

**Minutes of the
Bayfield County Executive Committee Meeting
4:00pm, June 9, 2022**

**Meeting was held Remotely through Microsoft Teams and in person in the
Bayfield County Board Room, Washburn, WI**

Members Present: Jeff Silbert, Dennis Pocerlich, Fred Strand, Brett Rondeau, Mary Dougherty, Jeremy Oswald

Members Excused:

Others Present: Mark Abeles-Allison-County Administrator, Kristine Kavajecz-Human Resources, Meagan Quaderer-Emergency Management Director, Mary Pardee-UW Extension, Ian Meeker-UW Extension, Marty Milanowski, Sara Wartman-Public Health Director, Madelaine Rekemeyer

Called to order at 4:00 by Chairman Rondeau.

Public Comment: None Received

Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2022: *Motion Silbert, Oswald to approve minutes of the May 12, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. Motion Carried (6-0)*

4-H Recreation Staging Building Plan: Abeles-Allison explained that this is a follow up to the discussion from the last meeting. An estimate of approximately \$160,000 was provided for a new structure in place of the current facility that was previously used by the VFW. Ian Meeker thanked the committee for access to the existing building. Meeker provided an overview of what the facility is being used for. Various comments were shared supporting programming for youth and the best use of the property and facility. *Motion Silbert, Strand to authorize repairs to the existing building doorway not to exceed \$3,000.* Discussion about the desire to build a coalition for expanding youth programming. *Motion Carried (5-1)* Pocerlich stated that he supports youth programming, but does not support improvements to this building.

Consensus of the committee is to discuss the Contingency Fund Expenditure Agenda Item.

Contingency Fund Expenditures:

Quaderer explained a proposal to purchase a mass notification system/subscription. The proposal has been discussed by the Sheriff's Committee. The proposal is to utilize Genasys at an estimated cost of \$3.361 with a recurring cost of approximately \$3,000 per

year. Quaderer has spoken with Highway, Sheriff, and Health Departments to gauge the need for this type of system.

Motion Oswald, Dougherty to allocate \$3,361 from contingency for a mass notification system. Motion Carried (6-0)

Wartman discussed the Health Infrastructure grant program. 6 of 13 requests were able to be funded for 2022. A request is being made for an additional \$20,000 of funding for four additional project requests. The four projects would be able to leverage the county's \$20,000 of funding for an additional \$353,000 of funds from other non-county sources. The projects were reviewed briefly.

Motion Silbert, Dougherty to allocate an additional \$20,000 for the Health Infrastructure Grant programs. Motion Carried (6-0)

Abeles-Allison provided information supporting a request for one-time funding for the EverGrow Learning Center. The center has experienced significant funding challenges as a result of the pandemic. Several other entities are also being asked to provide temporary support for this endeavor.

Motion Dougherty, Pocerlich to allocate a one-time appropriation of \$30,000 to the EverGrow Learning Center. Discussion regarding other requests that could be made and also a concern regarding the dollar figure included in the motion.

Motion Oswald, Strand to amend the motion to be a \$20,000 allocation rather than a \$30,000 allocation.

Question was asked if a roll call vote is required. These are budgeted funds (contingency), which do not require roll-call vote.

The committee voted on the amended motion. *Motion Carried (4-2)* (Pocerlich and Dougherty opposed)

The committee voted on the original motion as amended. *Motion Carried (5-1)*

Town of Cable Triangle Quit Claim Deed: Motion Strand, Dougherty to authorize a quit-claim deed to the Town of Cable for the parcel identified. Motion Carried (6-0)

Superior Days 2023: Abeles-Allison explained that Douglas County has expressed some concern that they are paying a disproportionate share of costs toward this event. Bayfield County has contributed approximately \$1500 per year toward the organizing of this event.

Budget Planning Session, Survey review and general discussion for the 2023 budget:
Results of the 2023 budget survey were reviewed.

Reports:

- a. Financial Report, end of May 2022: The full report was provided in the meeting packet. Revenues are down about \$100,000 from 2021. Expenditures are on target for this time of year. Human Services is down slightly on revenue and expenses from this time last year. Highway Department is up slightly on revenues and down slightly from this time last year. Across the board, revenues are up about \$600,000 and expenses up about \$800,000 over this time last year.
- b. Treasurer's Report, end of May 2022: Report was provided in the meeting packet.

Oswald announced that a Jail Tour will be conducted at 5pm on June 20th. Board Supervisors are invited to attend.

Motion Pocernich, Dougherty to receive the financial reports and place them on file. Motion Carried (6-0)

Abeles-Allison reported on discussions regarding the UW Extension Housing Committee.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 pm.