

# Bayfield County Clerk

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## Minutes of the: Bayfield County Board of Supervisors' Meeting July 26, 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 6:10 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-present; Jeremy Oswald-present; Jeff Silbert-present; Fred Strand-present; John Rautio-present; Marty Milanowski-present; Madelaine Rekemeyer-present virtually; Jim Crandall-present; Brett Rondeau-present virtually; Dennis Pocernich-present. Total: 13 present, 0 absent. A quorum was present to conduct business.

The following were also present for today's meeting: *County Administrator*- Mark Abeles-Allison; *County Clerk*- Lynn M. Divine; *UW Extension Community Development Outreach Specialist*- Kellie Pederson; *Emergency Management Director*- Meagan Quaderer virtually; *Human Services Director*- Elizabeth Skulan; Shari Eggleston; Ben Shanks; Annalisa Bermel; Heidi Zimmer; *Xcel Energy Community Service Manager*- Mike BeBeau; *Sheriff Candidate*- Mark Pope; *State Assembly Candidate*- Chanz Green; *State Assembly Candidate*- John Adams; and *Clerk III*- Paige Terry virtually.

- Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.
- Public Comment:** Ben Shanks, Grand View, explained that he was been attempting to build a house in Grand View and has experienced delays with the Zoning Department. Shanks reported he was told back in February that he would not need to combine his two lots to be able to build his house over the lot line but was told the opposite when he went to drop the permits off. Construction of the project has been delayed for five week and Shanks stated the building has begun and he would continue building. Shanks continued by informing the board that he was told at the Zoning Committee meeting the previous week that he would not be required to combine his lots.

Shari Eggleston, Bayview, spoke on behalf of the League of Women Voters to encourage the adoption of Resolution 2022-82 to add the clean water referendum to the fall ballot. Eggleston stated the referendum has been adopted in multiple counties already.

Annalisa Bermel, Bayfield, informed the board that she encourages the board to adopt Resolution 2022-80 and explained that the City of Bayfield had recently passed a resolution in support of her project to rehabilitate a property in the City of Bayfield. The project has been named the St. James Social and the CDI Grant that she has applied for is critical to moving the project forward.

### **5. Discussion and Possible Action, Minutes from June 28, 2022:**

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Rautio to approve the Minutes of the Monthly Bayfield County Board of Supervisors Meeting held on June 28, 2022. Motion carried, 13-0.*

### **6. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mike BeBeau stated it was an honor to work with Bayfield County over the years and he wishes the best for the county as well as the neighboring communities in the region.

*Motion by Milanowski, seconded by Silbert to adopt 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. Motion carried, 13-0.*

**7. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bayfield County Aging and Disabilities Services Manager, Carrie Linder, spoke on behalf of Bev Lowery who was unable to attend the meeting.

*Motion by Crandall, seconded by Milanowski to adopt 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. Motion carried, 13-0.*

8. **Sheriff Candidate Presentation, Mark Pope:** Mark Pope introduced himself to the board and gave a history of his law enforcement career. Pope has spent 30 years in law enforcement which included being the Active and Interim Police Chief for the Red Cliff Police Department. Pope spoke on the drug issue present in Bayfield County and spoke in favor of Bayfield County’s drug treatment programs. Oswald questioned Pope on the potential working relationship with the Sheriff’s Committee. Pope answered that he has had positive experience working with groups as the Red Cliff Police Chief. Pope spoke on the logistics of law enforcement certification.
  
9. **State Assembly Candidate Presentation:**
  - a) **Chanz Green:** Chanz Green introduced himself to the board. Green is a local business owner and was a volunteer firefighter for 10 years. Silbert asked how Green would build a bridge between the two political parties at the state, so the citizens see a unified group and not two sides. Green stated he is a team player and would work to maintain that attitude in the state office. Oswald questioned Green on his stance regarding Medicaid expansion. Green spoke against it.
  - b) **John Adams:** John Adams introduced himself to the board. Adams owns a local 40-acre farm and supports local businesses with his products. Adams spoke about the economic issues Northern Wisconsin is facing. Oswald questioned Adams on his stance regarding Medicaid. Adams stated he is in favor of Medicaid expansion.
  
