RE: July 26th Bayfield County Board of Supervisors’ Meeting

Dear Supervisors:

Please be advised that the monthly meeting of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors will be held on **Tuesday, July 26th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.** This meeting will be held in-person in the Bayfield County Board Room at 117 E 5th St Washburn, WI. Supervisors and the public will be able to participate in the meeting in-person or remotely via voice either by using the internet link or phone number below.

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Any person wishing to attend who, because of a disability, requires special accommodations, should contact the County Clerk’s office at 715-373-6100, at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment: **Limited to 3 minutes per person, 15 minutes maximum.**
5. Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes from June 28, 2022
6. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-77; In Recognition and Appreciation of Mike BeBeau, Xcel Energy Community Service Manager, for 23 Years of Dedication and Service to Bayfield County

7. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-78; In Recognition and Appreciation of Beverly “Bev” Lowery for Over 20 Years of Dedication and Service in Assisting with the Bayfield County Elderly Meal Program

8. Sheriff Candidate Presentation, Mark Pope

9. State Assembly Candidate Presentation
   a. Chanz Green
   b. John Adams

10. Presentation, Chequamegon Bay Housing Coalition, Kellie Pederson, UW Extension Community Development Educator

11. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-79; In Support of a 40-60 Unit Housing Development on a 9.5-Acre County Owned Parcel (Parcel ID 32578) Located in the City of Washburn, Wisconsin

12. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-80; A Resolution to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in Support of a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant

13. 2021 Human Services Annual Report, Elizabeth Skulan, Human Services Director

14. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-81; Resolution to Authorize a One-Time Increase to the Department of Human Services (DHS) Risk Reserve Fund

15. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-82; Clean Water Referendum

16. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-83; Forestry and Parks Department 2022 Budget Amendment Accepting a Wisconsin Coastal Grant and the Purchase of Land

17. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-84; PSAP Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point Per County

18. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-85; To Authorize the Advance Ordering of Snowplow Trucks for the Bayfield County Highway Department

19. Discussion and Possible Action, Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-75; In Support of Rural Emergency Medical Services in Bayfield County

20. Reports
   a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:
      a. August 30, 2022
      b. September 27, 2022
      c. October 25, 2022
   b) Comprehensive Planning Meeting
   c) 2023 Budget Planning
21. Supervisors’ Reports

22. Adjournment.

Sincerely,

LYNN M. DIVINE
Bayfield County Clerk
LMD/pat
Item 6: Mike BeBeau will be retiring this month after 41 years with Xcel Energy. Mike has served as Community Service Manager in our region since 1999 (23 years) following Pete Erickson. The attached resolution recognizes Mike for his work in our communities. We anticipate that Mike and a representative from Xcel will be in attendance.

Item 7. Bev Lowery has served Bayfield County for over 20 years assisting with the Bayfield County Elderly Meal Program. The attached resolution recognizes Bev for her service to Bayfield County residents. Carrie Linder will

Item 8. Mark Pope, Candidate for Sheriff in Bayfield County will be present to introduce himself to the County Board.

Item 9. Two candidates for State Representative, Chanz Green and John Adams will be present to introduce themselves to the Bayfield County Board.

Item 10. Kellie Pederson, UW Extension Community Development Educator will share the attached presentation summarizing housing efforts in Bayfield County since 2018 until today including but not limited to CDBG grants for Regional Housing Study and Survey, Completion of the Cheq Bay Region Housing Report, Housing Survey. WHEDA Rural Affordable Workforce Housing Initiative and takeaways.

Item 11. Bayfield County, with the assistance of Kellie Pederson and Heidi Zimmer have helped assemble a Request for Proposal for a 40-60 unit housing development on the 9.5 acre parcel next to the Northern Lights nursing home in the City of Washburn.

The Executive Committee authorized a RFP to be prepared. Recently the Northern Lights Market Assessment showed a demand for senior housing in the region. This coupled with previous similar findings of the City of Washburn led to this direction.

A group including Kellie Pederson, Heidi Zimmer and myself developed the RFP. The county vision for the RFP is:
If approved, the proposed RFP process would start with release of the attached document/appendix to area developers. Developers would have until September 16 to respond. The County would then review applicants and possibly decide upon one by the end of September. The chosen developer would then have approximately 10 weeks to put together a proposal to submit to WHEDA funding in application for housing tax credits that could be used to help incentivize the project. If approved the project would be eligible for 9% Tax Credits, providing competitive rental rates over a 30-year period of time. WHEDA reviews applications and makes announcements in the Spring. If awarded this would start the project with a hopeful completion by end of 2024.

There is great flexibility on where this may end up but this is the first step.

The resolution shares Bayfield County supports and makes two specific commitments:

1. Donated land (9.5 acres). Using a figure of $10,000 an acre in the City that would be $95,000.
2. Contributed Capital: The City of Washburn has potential TIF dollars for housing. I have heard a figure of $230k. The document here proposes matching the City’s contribution.
Attracting developers to rural areas is very difficult. A combination of WHEDA funding and local government funds, together with a demonstrated demand could provide the incentive needed for a developer to make this investment.

Item 12. The City of Bayfield and Annalisa Bermel a local business owner in Bayfield have requested Bayfield County’s assistance in applying for a WEDC Community Development Investment (CDI) grant. Bayfield County helped Wild Rice with this application as well. Wild Rice received $250,000. If approved, this resolution makes Bayfield County the conduit for the funds. We are anticipating special audit costs in the amount of $1500. We would expect the applicant or others to pay that fee. Bayfield County would contribute financial oversight and signoff responsibilities for the project.

Attached is the resolution and a resolution of support from the City of Bayfield.

Item 13. Elizabeth Skulan will share the attached Human Services annual report for the year 2021.

Item 14. Due to rising Human Services costs the Human Services Director and I would like to recommend increasing the current risk reserve from $435,000 to $635,000, a $200,000 increase. Attached is a resolution and summary document.

Item 15. The Bayfield County Executive Committee approved a Clean Water Referendum. Two resolutions are attached here. The first is the one approved, the second one includes an additional Whereas clause as follows: WHEREAS, our neighbors the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are known as strong defenders of the water;

Item 16. This resolution authorizes a budget amendment for a 160 acre land acquisition project. The project amount is $245k. It includes grant funds in the amount of $160,000 matched by $75,000 in county funds. County funds will come from timber sale proceeds. Forestry has approved this resolution.

Item 17. Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs has instituted a Public Safety Answering Point grant for dispatch centers. The grant requires a resolution designating the PSAP. As Bayfield County has only one we are designating the Bayfield County PSAP.

Item 18. Traditionally highway orders snowplows after new year budgets are approved. Delays have extended to 15 months. This resolution authorizes the ordering/purchase of two new snow plows now, for end of 2023 delivery prior to budgets are completed.

Item 19. The Sheriff Committee approved the Rural Emergency Medical Services Resolution recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee and discussed at the last Board meeting. This resolution names specific actions the county will take to support EMS in Bayfield County.

Item 20.
- Upcoming Board meetings
- The first Comprehensive Planning meeting was held this week. A second meeting will be held on August 17 at 10am. We are establishing workgroups now. NWRPC led the meeting. Steve Sandstrom and Jim Crandall were elected chair and vice chair.
- Budget planning at the department level is entering the final month with budgets due August 18.
- Tribal County relations met. A potential Joint County Tribal meeting was penciled in for April 12, 2023.
- Bayfield County Fair is in 2 weeks! Volunteers still needed. Sign up here:

BAYFIELD COUNTY FAIR

AUG. 11 - 14, 2022

2022 ADMISSION PRICES:

ONE ADMISSION PRICE FOR UNLIMITED CARNIVAL RIDES, GRANDSTAND SHOWS, EXHIBITS & MORE - FREE PARKING TOO!

Daily Admission (Ages 5+)

Thursday - $10

Friday, Saturday or Sunday - $12

Friday - Veterans/Active Military (with valid ID) - $5

Sunday - Seniors (62+) - $5

Season Pass

Admission for all 4 days - $30

Kids 4 and Under are FREE!!
Minutes of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors’ Meeting
June 28, 2022 6:00 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 6:00 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-arrived late; Larry Fickbohm-present; Charly Ray-absent; Jeremy Oswald-present; Jeff Silbert-present; Fred Strand-present; Marty Milanowski-present virtually; Madelaine Rekemeyer-present; Jim Crandall-present; Brett Rondeau-present; Dennis Pocernich-present. Total: 11 present, 1 absent, 1 vacant. 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; Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-Craig Thompson; Emergency Management Director- Meagan Quaderer virtually; Northwest Regional Planning Commission Representative-Sheldon Johnson; UW Extension Area Director-Mary Pardee; and Clerk III- Paige Terry virtually.

