

Motion by Rondeau, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the appointment of Michael Higgins, Iron River to the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee to finish out the current term which expires April 30, 2022. Motion Carried, 13-0.

19. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2021-76:

2021-76

**American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects Funding Budget
Amendment, # 3**

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors approved five additional projects for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding; *and*,

WHEREAS, the five projects are listed as:

- New Home Delivered Meal Route Structure for the Department of Human Services
- An Aging Services Coordinator for the Department of Human Services
- Adding Alarms to each of the Four Radio Towers Owned by Bayfield County
- Purchasing a New Camera for the Bayfield County Board Room
- Planning and Setting Aside Funds for Legal Review and Agreements with Third Parties; *and*,

WHEREAS, Supporting the public health response is allowed under sections Sections 602(c)(1)(A) and 603(c)(1)(A) of the ARPA guidelines; *and*,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the need for Home Delivered Meals (HDM); *and*,

WHEREAS, the increase in need for HDM has led to drivers being unable to deliver meals to program participants in a reasonable timeframe causing some meals to arrive too cold or too warm; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Human Services Department would like to add three additional meal delivery routes to optimize meal delivery times; *and*,

WHEREAS, Three additional delivery routes would require the purchase of three additional vehicles along with the proper equipment to deliver the meals; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated costs for the new vehicles and all associated equipment are \$107,000; *and*,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created an increased demand for Aging Services; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Human Services Department is looking to hire an Aging Services Coordinator to assist with the increased need of services throughout the County; *and*,

WHEREAS, an Aging Services Coordinator would be hired by January 1, 2022, with the position being funded through December 31, 2025; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated Costs for funding the Aging Services Coordinator position for the time previously mentioned timeframe are \$360,000; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County currently owns four radio tower sites equipped with towers and appropriate equipment; *and*,

WHEREAS, None of the four towers are equipped with an alarm system; *and*,

WHEREAS, the Four Towers are crucial for sustaining the Bayfield County emergency communications operations; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is looking to equip all four radio tower sites with an alarm system to better protect the sites from potential damages; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated costs to equip all four Bayfield County-owned tower sites with an alarm system are \$15,000; *and*,

WHEREAS, improving upon government services is allowed under § 35.6 Eligible uses. (a) In General. Subject to §§ 35.7 and 35.8 and sections 602(c)(1)(C) and 603(c)(1)(C) of the ARPA guidelines; *and*,

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic led to the Bayfield County government offices implementing a vast number of new policies regarding telecommuting and the use of technology; *and*,

WHEREAS, most Bayfield County meetings were held remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is seeking to purchase a new camera for the County Board Room that would make it easier for virtual attendees to participate in Bayfield County meetings; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated costs for purchasing a new camera for the Bayfield County Board Room are \$1,400; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has amassed a large number of projects dedicated towards the utilization of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds; *and*,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is planning to set aside funds to seek legal review and agreement from Corporation Counsel to ensure that Bayfield County is following proper procedures when pursuing and distributing ARPA Funds; *and*,

WHEREAS, Estimated costs to set aside the proper amount of funds for legal review from Corporation Counsel over the next four years are \$15,000; *and*,

WHEREAS, additional justification for each of the five projects is made on the attached memo citing interim rule provisions.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31st day of August 2021, approve the following budget amendments to fund the four previously described projects:

Increase Revenue:	276-00-43333	by	\$498,400
Increase Expenses:	276-56-54610-50810	by	\$107,000
	276-56-54610-50121	by	\$360,000
	276-00-57100-50810	by	\$ 1,400
	276-00-51321-50212	by	\$ 15,000
	276-18-57100-50810	by	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Total Expenses:			\$498,400

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unexpended funds shall roll over to the next year.

Motion by Silbert, seconded by Rondeau to adopt Resolution No. 2021-76 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects Funding Budget Amendment, #3 approved at the July 27, 2021 County Board Meeting. Roll Call Vote: Sandstrom-yes; Dougherty-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Ray-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Rondeau-yes; Strand-yes; Snilsberg-yes; Milanowski-yes; Zepczyk-yes; Crandall-yes; Pocernich-yes. Motion Carried, 13-0.

20. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding EMS Committee Appointments:

Abeles-Allison reviewed the list of applicants for the Ad Hoc EMS Advisory Committee. Divine informed the board that the EMS Council will decide on final representatives at their September meeting. No action was taken.

21. Reports:

a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:

- a. September 21, 2021
- b. October 26, 2021
- c. November 9, 2021

- b) Advisory Redistricting Committee:** Abeles-Allison informed the board that the Redistricting Committee will hold a public hearing on September 21, 2021. During the public hearing, four different mapping options will be made available for public input. The committee will be proposing maintaining the current number of 13 supervisory districts. Divine reviewed the process of the redistricting public hearing. Discussion took place regarding the mapping options proposed by the redistricting committee.
- c) Joint Tribal County Meeting:** Abeles-Allison proposed the following dates for the joint Tribal-County Meeting: November 16, 23, or 30 at 6:00 p.m. in Red Cliff.
- d) Budget 2022 Process, Executive Committee Meetings in September, open to all:** Abeles-Allison explained that the 2022 budget would be proposed at the upcoming Executive Committee meeting and additional meetings would be held throughout September to finalize numbers.
- e) BOA Meeting Update:** Abeles-Allison reported that the Bayfield County Board of Adjustment upheld the decision of the Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Committee, which was to deny Kristle KLR a conditional use permit.
- f) WCA Conference, Resolutions and Constitution:** *Chairman* Pocernich reviewed the resolutions that have currently been approved and indefinitely postponed for the upcoming WCA Conference.
- g) CWD Update:** Abeles-Allison reviewed the CWD educational efforts that are planned to take place and informed the board that the DNR will not be conducting CWD testing this year. Taylor County reported their first confirmed case of CWD on a deer farm.

22. Supervisors' Reports:

Silbert reported that the Northern Lights Nursing Home had received funds through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and that the board had approved a vaccine mandate for staff members.

Sandstrom informed the board that he is a member of the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Committee and encouraged the board to seek financing options for the AIS Committee as funding has continued to drop.

Fickbohm reported that Siskiwit Falls in Cornucopia held their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony that was quite successful with great attendance.

Silbert reported that the upcoming UW Extension meeting is cancelled.