10. **Presentation, Chequamegon Bay Housing Coalition:** Pederson delivered a housing presentation regarding housing issues present in Bayfield County. The housing study found that Bayfield County will be the eldest county in Wisconsin by 2040, 41.5% of residents pay over 30% of their income on housing, and most respondents felt there was not enough affordable housing available for renters. Discussion regarding the lack of affordable housing in Bayfield County.
  
11. **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**

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Heidi Zimmer explained that she has been acting as a consult on the Request for Proposal (RFP) drafting process. Zimmer reviewed the different components of the RFP and explained what aspects of an RFP would make it desirable to developers. Milanowski asked how the county would make money back from the investment and if the county would need to keep investing money into the development. Abeles-Allison explained that there would be several funding sources available and reviewed a few options. Zimmer replied that the development would be an opportunity for the county to capture state dollars.

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Sandstrom to adopt Resolution No. 2022-79 In Support of a 40-46 Unit Housing Development on a 9.5-Acre County Owned Parcel (Parcel ID 32578) Located in the City of Washburn, Wisconsin. Motion carried, 13-0.*

**12. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Bermel explained that the county's sponsorship of the project is needed for the application and the grant funding is critical to moving the project forward. Oswald questioned by the property was not utilized for housing. Bermel answered that the property is in the City of Bayfield's downtown commercial district and the location would pose a lot of challenges and limitations for a housing development.

*Motion by Sandstrom, seconded by Dougherty to adopt Resolution No. 2022-80 A Resolution to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation in Support of a Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant. Motion carried, 13-0.*

**13. 2021 Human Services Annual Report:**

Human Services Director, Elizabeth Skulan, delivered the 2021 Human Services Annual Report. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the department's services were not provided while others received subsidized funding or were not provided at the same level. Skulan reported that no one was denied services in 2021 and there was a 67% increase in the amount of FoodShare benefits available for distribution. Skulan noted an increase in aging services inquiries but a decrease in the utilization of these services. Oswald asked Skulan about her stance on Medicaid expansion. Skulan answered that she is in favor of Medicaid expansion and explained that there are citizens in need of health insurance, but do not have it and the Medicaid expansion could allow access to the best insurance for these citizens. She continued by explaining that Bayfield County does have to pay for services for the individuals that do not have access to insurance and the Medicaid expansion could save the county dollars by providing insurance to the individuals.

*Motion by Crandall, seconded by Rondeau to receive and place on file the 2021 Human Services Annual Report. Motion carried, 13-0.*

**14. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Skulan reviewed the purpose of the risk reserve fund.

8:08 – Rondeau left the meeting.

*Motion by Strand, seconded by Milanowski to adopt Resolution No. 2022-81 Resolution to Authorize a One-Time Increase to the Department of Human Services (DHS) Risk Reserve Fund. Roll Call Vote: Sandstrom-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Silbert-yes; Milanowski-yes; Dougherty-yes; Ray-yes; Strand-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Crandall-yes; Oswald-yes; Rautio-yes; Rondeau-absent; Pocernich-yes. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**15. Bayfield County Resolution No. 2022-82:**

**VERSION PASSED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON 7/14/22**

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **MODIFIED VERSION**

**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; *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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Divine read the referendum question included in the resolution. Abeles-Allison explained that there are two versions of the resolution, the first version was passed at the Executive Committee meeting and the second version includes an additional “Whereas” clause. Silbert read a letter received from a constituent in support of the clean water referendum. Fickbohm asked if the board would need to agree on changing the word “right” to “guarantee” in the referendum. Silbert replied that the wording in the referendum would be consistent with the wording adopted in the other counties.