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

4. **Appointment and Confirmation of New County Board Member, District 9, Town of Iron River:**

   Chairman Pocernich informed the board that Jeanna Penney had resigned from her position as board supervisor for District 9 and stated that five citizens had turned in applications for the position. Chairman Pocernich nominated John Rautio to fill the vacancy. Oswald questioned what criteria led to Rautio’s nomination over the other applicants. Chairman Pocernich and Strand answered that Rautio’s experience on the town board, along with his seat on the Iron River Sanitary District, and his passion for the position led to his nomination.

   **Motion by Strand, seconded by Rondeau to confirm the appointment of John Rautio to the County Board of Supervisors as Board Supervisor for District 9, Town of Iron River. Motion carried, 10-0, 2 absent, 1 vacant.**

   County Clerk, Lynn Divine, swore in John Rautio for the County Board as the board supervisor for District 9.

   6:05 – Mary Dougherty joined the meeting.

   6:06 – John Rautio joined the board as the district 9 supervisor.

5. **Presentation by Craig Thompson, Secretary, Wisconsin Department of Transportation:** WI DOT secretary, Craig Thompson, gave a review of DOT funding and project allocations. Abeles-Allison reviewed several road projects that impact the Bayfield County community.
Crandall presented Secretary Thompson with a piece of a plow blade from one of the county plows.

6. **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-65:**

   **In Appreciation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Transportation Day Designation, July 7, 2022**

   **WHEREAS,** Wisconsin Counties have a unique partnership with the State for the maintenance and repair of State Highways; and,

   **WHEREAS,** This partnership involves strong collaboration between county highway departments and state transportation officials; and,

   **WHEREAS,** Bayfield County is responsible for 172 miles of state highway including US 2, State Highways 13, 63 and 118; and,

   **WHEREAS,** the Bayfield County Highway Department works daily with Mike Ostrenga, Dave Deblaey and Dennis Danowski providing invaluable assistance; and,

   **WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Department of Transportation oversees the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP) and Economic Development Transportation programs making county highway upgrades to allow for local business expansion and transit programs helping to move residents from their homes to places of business and beyond; and,

   **WHEREAS,** the reach of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation is far and wide, addressing Transportation Infrastructure, Public Transport, Cruise and Trucking Industry, Logistics, Taxi and Drivers, Tours, Vehicle Rentals, Insurance, Vehicle Marketing and Sales; and,

   **WHEREAS,** these efforts help to create a vibrant transportation system and weaves together our distant communities into one county and one state; and,

   **WHEREAS,** the Wisconsin Department of Transportation provided funding through the Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) Grant Program, addressing critical transportation needs in Wisconsin, Bayfield County’s MLS grant on County Highway J is under construction today;

   **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 28th day of June 2022, formally welcomes the Wisconsin Secretary of Transportation, Craig Thompson to Bayfield County; and,

   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Bayfield County extends its appreciation for excellence in transportation services provided to Bayfield County; and,

   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that Bayfield County declares Thursday, July 7th, as Transportation Appreciation Day in Bayfield County.

   *Motion by Rondeau, seconded by Crandall to adopt Resolution No. 2022-65 In appreciation of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and In Recognition of Transportation Day. Motion carried 12-0, 1 absent.*

7. **Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant – CV Progress Review:**
Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) Representative, Sheldon Johnson, reviewed the CDBG-CV grants that were received by Bayfield County to supply microenterprise loans and homeowners’ assistance loans as well as a $600,000 grant for the Northern Lights Nursing Home to complete necessary repairs. The NWRPC has received six applications for microenterprise loans and three applications for the homeowners’ assistance loans. Northern Lights contracts were awarded last month.

8. **Public Comment:** None.

9. **Discussion and Possible Action; Consent Agenda:**
   a) Minutes from May 31, 2022;
   b) Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-66; In Recognition and Appreciation of Richard “Dick” Weidinger for 31 Years of Dedication and Service to the Bayfield County Highway Department:
      
      Retirement of Richard “Dick” Weidinger
      
      WHEREAS, Richard Weidinger has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor and dedication in the Bayfield County Highway Department for 31 years,

      NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors Richard Weidinger for his 31 years of public service to Bayfield County and expresses gratitude for his efforts, wishing him well in the years ahead.

   c) Employees, Departments, and Elected Officials of the Year:
      a. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-67; Peter Morrissette Courthouse Employee of the Year 2022:
      
      Peter Morrissette Courthouse Employee of the Year 2022
      
      WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees; and,

      WHEREAS, Peter Morrissette has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Bayfield County Health Department for 12 years; and,

      WHEREAS, his fellow employees have determined that he reflects the highest level of values within his work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;

      NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors Peter Morrissette as Employee of the Year for 2022, for his dedication and service to Bayfield County.

      b. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-68; Sarah Traaholt Courthouse Employee of the Year 2022:
      
      Sarah Traaholt Courthouse Employee of the Year 2022
      
      WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees; and,

      WHEREAS, Sarah Traaholt has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Bayfield County Human Services Department for 9 years; and,
WHEREAS, her fellow employees have determined that she reflects the highest level of values within her work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors Sarah Traaholt as Employee of the Year for 2022, for her dedication and service to Bayfield County.

c. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-69; Michael Kastern Sheriff’s Office Employee of the Year 2022:

Michael Kastern Sheriff’s Office Employee of the Year 2022

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees; and,

WHEREAS, Michael Kastern has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Bayfield County Sheriff’s Office for 12 years; and,

WHEREAS, his fellow employees have determined that he reflects the highest level of values within his work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors Michael Kastern as Employee of the Year for 2022, for his dedication and service to Bayfield County.

d. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-70; Veteran’s Services Courthouse Department of the Year 2022:

Veteran’s Services Courthouse Department of the Year 2022

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees and departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Veteran’s Services Office has demonstrated strong cooperation with other departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Veteran’s Services Office has received commendations from other departments, citizens, or community organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Veteran’s Services Office saves Bayfield County time, energy, or dollars through their efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Veteran’s Services Office encourages others through their positive image and attitude;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors the Bayfield County Veteran’s Services Office as Department of the Year 2022.

e. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-71; Highway Courthouse Department of the Year 2022:
Highway Courthouse Department of the Year 2022

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees and departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Highway Department has demonstrated strong cooperation with other departments; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Highway Department has received commendations from other departments, citizens, or community organizations; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Highway Department saves Bayfield County time, energy, or dollars through their efforts; and,

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Highway Department encourages others through their positive image and attitude;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors the Bayfield County Highway Department as Department of the Year 2022.

f. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-72; Kay Cederberg Elected Official of Year 2022:

Kay Cederberg Elected Official of the Year 2022

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees; and,

WHEREAS, Kay Cederberg has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Bayfield County Clerk of Court Office for 33 years; and,

WHEREAS, her fellow employees have determined that she reflects the highest level of values within her work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors Kay Cederberg as Elected Official of the Year for 2022, for her dedication and service to Bayfield County.

g. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-73; Paul Susienka Elected Official of the Year 2022:

Paul Susienka Elected Official of the Year 2022

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors recognizes the value of dedicated employees; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Susienka has served Bayfield County with distinction, honor, and dedication in the Bayfield County Sheriff’s Office for 39 years; and,

WHEREAS, his fellow employees have determined that he reflects the highest level of values within his work group and promotes a positive image of Bayfield County;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, honors Paul Susienka as Elected Official of the Year for 2022, for his dedication and service to Bayfield County.

   d) **Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-74; 2022 Bayfield County Fair Awareness and Engagement Monday:**

2022 Bayfield County Fair Awareness and Engagement Monday

**WHEREAS,** this year’s Bayfield County Fair will be August 11-14 at the Bayfield County Fairgrounds in Iron River; and

**WHEREAS,** the County Fair celebrates Bayfield County, its people and culture; and,

**WHEREAS,** People of all ages participate in the fair, from the very young with their projects, to the superintendents with years of experience; and,

**WHEREAS,** Any resident of the State of Wisconsin can enter items for judging at the Bayfield County Fair up until right before the event; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Fair attracts and involves a diverse group of participants ranging from the county’s 4H clubs, Dirt Dash to the people attending the Monster Truck event; and,

**WHEREAS,** Holding a county fair is a major endeavor requiring months of planning, coordinating, organizing and promoting; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Bayfield County Fair Committee works throughout the year to prepare for the event; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Fair is always in need of dedicated volunteers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 28th day of June 2022, do hereby recognize all those who help to make this important event a success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in anticipation of the 2022 Bayfield County Fair, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, do hereby Proclaim the month of July 2022 as Fair Awareness and Engagement Month in Bayfield County.

