

- O. Change the levy limit law to allow for the levy limit to not apply to both countywide EMS and a joint EMS district encompassing a larger area. The county boundary is an artificial one. For example, in Florence County this means only 8 towns whereas in Marathon County it means 61 towns, cities, and villages and a lot more land area. Furthermore, a county boundary does not take into consideration road infrastructure, topography, landscape, etc.
- P. Examine the training requirements, strengths/weaknesses of replacing the National Registry Test, why some states/areas of WI do better or worse on the current test.
- Q. Investigate if EMS personnel that are not affiliated with a service are prevented from assisting on a call with another service.
- R. Develop a “reverse TIF” to fund EMS based on the rationale that “but for” EMS investment, property values will decrease; *and*,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bayfield County this 25th day of May 2021 requests that the Wisconsin Counties Association supports the above legislation and regulations assisting Rural Emergency Medical Services to survive and thrive in this changing economy.

Motion by Silbert, seconded by Sandstrom to adopt Resolutions No. 2021-44, No. 2021-45, No. 2021-46, No. 2021-46, No. 2021-47, No. 2021-48, No. 2021-49 Wisconsin Counties Association Resolutions with the one change being made to Resolution No. 2021-46 and one change being made to Resolution No. 2021-47. Motion Carried, 13-0.

15. Bayfield County Amendatory Ordinance No. 2021-02:

Divine reviewed previous errors made regarding the numbering of ordinance chapters in the Bayfield County Code of Ordinances.

Motion by Rondeau, seconded by Milanowski to adopt Amendatory Ordinance No. 2021-02 Codification Ordinance Amendments Renumbering and Inclusion. Motion Carried, 13-0.

16. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding American Rescue Act Projects;

Abeles-Allison reviewed projects submitted for the American Rescue Act Funding. Abeles-Allison listed the following four projects that are recommended for the Board’s approval: HVAC improvements at the Courthouse, a new backup generator and the replacement of sewer pipes at Northern Lights, broadband expansion, and additional staff and COVID-19 capabilities for the Health Department.

Project Totals:

HVAC Improvements	\$600,000
Northern Lights	\$250,000
Broadband	\$261,400
<u>Health Staffing and Testing</u>	<u>\$ 86,000</u>
Total:	<i>\$1,197,400</i>

Pocernich suggested Bayfield County cover the entire cost of the Northern Lights projects and not require the facility to contribute, which would bring that project’s total to \$300,000. The Board agreed to put forward the entire \$300,000.

Discussion took place regarding the need to provide more staff to the Health Department. It was decided that a new staff member for the Health Department would be hired on contract rather than budgeted for the department.

Motion by Dougherty, seconded by Sandstrom to approve the four listed American Recovery Act Projects for the following amounts: Courthouse HVAC Improvements-\$600,000, Northern Lights-\$300,000, Broadband-\$261,400, Health Department Staffing and Testing-contracted.

Roll Call Vote: Sandstrom-yes; Strand-yes; Crandall-yes; Dougherty-yes; Silbert-yes; Ray-yes; Snilsberg-yes; Zepczyk-yes; Fickbohm-yes; Oswald-yes; Rondeau-yes; Milanowski-yes; Pocernich-yes. Motion Carried, 13-0.

17. **Reports;**

- a) **Courthouse Mask / Signage Status Update:** The item was discussed earlier in the meeting under items 5 and 6.
- b) **Future County Board Meeting Dates:**
 - a. **June 29, 2021**
 - b. **July 27, 2021**
 - c. **August 31, 2021**
- c) **EMS Ad Hoc Committee Update;** Abeles-Allison reported an overall positive response towards the idea of starting a committee and the topic will be discussed further at the next meeting. Abeles-Allison explained that a couple of volunteers from the County Board will need to volunteer for the committee.

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 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

LYNN M. DIVINE
Bayfield County Clerk
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