*Motion by Silbert, seconded by Fickbohm to adopt the modified version of Resolution No. 2022-82 Clean Water Referendum which includes the additional whereas clause “WHEREAS, our neighbors the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are known as strong defenders of the water.” Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**16. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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:

Increase	430-34-57100-50252	\$75,000	Purchase of Land
Increase	430-34-55205-50252	\$60,000	Coastal Management Purchase of Land
Increase	430-34-43584-002	\$60,000	Coastal Management Grant
Increase	430-70-49201	\$75,500	Transfer from 100 Fund
Increase	100-34-46811	\$67,500	Sale of Wood-CFL
Increase	100-34-48205	\$7,500	Rent on Leased Lands
Increase	100-34-46815	\$7,500	10% County Forestry-Towns
Increase	100-34-56125-50950	\$7,500	10% Timber Sales due Towns
Increase	100-00-59430-50820	\$75,000	Transfer To 430 Fund

Pocernich asked how many acres would be involved in the transaction. Strand answered 160 acres.

*Motion by Strand, seconded by Sandstrom to adopt Resolution No. 2022-83 Forestry and Parks Department 2022 Budget Amendment Accepting a Wisconsin Coastal Grant and the Purchase of Land. Roll Call Vote: Sandstrom-yes; Dougherty-yes; Strand-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Ray-yes; Crandall-yes; Oswald-yes; Silbert-yes; Rautio-yes; Milanowski-yes; Rondeau-absent; Pocernich-yes. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**17. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Emergency Management Director, Meagan Quaderer, explained that the purpose of the resolution is to designate the Bayfield County PSAP to be able to apply for federal grant opportunities.

*Motion by Oswald, seconded by Rautio to adopt Resolution No. 2022-84 PSAP Grant Funding for One Public Safety Answering Point Per County. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**18. Bayfield County 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022, approves the advance ordering of vehicles in 2022 for the 2023 county snow plow replacement schedule and budget.

*Motion by Crandall, seconded by Milanowski to adopt Resolution No. 2022-85 To Authorize the Advance Ordering of Snowplow Trucks for the Bayfield County Highway Department. Roll Call Vote: Oswald-yes; Rekemeyer-yes; Sandstrom-yes; Ray-yes; Rautio-yes; Silbert-yes; Dougherty-yes; Milanowski-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Strand-yes; Crandall-yes; Pocernich-yes; Rondeau-absent. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**19. 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

Quaderer explained that the resolution previously came before the board but was passed to the Sheriff's Committee for discussion. Quaderer reviewed the resolution with the board. Sandstrom informed the board that Bayfield County municipalities have agreed to pass similar resolutions. Oswald explained that the Sheriff's Committee was originally concerned with the amount of

responsibility that would fall on Quaderer's shoulders but stated Quaderer has explained that she is okay with the responsibility. Quaderer stated that she would like the responsibility of the tasks outlined in the resolution to be passed to the Local Emergency Planning Committee because of the committee's direct relation with a lot of the topics discussed.

*Motion by Sandstrom, seconded Ray to adopt Resolution No. 2022-75 In Support of Rural Emergency Medical Services in Bayfield County. Motion carried, 12-0, 1 absent.*

**20. Reports:**

**a) Future County Board Meeting Dates:**

**a. August 30, 2022:** Abeles-Allison informed the board that Public Service Commission Chair Rebecca Valcz will be attending the August meeting.

**b. September 27, 2022**

**c. October 25, 2022**

**b) Comprehensive Planning Meeting:** Next meeting scheduled for August 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM

**c) 2023 Budget Planning:** Budget are due on August 18, 2022 and budget books will be distributed in the second half of September.

**d) Tribal County Relations:** Tentative joint County Board/Tribal Council meeting set for April 2023.

**e) Bayfield County Fair, August 11-14:** Pocernich stated that the Board received flyers for a Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity conference, which is being held the same day as the fair's opening day.

**21. Supervisors' Reports:** Crandall reported that culverts are being replaced on Highway 63 and paving will be taking place on Highway 63 this year as well. Pocernich questioned Crandall on the level of Pigeon Lake. Crandall explained the level has gone down considerably. Abeles-Allison informed the board that Pigeon Lake Road is now a two-lane road for the first time in three years.

**22. Adjournment:**

There being no further business to come before the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, *Chairman* Pocernich adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**LYNN M. DIVINE**

*Bayfield County Clerk*

LMD/pat