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10. **Presentation, Ad Hoc EMS Advisory Committee Report:** Sandstrom gave a brief review of the purpose of the committee and the importance of EMS in the county. Emergency Management Director, Meagan Quaderer and Committee Member, Eric Neff, spoke on the importance of EMS throughout the county and the impact it has on the community. A question was asked regarding the difference between essential and non-essential services. Quaderer explained the difference between essential and non-essential services and stated that federal funding is available to essential services, but not non-essential. EMS is primarily funded through town levies or privatized services.

   *Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Fickbohm to receive and place on file the Ad Hoc EMS Advisory Committee Final Report. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*
11. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-75:

In Support of Rural Emergency Medical Services in Bayfield County

WHEREAS, Bayfield County established a multi-jurisdictional EMS Advisory Committee to help develop specific strategies to address challenges county EMS providers were facing; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee met from September 2021 until June 2022 and completed a final report; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County’s focus was to facilitate the process, the Committee documented recommendations in the areas of Training, Staffing, and Legislative Challenges that could develop into county specific actions; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County wants to provide continued support to EMS in Bayfield County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 28th day of June 2022, hereby commits to advocate at a local, regional, and state level, regarding actions agreed upon jointly with the EMS Council, Jurisdictions, and Agencies as it relates to the Training, Staffing, and Legislative topic areas; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to developing a 911 education program through the Bayfield County Emergency Management Office; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County agrees to investigate utilization of the state “county wide” mill levy exception in support of municipal EMS decisions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to actively search for alternate sources of funding to be distributed as directed by county jurisdictions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to sponsoring annual Emergency Services appreciation events, in collaboration with jurisdictions, EMS agencies and the EMS Council to support and promote Emergency Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to promote and encourage EMS Agency participation in the County Employee Assistance Program (EAP); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County will provide meeting facilities and facilitation resources to jurisdictions, EMS agencies, and the EMS Council as needed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County requests that jurisdictions, EMS agencies, and the EMS Council jointly submit an EMS legislative agenda for the County to consider annually by May 20; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County shall host and coordinate an annual meeting of agencies and local jurisdictions in November of each year with Northwood Technical College to discuss training offerings to meet Bayfield County EMS educational needs.

Strand recommended sending the resolution to the Sheriff’s Committee for recommendation before adopting the resolution. Oswald questioned the county commitments listed in the resolution and expressed concern that Quaderer may be stretched too thin if she is required to play a role
in each of the events. Quaderer expressed her desire to do what is asked of her so she can ensure this problem continues to be discussed.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Crandall to forward the resolution to the Sheriff’s Committee for review and to have the Sheriff’s Committee report back to the County Board. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

12. Report of the Planning and Zoning Committee No. 2022-08:

No. 2022-08

REPORT OF THE BAYFIELD COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

TO: The County Board of Supervisors of Bayfield County on the hearing of petitions to amend the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance.

The Planning and Zoning Committee of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, having held a public hearing pursuant to Section 59.69(5)(e), Wisconsin Statutes; notice thereof having been given as provided by law; and having been duly informed of the facts pertinent to the following changes; hereby recommends the following action on said petition:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-29, CODE OF ORDINANCES, BAYFIELD COUNTY, WISCONSIN
Section 1. Subsection (b)(3) e and i. [Requirements] of Section 13-1-29 [Multiple Unit Developments] of Article B [General Provisions] of Chapter 1 [Zoning Code] of Title 13 [Zoning] of the Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin is hereby amended to read as follows, with additions highlighted by the double underline feature (additions) and deletions highlighted by the strike out feature (deletions):

Sec. 13-1-29 Multiple Unit Developments.

(b) Requirements.

(3) Multiple Unit Developments shall have a minimum of 30,000 square feet of open space per unit, with the following exceptions:

  e. The Planning and Zoning Committee may adjust or waive the open space requirements when reviewing applications to make a non-conforming use and/or structure conforming. In considering whether to adjust or waive the requirements, the committee shall consider the following:

     i. The length of time the non-conforming use and/or structure has been in existence.

Section 2. Subsection (b)(3) f. i & ii. [Requirements] of Section 13-1-29 [Multiple Unit Developments] of Article B [General Provisions] of Chapter 1 [Zoning Code] of Title 13 [Zoning] of the Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin is hereby created to read as follows, with additions highlighted by the double underline feature (additions):

  f. The Planning and Zoning Committee may adjust or waive the open space requirements when reviewing applications sponsored by the Housing Authority. In considering whether to adjust or waive requirements, the Committee shall consider the following:

     i. The presence of public sewer and/or water systems.

     ii. Relevant public input.

Motion by Strand, seconded by Rondeau to receive and place on file Report No. 2022-08 Petition to Amend Sections 13-1-29 of the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

13. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2022-08:
The Bayfield County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows:
That the Bayfield County Zoning Ordinance, adopted June 1, 1976, be and the same, is hereby amended as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-29, CODE OF ORDINANCES, BAYFIELD COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.69 (5) authorizes the County Board to adopt a zoning ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes §59.69(5)(e) authorizes the County Board to amend an ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Section 13-1-104 Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin authorizes the County Board to make amendments to Title 13, Chapter 1 of the Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §59.69; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County of Bayfield to amend Section 13-1-29(b)(3) e. Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin pertaining to requirements for Multiple Unit Developments, to amend language to reflect that open space requirements may be waived by the Planning and Zoning Committee to make both non-conforming uses and non-conforming structures conforming, rather than just non-conforming uses; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed in the best interest of the County of Bayfield to create Section 13-1-29(b)(3) f. Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin pertaining to requirements for Multiple Unit Developments, to create an exception to open space requirements for Multiple Unit Developments so that the Planning and Zoning Committee can adjust or waive open space requirements for applications sponsored by the Housing Authority.

Section 1. Subsection (b)(3) e and i. [Requirements] of Section 13-1-29 [Multiple Unit Developments] of Chapter B [General Provisions] of Chapter 1 [Zoning Code] of Title 13 [Zoning] of the Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin is hereby amended to read as follows, with additions highlighted by the double underline feature (additions):

Section 13-1-29 Multiple Unit Developments

(b) Requirements.

(3) Multiple Unit Developments shall have a minimum of 30,000 square feet of open space per unit, with the following exceptions:

e. The Planning and Zoning Committee may adjust or waive the open space requirements when reviewing applications to make a non-conforming use and/or structure conforming. In considering whether to adjust or waive the requirements, the committee shall consider the following:

i. The length of time the non-conforming use and/or structure has been in existence.

Motion by Strand, seconde by Silbert to adopt Amendatory Ordinance No. 2022-08 Petition to Amend Sections 13-1-29 of the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances, Bayfield County, Wisconsin. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

14. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-76:

Forestry and Parks Department 2022 Budget Amendment Accepting USFS Community Forests Grant and Expenditures for the Replacement of County Forest Lands

WHEREAS, via Resolution 2022-06, the County Board gave the Forestry and Parks Department (Department) authorization to develop a roughly 2,001 acre land acquisition project, in part, to replace county forest lands that were previously sold to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa (Red Cliff); and,

WHEREAS, since 2017, Bayfield County has transferred a total of 1,582 acres of county land to Red Cliff; and,

WHEREAS, all county forest land proceeds are required to be re-invested in the purchase of replacement lands, that will be enrolled in County Forest Law and managed as part of the county forest; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has partnered with the Trust for Public Land (TPL) on the development of this land acquisition project, including assistance with various grant applications; and,

WHEREAS, the final value of this land acquisition project is approximately $2,531,000, which includes the value of the land and closing costs; and,
WHEREAS, as part of the land acquisition project, two external funding sources have been targeted to assist with the purchase: the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for County Forest Land Acquisitions and the USFS Community Forests Grant; and,

