lid rule? The second question was should Bayfield County maintain the current Highway debt-service bond by planning to levy approximately \$1.6 million again? The County Board of Supervisors agreed to levy the maximum amount under the current levy lid rule and to plan on levying the same amount for the Highway debt-service plan again.

10. **Wrap-Up, Discussion:** *Chairman* Pocernich omitted this item from the agenda due to the meeting running longer than expected.

11. **Adjourn:**

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *Chairman* Pocernich adjourned the Budget Planning portion of the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-Approximate Start Time: 6:00 p.m.-(6:23 p.m.)

1. **Public Hearing, Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan Update:**

6:24 – *Chairman* Pocernich closed the meeting as a whole and opened a Public Hearing for the Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan.

Planning & Zoning Director Rob Schierman reviewed the process for updating the County Comprehensive Plan. Schierman recommended waiting for the 2020 Census data to become available to update the Comprehensive Plan and extend the date of the current plan until such data is available. Abeles-Allison informed the board that there was the intention to keep the current Bayfield County Comprehensive Plan and wait until 2022-23 to go through the formal process of updating the plan. The Board agreed to wait for the Census data before updating the plan.