

Minutes of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting
October 31, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.
Bayfield County Board Room, Courthouse, Washburn, Wisconsin

Chairman Pocernich called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A roll call was taken by Scott Fibert, *County Clerk*, as follows: Pocernich-present; Strand-present; Williams-present; Coughtry-present; Miller-present; Crandall-present; Rondeau-present; Goodwin-present via telephone; Bussey-present; Fickbohm-present; Maki-present; Oswald-present; Silbert-present; **Total 13: 13 present, 0 absent.** A quorum was present to conduct business. The following were also present for this evening's meeting: Mark Abeles-Allison, *County Administrator*; Dawn M. Bellile, *Deputy County Clerk*; Brenda Spurlock, Kevin Johnson, *Veteran's Service Officer*; Rob Schierman, *Zoning Administrator*; Michelle Simone, *E.H. Sanitarian*; Jenny Felty, *Representative for Catholic Charities*

1. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

2. **2018 Bayfield County Budget Public Hearing.** *A motion was made by Rondeau/Silbert to adjourn as a County Board and convene as a Committee of the Whole to hold a public hearing on the 2018 Bayfield County Budget. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Strand-yes; Williams-yes; Coughtry-yes; Miller-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau- yes; Goodwin-yes via telephone; Bussey-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Maki-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Pocernich-yes; Total 13: 13 present, 0 absent. The motion carried.*

The Chair turned the meeting over to *County Administrator*, Mark Abeles-Allison who presented the proposed 2018 budget to the Board, informing them that the Budget was published and noticed correctly in the Ashland Daily Press and on the County's website. Abeles-Allison stated that the Executive Committee held many meetings going over the proposed budget and believe it to be a sound budget. Abeles-Allison then gave a summary of the budget and levy. Supervisor Rondeau, *Executive Committee Chair*, stated that he believed this to be a good, sound budget. We met many times and feel that it is well put together. Supervisor Silbert also thanked those involved in putting the budget together. He believes as well that it is a well put together budget and makes sense.

Abeles-Allison also stated that budget modifications that the were made at the Executive Committee meetings are now reflected in the proposed budget.

The proposed 2018 budget is \$32,318,140 and the levy will be \$9,729,841.00. The levy is at 3.8 mills.

Chairman Pocernich asked the public if there was anyone who would like to comment on the proposed 2018 budget. The Chair asked 2 times more, and there being no response, the Chair closed the floor and entertained a motion to close the public hearing and to reconvene as a County Board. *A motion was made by Miller/Rondeau to close the public hearing and reconvene as County Board. A roll call vote was taken as follows:*

At this time, Chairman Pocernich introduced Mary Parde, the new UW-Extension Regional Director. The present UW representative, Tim Kane, will be retiring soon, and that position will not be filled. Parde will be working out of the Cable office in the same vicinity where the County's Zoning office is located. Parde will be floating to the different UW sites from that office. Parde stated to the Board that if they have any questions or concerns to just let her know, she would be happy to answer them.

11. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-62, To Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Plans. Bev Lindell, *representing the League of Women Voters*, was present to explain the content of the Resolution to the Board and what it means. The Board dispensed with the reading of the Resolution, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS, currently under the State Constitution, the legislature is directed to redistrict legislative districts according to the number of inhabitants at its next session following the decennial federal census by majority party; and at the same intervals, the legislature also reapportions congressional districts pursuant to federal law; *and*

WHEREAS, legislative and congressional redistricting plans enacted pursuant to this procedure are used to elect members of the legislature and members of Congress in the fall of the second year following the year of the census; *and*

WHEREAS, historically legislative and congressional plans in Wisconsin have been subject to partisan influence that put the desires of politicians of the electoral prerogative of the people; *and*

WHEREAS, the 2011 process to draw the maps and fight litigation contesting those maps costs taxpayers nearly \$1.9 million; *and*

WHEREAS, a panel of federal district court judges has ruled that the redistricting that was done in Wisconsin in 2011 was unconstitutional; *and*

WHEREAS, redistricting to achieve partisan gains is improper, whether it is done by Republicans or Democrats.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 31st day of October 2017, insists upon the creation of a non-partisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the process promotes more accountability and transparency and prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as required by the U.S. Constitution; *and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties

Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature and to each Wisconsin County.