WHEREAS, the Department has secured $2,431,000, which includes approximately $1,831,000 in proceeds (some in fund balance) from lands sold to Red Cliff and $600,000 in Community Forests grant funding (if formally awarded); and,

WHEREAS, $845,000 was budgeted for this project, however $422,000 is not needed out of the 100 fund balance; and,

WHEREAS, the Stewardship application is still under review; and,

WHEREAS, TPL has negotiated a purchase agreement with the current landowner, Ceres Timber, on behalf of Bayfield County, that expires on June 30, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, TPL has committed to completing the purchase, on behalf of Bayfield County, and is willing to hold the land until a final decision has been made on the Stewardship grant, or February 15, 2023, whichever comes first; and,

WHEREAS, before completing the transaction, TPL is requiring assurance from Bayfield County, that Bayfield County will purchase the land from TPL, under the same terms, before the deadline listed above; and,

WHEREAS, to complete the land acquisition project, as outlined above, with the funds that have currently been secured, Bayfield County will need to allocate an additional approximately $100,000; and,

WHEREAS, if additional external funding sources are awarded before the final transaction between Bayfield County and TPL is completed, this additional allocation of county funds will likely not be required;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 28th day of June, 2022, approves accepting the USFS Community Forests grant (if formally awarded) and allocating the additional funds required to purchase the land, from TPL, and approves the following amendment to the 2022 Forestry and Parks Department budget:

| Increase | 430-34-57100-50252 | $1,086,000 | Purchase of Land |
| Decrease | 430-70-49301      | $10,000   | Fund Balance Applied |
| Decrease | 430-70-49201      | $422,000  | Transfer from 100 Fund |
| Increase | 430-34-46813      | $1,518,000| Land Sales |
| Increase | 430-34-43260      | $600,000  | USFS Community Forests Grant |
| Increase | 430-34-56132-50252| $600,000  | USFS Community Forests Grant |
| Decrease | 100-00-59430-50820| $422,000  | Transfer to 430 Fund |
| Decrease | 100-00-49301      | $422,000  | Fund Balance Applied |
Motion by Strand, seconded by Sandstrom to adopt Resolution No. 2022-76 Forestry and Parks Department 2022 Budget Amendment Accepting USFS Community Forests Grant and Expenditures for the Replacement of County Forest Lands. Roll Call Vote: Sandstrom-yes; Dougherty-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Strand-yes; Rautio-yes; Milanowski-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Crandall-yes; Rondeau-yes; Pocernich-yes; Ray-absent. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

15. **UW Extension Annual Report 2021:**

UW Extension Area Director, Mary Pardee, delivered the UW Extension 2021 annual report which reviewed all the programs that UW Extension is currently offering.

Motion by Crandall, seconded by Rautio to receive and place on file the UW Extension Annual Report 2021. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.

16. **Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2022-09:**

Discussion took place regarding the changes being proposed and the possibility of the ordinance being proposed preemptively. It was suggested that the ordinance be postponed for a further meeting to ensure all the proposed changes are being made accurately and appropriately.

Chairman Pocernich tabled the item until the next meeting to allow time to complete a final draft of the ordinance and to ensure all the recommendations made by corporation counsel could be properly implemented.

17. **Reports:**

a) **Budget Priority Summary Review:** Abeles-Allison reviewed the budget priorities that were presented at the previous meeting. Housing, EMS, Highways, Seniors, Levy. Top five. (review narrative). Abeles-Allison reported that budget directives have been sent out to the departments with a July 1 deadline.

b) **Future County Board Meeting Dates:**
   a. **July 26, 2022**
   b. **August 30, 2022**
   c. **September 27, 2022**

Abeles-Allison informed the board that concern regarding the performance of a department head was expressed at a recent meeting and urged the board to report any concerns or complaints to him as he is responsible for monitoring each of the department heads except for the elected officials.

The board of supervisors introduced themselves to John Rautio.

18. **Supervisors’ Reports:** None.

19. **Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, Chairman Pocernich adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LYNN M. DIVINE
Bayfield County Clerk
LMD/pat
Resolution
No. 2022-77

In Recognition and Appreciation of Mike BeBeau
for 23 Years of Dedication and Service to
Bayfield County

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy provides gas and electric service in many communities in Bayfield County; and,

WHEREAS, Xcel’s Community Service Managers are the face of the company in rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, Mike BeBeau has served as Community Service Manager for Bayfield County since 1999; and,

WHEREAS, Mike BeBeau has built strong relationships amongst local government and supported community growth and economic development; and,

WHEREAS, Mike serves on the Bayfield County Business Park Advisory Committee and served on the Bayfield County Economic Development Commission for many years; and,

WHEREAS, during storms and power outages, Mike has shared information and resources for those in need; and,

WHEREAS, Mike BeBeau has assisted Bayfield County to understand and reach its carbon reduction goals for the benefit of the community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, recognizes Mike BeBeau for his commitment to communities across the region; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County praises Mike BeBeau and Xcel Energy for their advocacy for the betterment of the county; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County extends deep thanks for Mike BeBeau’s dedication.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair
STATE OF WISCONSIN  
) ss. 
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD  

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-77, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Resolution
No. 2022-78

Appreciation of Beverly “Bev” Lowery

WHEREAS, Beverly “Bev” Lowery has served Bayfield County residents with distinction, honor and dedication in assisting with the Bayfield County Elderly Meal Program for over 20 years,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July, 2022, honors Bev Lowery for her more than 20 years of public service to Bayfield County residents and expresses gratitude for her efforts, wishing her well in the years ahead.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN )

) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD )

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-78, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Resolution
No. 2022-79

In Support of a 40-60 Unit Housing Development on a 9.5-Acre County Owned Parcel (parcel ID, 32578) Located in the City of Washburn, Wisconsin

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is committed to creating a sustainable community; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County has identified a need for housing throughout the county; and,

WHEREAS, over the past four years Bayfield and Ashland County Communities have developed a housing coalition, completed a Regional Housing Survey and report, and were selected as a WHEDA PILOT Community; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is committed to supporting housing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, does hereby support the development of a 9.5-acre parcel for housing at 901 E Bayfield Street, City of Washburn on property owned by Bayfield County, Tax ID# 32578; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors authorizes the contribution of 9.5 acres of land at no cost, provided all project requirements are met, located at 901 E Bayfield Street, Washburn, WI, Tax ID# 32578, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors will consider matching municipal contributions to the project; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County approves issuing the Residential Development, City of Washburn, Request for Proposal.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN  )
) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD  )

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-79, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Bayfield County Wisconsin is seeking innovative and thoughtful development proposals for a 9.5 acre county owned parcel located at 901 E Bayfield Street, Washburn Wisconsin, tax ID #32578. The parcel includes frontage on Hwy. 13 and is accessible by public transportation with essential community services nearby. Proposals are due no later than Friday, September 16, 2022 at 1:00pm and submitted electronically to the contact listed in the RFP.

**County Vision**

Bayfield County is committed to creating an inclusive and sustainable community. Increasing the supply of life-cycle housing and diversifying its housing stock is one important way the County can play an important role. Bayfield County is committed to supporting and furthering the development of housing that is attractive to and accessible to seniors and supports aging in place and single level living. The County is also committed to supporting its community of full-time residents with greater access to rental and ownership options for young families, veterans, essential workers, service providers and housing with a varying level of supportive services.

This site is immediately adjacent to Northern Lights Services an assisted living and nursing home facility owned by Bayfield County and operated by Northern Lights Services, a non-profit. Independent living with supportive services for seniors is preferred for this site as senior housing is a critical need/in high demand in Bayfield County. The County envisions approximately 40-60 units of new construction either entirely senior living or a mix of senior, family and workforce housing. Northern Lights and Bayfield County Housing Authority have also expressed interest in potential collaborations for management and supportive services.

Recent community surveys and discussions indicate a strong preference for:
- Pocket neighborhood-style development made up cottage and bungalow style units
- Multi-family units (i.e. apartments, condos) broken up into smaller clusters (8-20 unit max)
- Inclusion of detached garages, high speed internet, and yard and gardening space
- Inclusion of shared use amenities (outdoor activity spaces, community gathering space, guest lodging)
- Inclusion of infrastructure to support sustainable living (solar, high-efficiency, EV charging)
Recent housing surveys including the Chequamegon Bay Region Housing Report completed in 2021 indicates the following:

- Only 16.8% of Bayfield County’s housing stock is long term rental housing – much below normal.
- The percentage of households with a person 60 and older is higher than the state – 52% v. 36% with 2,265 owner occupied households with the head of household 65 and over and 865 owner occupied units with head of household aged 75 and over.
- There are waiting lists for all Housing Authority apartments, some of which are ADA accessible.
- The need for long term rental housing to support veterans, seniors, essential workers and service providers is high
- 41% of rental occupied units are currently may well above 30% of their household income toward rent

These statistics demonstrate an important opportunity for the County to partner with developers for the creation of rental senior housing options – possibly freeing up many single-family homes for sale to first time homebuyers, young families and rehabilitated to stabilize an aging housing stock.

