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Minutes of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
May 31, 2022 4:00 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 4:02 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-absent; Charly Ray-present; Jeremy Oswald-present virtually; Jeff Silbert-present virtually; Fred Strand-present; Jeanna Penney-present; Marty Milanowski-present; Madelaine Rekemeyer-present; Jim Crandall-present; Brett Rondeau-absent; Dennis Pocernich-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*- Lynn M. Divine; *Clerk of Court*- Kay Cederberg; *Corporation Counsel*- John Carlson via phone; *Human Services Director*- Elizabeth Skulan virtually; *Emergency Management Director*- Meagan Quaderer virtually; *Northwoods Technical College President*- John Will; *Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Director*- Hilary Markin virtually; and *Clerk III*- Paige Terry virtually.

BAYFIELD COUNTY BUDGET PLANNING AGENDA – 4:00 p.m.

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
4. **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** *Chairman* Pocernich welcomed the board to the budget process of the meeting and recommended each supervisor attends the budget planning meetings later in the Fall.

4:15 p.m. – Larry Fickbohm joined the meeting.
5. **2023 Budget Planning and Board Survey:** Abeles-Allison reviewed the budget planning presentation with the board which included expenditure and revenue changes over the past five years. The Forestry and Parks Department will begin collecting revenue from a forest carbon offset project. Abeles-Allison explained the forestry carbon offset project. The county currently has \$6.2 million in unassigned fund balances. Staffing levels have increased with 175 full-time and 32 part-time employees currently employed. Abeles-Allison listed all the projects that have been approved for ARPA funding and informed the board that the county has \$174,000 in ARPA funds that is unassigned. Crisis situations within the county have been identified, housing shortages, emergency medical services challenges, and staffing shortages. In 2022, the board supervisors identified groundwater and surface water resource protection, services for seniors and nursing home support, and public health services as the top three funding priorities. Abeles-Allison reviewed the budget process and calendar with the board and asked the supervisors to complete a survey that would rank what topics should be the funding focus areas for 2023.
6. **Wrap-Up Discussion:** *Chairman* Pocernich dispensed with the item due to time constraints of the meeting.

7. **Adjourn:** Chairman Pocernich adjourned the budget planning meeting at 5:42 p.m. for a dinner break.

5:50 p.m. – Jeremy Oswald left the meeting.

6:01 p.m. – Chairman Pocernich reconvened the meeting for the monthly scheduled meeting.

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
BAYFIELD COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA – Approximate Start Time: 6:00 p.m.

1. **Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes from April 19, 2022:**

Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Bayfield County Board of Supervisors Meeting held on April 19, 2022. Motion carried, 11-0, 2 absent.

6:02 p.m. – Brett Rondeau joined the meeting virtually.

2. **Public Comment:** Emergency Management Director, Meagan Quaderer, gave an update regarding the missing person from the Cable/Drummond area and stated that, after days of searching, the person remains missing with no indication of where they may have gone.
3. **Sheriff Candidate Introductions, Tony Williams:** Tony Williams introduced himself to the board and gave a history of his law enforcement career. Williams has spent 30 years in law enforcement and started his career with the Bayfield Police Department in 1992. Over his 30-year career, Williams has worked as a deputy, jailer, investigator, and police chief in numerous law enforcement departments.
4. **Presentation, Northwoods Technical College:** John Will, President of Northwoods Technical College introduced himself to the board. Will gave the board a history on the college's origins and reviewed the highest paying careers covered by the current curriculum.
5. **Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Annual Report:** Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center Director, Hilary Markin, gave the annual report for the Center. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Center limited available services, but is now letting more visitors into the Center. The Center is currently reviewing their management plan, which was developed and implemented in 1999 and have set a goal for the end of the year to have the updates completed. In 2023, the Center will be turning 25 years old. Markin reviewed different events and activities that the Center will be holding.
6. **Clerk of Court Annual Report 2021:** Kay Cederberg gave the 2021 Clerk of Court annual report. Total department revenues were \$324,532 and total department expenses were \$459,854.34 with a total of 3,366 cases filed in 2021.

Motion by Crandall, seconded by Milanowski to receive and place on file the 2021 annual report of the Clerk of Court's Office. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.
7. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-47:**

Recognizing June as PRIDE Month in Bayfield County

WHEREAS, the County Board joins in the Recognition of June as LGBTQ+ PRIDE Month, which was born out of the Stonewall uprising in New York City on June 28, 1969, and