*By Action of the
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors
Dennis M. Pocernich, Chairman*

A motion was made by Strand/Silbert to adopt Bayfield County Resolution No. 2017-62, To Create a Nonpartisan Procedure for the Preparation of Legislature and Congressional Redistricting Plans. Discussion took place and it was stated that this is significant if the Wisconsin Counties Association is supporting this. The motion carried with two oppositions.

12. Presentation of Bayfield County 2017 Clean Sweep Collection Results Summary. Abeles-Allison announced gave a quick summary via a power point presentation in Tim's absence. The Supervisors discussed having a Clean Sweep taking place in the Southern end of Bayfield County. These collections are funded through Northwest Regional Planning and their funds have been cut to only having 2 in the County now. It was still thought that it would be good to have one in the Northern end and one in the Southern end of Bayfield County. This will be looked into.

13. Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding Amendments to Section 13-1-4 [Definitions] of Article B [General Provisions] of Chapter 1 [Zoning Code] of Title 13 [Zoning of the Code of Ordinances], Bayfield County, Wisconsin are hereby amended and Subsections (a)(1a) (18a)(24a) (35a)(60a) (70a) and (71a) of Section 13-1-4 [Definitions] of Article B [General Provisions] of Chapter 1 [Zoning Code] or Title 13 [Zoning of the Code of Ordinances], Bayfield County, WI, Sections 13-1-4; 13-1-20; 13-1-21;13-1-22; 13-1-23; 13-1-24; 13-1-26; 13-1-28; 13-1-29; 13-1-29A; 13-1-32; 13-1-40; 13-1-41; 13-1-61; 13-1-102; 13-3-1; 13-3-11, 12, 13; 13-3-20; 13-3-21; 13-3-22; 13-3-23; 13-3-30; 13-3-41 and 14-1-21. Robert Schierman, *Zoning Administrator*, was present to explain the reasoning behind having this Ordinance amended.

The Amendment was required after the passing of Act 55 in 2015 which changed the State Statutes in a manner where Counties could not have shoreland specific regulations that would be more restrictive than NR115, Wisconsin's Shoreland Protection Program. If these changes are not made, the State will supersede our jurisdiction and impose their version of these changes on the County ignoring what little we have been able to retain of our previous language. This took an inordinate amount of time to draft, has been through the Planning & Zoning Committee.

The Board dispensed with the reading of the Report. It is noted that the Report and Ordinance are the same in language except for their opening paragraph and is therefore not put it its entirety here but in the Ordinance that follows:

A motion was made by Rondeau/Bussey to receive and place on file the Report of the Bayfield County Planning & Zoning Committee Regarding Amendments to Section

- a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:
- ✓ Nov. 14th, 6:00 p.m.
 - ✓ December 12th or 19th; The Board stated that there is hardly ever any business in December so they would not need a meeting unless something arises.
 - ✓ January 30th, 2018
- b) Election packets will be ready for Supervisors at the November meeting but circulation of nomination papers cannot be done until December 1st. If you decide you are not running again, please try to find someone interested in replacing you and let us know.
- c) **Discussion on Superior Days, 2018.** Abeles-Allison shared with the board issues that came up for Superior Days 2018. Identified issues are as follows:
1. Allow use of mill weight tickets to fine overweight timber loads;
 2. Reinstate county's ability to enact/enforce shoreland zoning ordinance standards;
 3. Provide counties with increased regulatory authority to safeguard their water resources;
 4. Allow TIF District in Cable and Telemark Resort;
 5. Increase State PILT for County Forests;
 6. Encourage DNR special route planning on DNR land for North Country Trail.
 7. Increase Medicaid reimbursement for nonprofit nursing homes;
 8. Thank you to State legislature for their legislative action on the Next Generation 9-1-1 System and increased broadband expansion grant funding;
 9. Increase State mental health funding to counties;
 10. Increase State out-of-home placement funding to counties.

Discussion took place on the identified issues.

28. Supervisors' Reports: None.

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Pocernich adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Fibert,
*Bayfield County Clerk*SSF/dmb