Bayfield County is committed to supporting the development of the 9.5 acre parcel.

The project falls within the eligible service area to receive the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Agency (WHEDA) Rural BOOST. The project is located within a QCT/DDA

Importantly, Bayfield County is also one of three selected communities by WHEDA to participate in the Rural Affordable Workforce Housing Pilot Initiative (RAWHPI) and WHEDA staff is in direct contact with Bayfield County officials about the need for housing resources and solutions in the region.

For the selected developer, the County will provide:

- Land sale at no cost, transferrable upon project completion through a land covenant and deed restriction tied to the project remaining affordable for a minimum of 30 years.
- City water and sewer utility extensions to property: Contact Scott Kluver, Washburn Administrator for details: washburnadmin@cityofwashburn.org Potential for TIF Funding.
- Gas and Electric utility contact information: Xcel Energy. Disher, Kenneth C kenneth.c.disher@xcelenergy.com
- Broadband connectivity contact information:
  - Norvado: cyoung@norvado.com
  - Bayfield Wireless: mike@bayfieldwireless.com
Other area providers include Spectrum and Centurylink/Lumen, use web contacts.
- Bayfield County is open to sponsoring the selected developer to support additional funding applications such as HOME, CDBG, AHP, USDA and ARPA funds.
- Solar Resources (Bill Bailey (billebaily2@gmail.co) with www.cheqbayrenewables.org has researched several solar options for this site and www.Focusonenergy.com, regional representative is Steve Craker steve.craker@focusonenergy.com
- Expedited permit review process (potential waiver of fees to qualified nonprofits)
- Advocacy at Local, State and Federal Level as requested by developer
- Community engagement support as requested by developer
Submission Requirements

Developers are required to submit the following information with their proposal:

1. Preliminary Site Plan
2. Proposed Building Design
3. Proposed Floor Plans
4. Proposed Unit Mix – 40-60 unit maximum
5. Proposed Rental Rates and Income Targets
6. Proposed Populations Served including any preferences (the County supports preferences for veterans, emergency workers and others following the General Public Use Section SEC.42(g)(9)(c) of the IRS Code related to LIHTC.
7. Proposed Sources and Uses of Funds
8. Developer Qualifications include support documentation showing that the developer has the financial, operational, and managerial capacity to take on a project of this scope, complexity, and type at this stage and has developed similar projects of size and scope.
   - Provide a list prior projects completed
   - Provide county or municipal references in the last five years.
   - List of LIHTC credits received in the past.
   - Contact information for all main point of contact and listing of all company principals and board of directors if applicable.
9. Development Team: Include background information on proposed architect and general contractor
10. Development Timeline including key funding application dates with WHEDA and other major funding deadlines.

Helpful Information/Data

Site Information:

1. Access: Three potential street access points:
   - i. Across from S Superior Ave on Highway 13
   - ii. Across from N Superior Avenue on North 8th Ave E
   - iii. Off the Nursing Home Drive
2. This site is approximately 1 mile from the Hansen’s IGA and ¾ of a mile from Homestead Gardens Grocery Store. The site is also approximately 1500 feet from the shore of Lake Superior.
3. City Water is available at the site with a fire hydrant at the property border on US Highway 13.
   a. Bayfield County is not aware of any potential environmental issues, there are no known contamination issues on the DNR website.
4. This property is far away from current FEMA floodplain boundaries.
5. Soil Borings:
   https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_MANUSCRIPTS/wisconsin/WI007/0/Bayfield_WI.pdf
6. Zoning: C-2, General Commercial, 40+ units is feasible. Contact Scott Kluver, Washburn City Administrator, washburnadmin@cityofwashburn.org No re-zoning anticipated. Conditional Use Permit required. Zoning letter from City the City of Washburn is included in the Appendix.
Site photo (parcel 32578) showing adjacent nursing home and assisted living facility.

The County has included with this RFP both links to additional resources and Appendix.

Housing Studies:

- Northern Lights Nursing Home Market Study, 2022: **Executive Summary** in Appendix
- Northwest Regional Planning Housing Report, 2022 [chequamegon_bay_region_housing_report[2].pdf](cityofwashburn.org)
Organizational Support:

- Bayfield County Housing Authority: [https://bayfieldcountyhousing.org/](https://bayfieldcountyhousing.org/) (potential to manage)
- Bayfield County Board of Supervisors Resolution of Support for Development.

Site Images and Information Tools:

- Bayfield County GIS link, aerial and lidar maps: [https://maps.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/BayfieldWAB/](https://maps.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/BayfieldWAB/)
- Site Images and Topographic Information – See Appendix
- Bayfield County Land Record can provide lidar and 2’ cross section images of the site from their GIS page. Contact, Land Records Director, Scott Galetka (scott.galetka@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov).

The point of contact regarding questions and submission is Mark Abeles-Allison, Bayfield County Administrator.
Phone: 715-373 6181
Email: mark.abeles-allison@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

The deadline for submission in September 16, 2022. Staff will review submissions over the following two week and make recommendations for two finalist interviews. Final selection will be determined by September 30th, 2022.

Developer selection will be based on the following criteria:

1. Qualifications of the Applicant
2. Quality and scale/appropriateness of the design
3. Commitment to affordability
4. Commitment and alignment with County objectives
5. Readiness to proceed in a timely manner
6. Any innovative strategies in design, finance or construction to enhance the sustainability of the project.

**Right to Reject Proposals.** Bayfield County reserves the right without prejudice to reject any or all proposals, proposal interpretations and Addenda. Any change to or interpretation of the RFP by the County will be sent to each firm or individual to whom an RFP has been sent and any such changes or interpretations shall become a part of the RFP for incorporation into any agreement awarded pursuant to the RFP.
BAYFIELD COUNTY RFP
APPENDIX

SITE PHOTOS
July 14, 2022

Mr. Mark Abeles-Allison, Administrator
Bayfield County
117 East 5th Street
Post Office Box 878
Washburn, Wisconsin 54891

Re: Zoning Compatibility for Housing Development

Dear Mr. Abeles-Allison:

You asked for a letter related to the zoning compatibility for a conceptual 40-unit housing development on the 10 acre County property fronting Superior Avenue (Tax ID 32578). This property is zoned C-2 General Commercial. Multi-family housing, defined as three-units or more, is a conditional use on this property.

As such, a conditional use permit would need to be approved for such a development along with the site plan and architectural review provisions of the code. Besides the previously mentioned provisions, the development would need to comply with other sections of the code such as landscaping, parking, outdoor lighting, and stormwater retention/detention during construction and post construction if more than 10,000 square feet are disturbed.

The bottom line is that the proposed concept development is certainly possible; however, there are various steps and approvals that will need to be obtained along the way. Please let me know if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Kluver
Zoning Administrator
CITY OF WASHBURN

The City of Washburn is an equal opportunity provider, employer, and lender.
Executive Summary

Management of Northern Lights Services (Management) requested that Baker Tily conduct independent living (IL), assisted living (AL) and memory care assisted living (MC) demand assessments for the existing campus in Washburn, Wisconsin, to support potential project development or campus repositioning.

Demand scenarios were assessed for both Bayfield County and the primary market area (PMA), defined by Management as four zip codes in Bayfield and Ashland Counties (see pages 3-4 for the definitions). The analysis focuses on the projected year 2026. Demand was assessed for all households 75+ to determine the total potential AL and MC bed capacity for the county and PMA assuming the AL and MC facility accepted Family Care (Medicaid), and demand was assessed for “private pay” households 75+ earning $35,000+ and $50,000+. These households would more likely be able to pay privately for an extended period and would not require assistance from Family Care, at least initially. For the IL option, the demand for private pay options were assessed.

