

Minutes of the  
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting  
May 29, 2018 - 5:00 p.m.  
Drummond Civic Center, 52540 Front Ave., Drummond, WI 54832

The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors was called to order at 5:00 pm by Bayfield County Chairman, Dennis Pocernich. A roll call was taken as follows: Newago-present; Thomas J. Gordon-present; Larry Fickbohm-present; Harold A. Maki-present; Jeremy Oswald-present; Jeffrey Silbert-present; Dennis M. Pocernich-present; Fred Strand-present; Thomas Snilsberg-present; Marty Milanowski-present; David A. Zepczyk-present; James A. Crandall-present; Brett T. Rondeau-present. Total 13: 13 present and a quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for today's meeting: County Clerk-Scott Fibert; County Administrator, Mark Abeles-Allison; Assistant to the County Administrator-Kristine Kavajecz; UW Extension Educator-Kellie Pederson; Emergency Management Director-Jan Victorson; UW Extension Director-Mary Pardee; Sheriff Paul Susienka; Public Health Director-Sara Wartman; Corporation Counsel-Linda Coleman; Planning & Zoning Director-Robert Schierman

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

**4. Welcome and Opening Remarks**; Pocernich and Abeles-Allison welcomed everyone and explained that the county board provides the guidance, through the budget, on priorities to be observed in the coming year and provided a brief overview of the agenda for the budget planning portion of the meeting.

**5. Thank you to the Town of Drummond for Hosting May Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting**; Jim Crandall and the Town of Drummond were thanked for hosting this meeting.

**6. Bayfield County Finances and Trends**, Mark Abeles-Allison: A summary of budgeted expenses, revenues, equalized value, levy and fund balances was reviewed from 1985-2017. County Levy has increased from \$1.6 million in 1985 to \$9.7 million in 2018. Highest valuation was observed in 2010. A chart was reviewed, which compared the levy and mill rate trends. A similar chart was reviewed which compared the levy and equalized value. Pocernich pointed out that this is only the county mill rate/taxes, it does not include other taxes such as towns, schools and state. Sheriff, Human Services and Highways make up about 83% of the levy with the remaining 17% being utilized by the other 20 departments. County mill levy represented approximately 25% of total taxes in 2017. Various sources of income were discussed. End of 2017, Fund balance was approximately \$16 million. This amount includes both committed and undesignated funds. Approximately \$6 million of this is undesignated. Highway Department Fund Balance was reviewed. County debt limit figures were reviewed. Payroll and Benefits trend was reviewed. Timber Sale Revenue trend was reviewed. The trend has leveled off, with a projected slight decline.

6. 2018 County Budget Survey Results and Discussion, Kellie Pederson: Kellie Pederson was hired as the UW Extension Community Resource Educator. Kellie reviewed a summary of results from the annual budget survey. 193 public and 11 county board responses were received. A summary of comments received from the public was handed out to each county board supervisor.

7. 2019 Strategic Planning Synthesis - Mark Abeles-Allison: Departments have been working on their strategic plans for the next 10 years. Trends identified by departments included: aging population, increased technology demands, increased needs for elderly services. Critical issues included: Shortage in DA office, human services space issues, keeping up with technology, drug addiction impact, and several others. Jail programming and mental health impact. IT, Staffing, Senior Services and Jail Services were the 4 top concern areas.

8. County Board Budget Priorities for 2019 - Kellie Pederson, Mark Abeles-Allison: Copy of powerpoint presentation available with the packet of materials.

9. 2019 Levy Discussion - Mark Abeles-Allison: The levy freeze remains in place, plus any increase in net new construction. Exceptions to the levy lid include: Bridge Aide, Libraries and Debt Service. The state also allowed a one-time exception for the flood-related expenses.

10. Budget Calendar, Wrap-Up, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding 2019 Budget - Mark Abeles-Allison, County Administrator and Dennis Pocernich, Chair: Motion Rondeau, Gordon to levy the maximum amount possible. (Motion Carried 12-1) Maki opposed.

The Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of Supervisors was Convened at 6:00pm

1. Motion Regarding Minutes of February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meetings:

*Motion Oswald, Fickbohm to approve minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting.  
Motion Carried (12-1) Maki Opposed.*

*Motion Newago, Crandall to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting.  
Motion Carried (13-0)*

*Motion Rondeau, Newago to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2018 meeting.  
Motion Carried (13-0)*

2. Public Comment - Limited to 3 minutes per person: None Received.

3. Be Somebody - June 4<sup>th</sup> - Jan Victorson, Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator: Victorson provided handouts to the board members including an invitation to the "Be