Demand is assessed by projecting the project penetration and gross market penetration rates. The project penetration rate reflects the percentage of age-and-income eligible households within the PMA that a project would need to capture in the year of opening or majority fill. The gross market penetration rate reflects the percentage of age-and-income eligible households in the PMA that the total market must absorb to achieve and maintain stabilized occupancy. The gross market penetration rate is also referred to as the market saturation assessment; how close to total market saturation is the defined market area.

Findings

IL: There are no market rate IL units in the PMA or Bayfield County suggesting there may be pent-up demand for this option based on demographics.
  - For Bayfield County, the demand assessment suggested that the potential project could range 18-25 units at a conservative 2.5% project penetration rate, depending on the income qualification level ($50,000-plus and $35,000-plus, respectively).
  - Findings for the PMA as defined were similar. For the PMA, the potential project could range from 15-20 beds at a conservative 2.5% project penetration rate, depending on the income qualification level ($50,000-plus and $35,000-plus, respectively).
  - Together, the findings above suggest that Northern Lights has an opportunity to develop a small market rate IL option for seniors, ranging 15 to 25 units, located in Washburn or elsewhere in the county, and would not need to rely on admissions from Ashland County to fill units. If management were to build a larger project (greater than 25 units), it would require admissions from Ashland County, most likely, or elsewhere, such as Douglas County, to fill the units.

AL and MC: There are market rate AL and MC competitors in the defined PMA and Bayfield County.
  - For Bayfield County, the demographics support demand for up to 15 age-eligible AL beds, assuming all-income households would potentially qualify for the option and the facility would accept Medicaid (Family Care).
  - The demographics support a total of 9 market rate AL beds when adding income qualifications ($50,000+ income threshold, plus homeowners with income of $35,000-$49,999).
  - Potential project bed capacity in the PMA is nearly identical to the Bayfield County figures. However, in the PMA there are more competitive beds and the AL gross market penetration rate overall is approaching penetration thresholds, suggesting there is some saturation in the market.
  - In summary, the findings suggest that management could expand the current market rate CBRF (community-based residential facilities) by nine beds, and by an additional six beds for persons that qualify for Family Care funding.
  - Although the demand assessment for AL is not specific to RCAC (residential care apartment complex) or CBRF licensing, the CBRF option is more flexible and would be a better fit with Northern Lights.
1. **SOILS: 480B**

Bayfield County, Wisconsin

**480B—Portage-Hertaer complex, 6 to 8 percent slopes**

**Map Unit Setting**
- **Natural map unit symbol:** 480B
- **Elevation:** 800 to 1500 feet
- **Mean annual precipitation:** 35 to 40 inches
- **Mean annual air temperature:** 38 to 43 degrees F
- **Productivity period:** 90 to 120 days

Mineral composition: Quadrilateral blocks

**Soil description:**"
WHEREAS, the City of Washburn created TID 2 on 9-25-1995 and successfully completed implementation of the project plan and sufficient increment was collected or will be collected in 2023 from the 2022 tax roll to pay off its aggregate project costs; and

WHEREAS, state law requires termination of a TID after all project costs have been paid, state law (sec. 66.1105(6)(g), Wis. Stats.), does allow extension of a TID up to one year, using the last year of tax increment to improve the City’s housing stock; and

WHEREAS, at least 75 percent of the final increment must benefit affordable housing with the remaining portion used to improve housing stock; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Washburn hereby extends the life of TID 2 for 12 months to use the final year’s increment collected in 2024 from the 2023 tax roll to benefit affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City of Washburn shall use the final increment to improve housing quality and affordability by (describe specifically how funds will be used: utilizing the proceeds for a to be determined housing project within the City of Washburn)

__________________________________________; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk shall notify the Wisconsin Department of Revenue by providing a copy of this resolution.

Adopted this 9 day of May, 2022

Resolution introduced and adoption moved by alderperson

Motion for adoption seconded by alderperson

On roll call motion passed by a vote of ayes to nays

ATTEST.
Bayfield County Housing Project on 10 acres north of Northern Lights

To incorporate solar PV into the development the following options exist:

1. Each electric meter has its own PV system including panels, inverter, etc.
   a. This works well for single family housing
   b. NLS could own a building, like The Oaks, where a single meter serves the building. Here, one solar system serves several “units”. This is allowed because PSC regulation 113.0803 exempts nursing homes and health care facilities from being individually metered.
   c. Designer/developer would need to orient buildings for solar exposure/optimization

2. A single owner could master-meter several buildings like Bayfield County’s courthouse/jail under Xcel’s Empower Resiliency tariff, but a microgrid including batteries would need to be installed increasing costs

3. Use a device like SolShare from Allume Energy to distribute solar generated electricity behind the meter from a single PV array. See technical sheet here: [Technical Information & Specifications | Allume Energy](#). This is a new device and new technology and probably never been installed in Xcel territory. It might make a good pilot project. In this scenario, a large solar array could be placed on site and electricity physically sent to a common room(s) where multiple meters are installed, one for each apartment/condo. All connections are behind the meter and is not virtual.

4. If a single PV array could feed multiple units behind-the-meter then a device like SolShare could be replaced with smart meters and virtual net metering. Europe is doing this as shown in this graphic:

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**JOINTLY ACTING SELF-CONSUMERS**

- ✔ Jointly acting renewables self-consumers (Article 2 and Article 21 - RED II) can do everything a single self-consumers can do
  - o a group of at least two jointly acting renewables self-consumers who are located in the same building or multi-apartment block
  - o they are permitted to arrange sharing of renewable energy that is produced on their sites or sites between themselves

- ✔ Jointly acting final customers (Article 2 and Article 15 - IEM)
  - o group of jointly acting final customers, who operate within their premises located within confined boundaries

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*to determine self consumption need a smart meters with good time resolution (italy 2nd gen smart meter 15 min) on both load and production*
Bayfield County New Housing and Renewable Energy
Challenge: Determine best approach to interconnect solar PV to a mixed-use apartment building (seniors, veterans, workforce).
Background: WI PSC regulations require individual metering of apartments except in specific cases (113.0803). NSP (Xcel Energy in WI) has “premise” and other interconnection policies.
Proposed solutions:
1. Master meter building but retain individual apartment meters. Add single-source PV array with production meter. If individual meters and production meters were bi-directional “smart” meters with 15-minute data, solar PV could be virtually net-metered. Solar PV would be “behind” master meter, but in-front-of individual meters. One line example:

2. Use a “distribution box” like SolShare (Technical Information & Specifications | Allume Energy), or similar, to distribute the solar generation behind each individual meter. One line example:
July 19, 2022

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

Bayfield County is preparing a Request for Proposal for a 40–60-unit, cottage-style housing, pocket neighborhood development on a 10-acre parcel of land adjacent to Northern Lights Services in the City of Washburn.

Ideally, a proposed development would serve to increase availability of rental options for seniors living independently, seniors in need of housing with some supportive services, and local workers/families performing essential services in the County (i.e., healthcare and EMS, teachers, childcare workers, etc.) and serve residents across the income spectrum. The parcel is owned by Bayfield County and will be considered for contribution towards the project. The County’s goal is to address the housing shortage in Bayfield County.

The County plans to consider this at the 6pm, Tuesday, July 26 County Board meeting next week. The meeting will be held in the county board room, second floor of the Courthouse in Washburn 117 E Fifth Street.

If approved the County would release the RFP and accept proposals through September 16 with a developer to be selected by September 30. The chosen developer would then have approximately two months to develop a proposal for WHEDA’s various funding programs.

The RFP is currently being prepared and we anticipate a final or near final draft will be included with the agenda packet this Friday.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mark Abeles-Allison
Bayfield County Administrator
Resolution
No. 2022-80

A Resolution to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in Support of a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) accepts applications for a Community Development Investment Grant to assist with the funding of new construction and/or redevelopment of rural downtown districts; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the application process for a Community Development Investment Grant, the applicants seeking the grant must provide the WEDC with a signed resolution by the local government authorizing the submittal of an application; and,

WHEREAS, 200 Rittenhouse Avenue LLC has proposed to develop a destination hospitality development named The St. James Social in the City of Bayfield located at 200 Rittenhouse Avenue. Funds will be used for full historic rehabilitation of the building and infrastructure development to attract both locals and tourists to the County to enjoy and appreciate the unique environment on the shores of Lake Superior; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed reconstruction of the property will support the quality of life and economic health of the City of Bayfield and Bayfield County as a whole; and,

WHEREAS, the County seeks to collaborate with the City of Bayfield to assist 200 Rittenhouse Avenue LLC in obtaining the Community Development Investment Grant as the City and County cannot help facilitate the development of the property in any other way;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, does hereby authorize the submission of an application for a Community Development Investment Grant to the WEDC for the real property located at 200 Rittenhouse Avenue, Bayfield, WI, and authority is granted to the proper County officials to take the necessary steps to prepare and file the appropriate application for funds under this program in accordance with this resolution and that the proper County officials are hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of Bayfield County.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD ) ss.

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-80, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
RESOLUTION #599

A Resolution supporting a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Application to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) accepts applications for a Community Development Investment Grant to assist with the funding of new construction and/or redevelopment of rural downtown districts; and

WHEREAS, as part of the application process for a Community Development Investment Grant, the applicants seeking the grant must provide the WEDC with a signed resolution by the local government authorizing the submittal of an application; and

WHEREAS, 200 Rittenhouse Avenue LLC, has proposed to develop a destination hospitality development named the St. James Social in the City of Bayfield located at 200 Rittenhouse Avenue. Funds will be used for full historic rehabilitation of the building and infrastructure development to attract both locals and tourists to the City of Bayfield, Bayfield County to enjoy and appreciate the unique environment on the shores of Lake Superior; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reconstruction of the property will support the quality of life and economic health of the City of Bayfield and County as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bayfield seeks to collaborate with Bayfield County and has asked them to take the lead in obtaining the Community Development Investment Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bayfield Common Council, assembled this 20th day of July 2022, does hereby support Bayfield County’s submission of an application for a Community Development Investment Grant to the WEDC for the real property located at 200 Rittenhouse Avenue, Bayfield, Wisconsin.

City of Bayfield:

Gordon T. Ringberg, Mayor

Attest: Billie L. Hoopman, Clerk

City of Bayfield is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer.
Complaints of discrimination should be sent to USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410
Resolution No. 2022-81

Resolution to Authorize a One-Time Increase to the Department of Human Services (DHS) Risk Reserve Fund

WHEREAS, Bayfield County Department of Human Services (DHS) has primary responsibility to provide for the well-being, treatment, and care of its residents in need of human services when the individual lacks insurance and no other funding source is available; and,

WHEREAS, many services provided by the Department, such as mental health and substance use disorder crises; youth out of home placements; protective placements; and youth justice services, are mandated; and,

WHEREAS, the daily rate of some mandated services has been increasing at alarming rates (current examples: Chileda – residential placement for children with cognitive and behavioral challenges $679.79/day; $248,135/year; Lincoln Hills, a juvenile correction facility $1,178.00 per day; $429,970 per year); and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Human Services budgets for one or two high cost placements each year, but cannot predict how many individuals might need care in any given year that might adversely affect the annual budget; and,

WHEREAS, there was excess funding in the 2021 Bayfield Human Services budget that can be used to support a one-time funding increase to the Department’s Risk Reserve; and,

WHEREAS, discussions with the County Administrator and the county auditors deem it prudent to set aside additional funds to cover the cost of a budget deficit;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, recommends a one-time transfer of $200,000 to the Department of Human Services Risk Reserve from excess 2021 funds that would otherwise lapse to the General Fund, bringing the total of the DHS Risk Reserve to $635,000.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD )
s.
I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-81, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
The History:

A request for a Risk Reserve was initially placed in September 2000 and was included in the Department’s 2001 Budget.

The original request:

- Was for $200,000
- Was intended to offset any unanticipated costs that led to a budget deficit in any fiscal year
- Included the stipulation that the Risk Reserve be self-perpetuating and increased when there were unspent dollars in the Human Services budget (rather than lapsing the dollars to the General Fund)
- Defined the Risk Reserve as county controlled, managed by the Treasurer, and fully funded with county levy

In 2001, the County Board adopted a Human Services budget which included a Risk Reserve.

- The balance of the Risk Reserve was established at $200,000.
- The fund was to be used for unanticipated costs that resulted in budget deficits.
- The fund was to be accessed by County Board Resolution then replenished by the County Board, following recommendations from the Human Services Committee.
- The Risk Reserve is county controlled and does not include any state and federal dollars.

The DHS Risk Reserve increased three times since 2001:

- 2003 Additional $75,000
- 2005 Additional $80,000
- 2010 Additional $80,000
Funds for the increases came from Human Services revenues over expenses that would have otherwise lapsed into the General Fund.

DHS Risk Reserves are not budgeted thus require Committee and County Board Action to appropriate. This is completed via a budget adjustment.

**Currently:**

- The 2022 balance of the DHS Risk Reserve is $435,000, this is approximately 8% of the 2022 budget of $5.3 million.
- The Risk Reserve has been accessed twice since its establishment when DHS experienced a deficit due to high-cost mandated services in the form of treatment or placements due to the complex needs of individuals or youth.

**Overview:**

- The cost of mandated treatment and placement services is growing rapidly.

  As an example, one youth placement in Lincoln Hills in 2022 is $1,178 per day or $429,970 for the year. This is nearly double the rate for the year ending July 31, 2021, when the cost was $615 per day or $224,475 per year.

- Based on increases, it is advisable to increase the Human Risk Reserve.

**Recommendations:** Increase Human Services Risk Reserve by $200,000 to $635,000.
WHEREAS, Bayfield County is surrounded by abundant clean water; and,

WHEREAS, clean water is essential to life, health and the wellbeing of families, ecosystems across our communities and lands; and,

WHEREAS, clean water is the foundation of a vibrant community, economy and high quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Wisconsin hold all navigable waters in public trust for use by all; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County retains the authority to exercise water stewardship responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is a protector of water and natural resources, and recognizes the importance of addressing threats to surface and ground waters that impact the health, wellbeing and future of our communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 26th day of July 2022, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot as an advisory referendum:

Question: Should the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin YES____ NO____; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution and the referendum shall be filed with the Bayfield County Clerk no later than 70 days prior to the November 8, 2022 election, at which the question will appear on the ballot, and the Clerk shall prepare a Notice of Referendum to be published in accordance with statutory requirements; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Clerk is directed to send results of the referendum to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, and to local members of the State Legislature.

FISCAL NOTE. There are no fiscal obligations associated with this resolution.
By Action of the:

Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN    )
 ) ss.
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD  )

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-82, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
WHEREAS, Bayfield County is surrounded by abundant clean water; and,

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WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Wisconsin hold all navigable waters in public trust for use by all; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County retains the authority to exercise water stewardship responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County is a protector of water and natural resources, and recognizes the importance of addressing threats to surface and ground waters that impact the health, wellbeing and future of our communities; and,

WHEREAS, our neighbors the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are known as strong defenders of the water;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 26th day of July 2022, does hereby approve that the following question be placed on the November 8, 2022 ballot as an advisory referendum:

**Question:** Should the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin

YES_____ NO_____; and,

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By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

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COUNTY OF BAYFIELD )

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Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Resolution
No. 2022-83

Forestry and Parks Department 2022 Budget Amendment Accepting a Wisconsin Coastal Grant and the Purchase of Land

WHEREAS, as per Resolution 2022-24, passed in March of this year, the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors voted to support a 160-acre county forest land acquisition project in the Town of Bell, near Lost Creek Falls; and,

WHEREAS, for the past year, the Forestry and Parks Department has partnered with Landmark Conservancy on the 160-acre acquisition project further described as follows: NE-SW, NW-SW, SW-SW, SE-SW, Section 10, T50N-R06W, in the Town of Bell, Bayfield County, Wisconsin (see Exhibit A); and,

WHEREAS, the purchase price for the land is $240,000; and,

WHEREAS, this project has been reviewed and approved by, the Forestry and Parks Committee and has also received a significant level of local and regional support, including: the Town of Bell; Washburn and Bayfield School Districts; Northland College; Senator Bewley and Representative Meyers; Trout Unlimited; Ruffed Grouse Society (who has also pledged up to $2,500 to assist with the purchase); Backcountry Hunters and Anglers; and more; and,

WHEREAS, Landmark Conservancy recently applied for and was awarded a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant in the amount of $111,300 to assist in the purchase of this property to be transferred to Bayfield County; and,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department is working with Landmark Conservancy on an application to the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program for $60,000 that would be used towards the purchase of this property; and,

WHEREAS, the final value of this acquisition project is expected to be $245,000 including closing costs and other fees; and,

WHEREAS, after applying awarded grant funds and partner contributions, the total cost to the county is expected to be approximately $75,000; and,

WHEREAS, the Forestry and Parks Department is projecting a surplus in timber and other revenue that is likely to approach $1.0 million over budget in 2022; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the surplus revenue could be used to offset the additional out-of-pocket expense to the county, resulting in zero net change to the 2022 Forestry and Parks Department budget; and,

WHEREAS, the property would be enrolled in County Forest Law and managed as part of the Bayfield County Forest providing future revenues for county operations; and,

WHEREAS, if external funding (currently applied for) is awarded additional county funds will likely not be required;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, approves accepting the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant (if awarded) and allocating the $75,000 in additional county funds required to purchase the land, and approves the following amendment to the 2022 Forestry and Parks Department budget:

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By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD ) ss.

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-83, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Resolution
No. 2022-84

PSAP Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point Per County

WHEREAS, every municipal and state agency that provides fire suppression, law enforcement, and EMS, may establish a 911 system. Most counties operate their own Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) to meet the needs of their citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the 2017-19 Wisconsin state budget required DMA to create an emergency services IP network to be provided to all PSAPs. This digital network is essential in transitioning the state’s 911 system from the old and outdated analog system to a current and advanced NextGeneration 911 system; and,

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 created a much needed PSAP grant program aimed to provide grant dollars for advanced training of telecommunicators; equipment or software expenses; and incentives to consolidate some or all of the functions of two or more PSAPs; and,

WHEREAS, 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 requires that only one PSAP per county receive the grant funds. The county board of supervisors will determine the grant recipient except for Milwaukee County where the Intergovernmental Cooperation Council will make the determination;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 26th day of July, 2022, does hereby designate the Bayfield County Public Safety Answering Point for the purposes of 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 grant dollars or federal grant opportunities.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD ) ss.

I, Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2022-84, Volume 29, adopted by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors at their meeting held on the 26th day of July, 2022.

Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINT STATE GRANT

Modernizing Wisconsin’s 911 system has been a priority for counties and other stakeholders since the early 2000s. In the 2017-19 state budget, $6.7 million was reallocated from the Police and Fire Protection Fund (PFPP) for the creation of an emergency services IP network (ESInet), which will allow Wisconsin to move toward a long overdue upgrade for 911 by serving as the backbone to which local Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) can connect to utilize Next Generation 911 (NG 911) technology. The 2019-21 budget allocated $19.7 million in FY20 to the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) for the project. Funds not utilized by the end of the biennium will lapse to the general fund. According to the Legislative Fiscal Bureau informational paper on the subject, the DMA has only spent $585,200 of the allocated funds.

DOA issued an intent to award letter to AT&T in December however, a final contract cannot be issued until the end of the appeals period. Likely the details of the contract will be made public in April 2021 providing us with a better understanding of the costs associated with the ESInet. Ultimately, supporting DMA and the buildout of the ESInet is critically important in moving from the analog system to a digital, Next Generation 911 system.

In the 2019-20 Legislative Session, legislation to create the framework for a state-funded PSAP grant program was signed into law. 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 requires DMA to promulgate rules to create the grant program in consultation with the 911 subcommittee. Act 26 indicates the following uses for the grant dollars: advanced training of telecommunicators; equipment or software expenses; and incentives to consolidate some or all of the functions of two or more PSAPs. The act also clearly states that only one PSAP per county is eligible to receive the grant. However, the law did not allocate any funds for the grant program.

The cost to upgrade local PSAP equipment can be cost prohibitive for many counties. Therefore, a state-funded grant program is essential in supporting PSAPs and their need to upgrade technologies. To provide some context, Price County approved funding to update its PSAP which has two main stations and one backup call station. The county budgeted $147,000 for the equipment and an additional $191,000 for a 10-year service agreement on the maintenance, upgrades, and management of the equipment. In its 2020 budget, Price County set aside an additional $30,000 for the Capture 911 recording system.
budget, Price County set aside an additional $30,000 for the Capture 911 recording system.

It is critical that the state invest in the ESInet, as well as our local PSAPs, for the safety and security of the public. Local governments are responsible for purchasing 911 call answering equipment. According to the 2019 Statewide 911 System Assessment, only 50 percent of the state’s PSAPs have the necessary equipment to be compatible with NG911 technologies. The state should support the funding of Act 26 by returning a portion of the PFPE back to its original intent.

CURRENT STATUS: 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 allows the DMA to promulgate rules for the creation of a state-funded grant program to assist PSAPs in upgrading their equipment and provide necessary training. To date, no funding has been allocated for the local grant program. DMA requested funds in its 2021-23 budget submission for the continuation of the ESInet build-out, as well as the PSAP grant.

REQUESTED ACTION:

- Provide $15 million annually from the Police and Fire Protection Fund beginning in the second year of the 2021-23 biennium to fund grants to PSAPs for local system upgrades.
- Support DMA and provide the necessary funds to build the ESInet and provide the ongoing funds needed to maintain the system.

TALKING POINTS:

- The DMA budget request to the governor includes ongoing funds to support the build-out for the ESInet which is the essential digital platform for Next Generation 911.
- 2019 Wisconsin Act 26 requires the DMA to promulgate rules to create the grant program in consultation with the 911 subcommittee.
- No funds were allocated for the grant program at the time Act 26 was signed into law.
- According to the 2019 Statewide 911 System Assessment, only 50 percent of the state’s PSAPs have the necessary equipment to be compatible with NG911 technologies.
- Uses for the grant dollars include training, equipment or software expenses, and incentives to consolidate some or all functions of two or more PSAPs.
• Only one PSAP per county is eligible to receive the grant.
• The Police and Fire Protection Fund generates more than $50 million in each year of the biennium, all of which was supposed to go toward 911 upgrades in the state. This would be a reliable funding source for the grant program.

Contact: Marcie Rainbolt, Government Affairs Associate
608.663.7188
rainbolt@wicounties.org
Resolution
No. 2022-85

To Authorize the Advance Ordering of Snow Plow Trucks for the Bayfield County Highway Department

WHEREAS, the Bayfield County Highway Department replaces two snow plow trucks annually through the county procurement process; and,

WHEREAS, due to part delays, truck ordering times have increased from eight to 15 months; and,

WHEREAS, historically, orders are placed after the new year budget is approved; with the new ordering schedule this is not possible; and,

WHEREAS, payment is not due until delivery;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, approves the advance ordering of vehicles in 2022 for the 2023 county snow plow replacement schedule and budget.

By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

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Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN  )
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD  ) ss.

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Lynn M. Divine, Bayfield County Clerk
Resolution
No. 2022-75

In Support of Rural Emergency Medical Services in Bayfield County

WHEREAS, Bayfield County established a multi-jurisdictional EMS Advisory Committee to help develop specific strategies to address challenges county EMS providers were facing; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee met from September 2021 until June 2022 and completed a final report; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County’s focus was to facilitate the process, the Committee documented recommendations in the areas of Training, Staffing, and Legislative Challenges that could develop into county specific actions; and,

WHEREAS, Bayfield County wants to provide continued support to EMS in Bayfield County;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors assembled this 26th day of July 2022, hereby commits to advocate at a local, regional, and state level, regarding actions agreed upon jointly with the EMS Council, Jurisdictions, and Agencies as it relates to the Training, Staffing, and Legislative topic areas; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to developing a 911 education program through the Bayfield County Emergency Management Office; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County agrees to investigate utilization of the state “county wide” mill levy exception in support of municipal EMS decisions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to actively search for alternate sources of funding to be distributed as directed by county jurisdictions; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to sponsoring annual Emergency Services appreciation events, in collaboration with jurisdictions, EMS agencies and the EMS Council to support and promote Emergency Services; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County commits to promote and encourage EMS Agency participation in the County Employee Assistance Program (EAP); and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County will provide meeting facilities and facilitation resources to jurisdictions, EMS agencies, and the EMS Council as needed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County requests that jurisdictions, EMS agencies, and the EMS Council jointly submit an EMS legislative agenda for the County to consider annually by May 20; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County shall host and coordinate an annual meeting of agencies and local jurisdictions in November of each year with Northwood Technical College to discuss training offerings to meet Bayfield County EMS educational needs.
By Action of the:
Bayfield County Board of Supervisors

Dennis M. Pocernich, Chair

STATE OF WISCONSIN  )  
COUNTY OF BAYFIELD  )  ss.

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