

Bayfield County Times

*A Periodic Publication for County Municipal and Tribal Officials
Providing Updates on All Things Bayfield County*

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Congrats to New & Re-elected Local Officials!



Another spring election has come and gone, and thanks to candidates, clerks, election workers, and (of course) voters, Bayfield County will welcome several new citizen representatives to local units of government. Thanks to everyone who ran for office or cast a ballot, and especially to the dedicated staff and volunteers who worked at the polls! *See the next page to learn about the new members of the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors.*

Now that the non-partisan elections are complete, it's time for Clerks to turn their attention to this coming fall, when residents of Bayfield County will cast their ballots for state and federal representatives - including several open seats: State Senate District 25, Governor, and 7th District Representative to the U.S. House of Representatives. For information about voting and the choices on your ballot, visit myvote.wi.gov then save these election dates:

Partisan Primary Election - August 11, 2026
General Election - November 3, 2026

View the [2026 Election Calendar](#) from the Wisconsin Elections Commission here: <https://shkd.us/kFce68tK>



14 Best Small Town Getaways in Wisconsin

The Bayfield area was highlighted by *Midwest Living* for all things Lake Superior and year-round outdoor activities. You can read the article here: rb.gy/anmj4h



Volunteer Opportunity

Interested in local government?
Consider submitting an application
for county committees!

**Apply to be a Citizen Committee
Member today:**

[www.governmentjobs.com/careers/
bayfieldco](http://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/bayfieldco)

Scholarship Opportunity

The Government Information Processing Association of Wisconsin (GiPAW) is offering scholarships for Wisconsin high school students interested in pursuing careers in IT.

Applications are due April 27, 2026

Apply at: <http://bit.ly/41YnwCP>

FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION, FIND US ONLINE:

www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov and www.facebook.com/BayfieldCountyGovernment

Meet your new Bayfield County Board Members!

Jamie Tucker, District 2 - City of Bayfield and Town of Bayfield (Ward 1)

In District 2, we have a new addition to the County Board; Jamie Tucker, who has lived in the Chequamegon Bay area since 1998. He took an interest in participating in local politics from being a student of current events and geopolitics. Jamie currently sits on the board of directors for a family-owned company, IDEAL industries, Inc. and is a fourth generation family-owner. Locally, Jamie is the owner of Big Lake Organics, a full circle community composing company. When he's not running the business, he likes to paddle the shores of Lake Superior, act on stage, and play the violin in the Chequamegon Symphony Orchestra. He can be reached at jamie.tucker@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

Jackie Roguski, District 11 - Towns of Grand View, Kelly and Lincoln

In District 11, Jackie Roguski was elected for a full term after being appointed in January. Jackie is a lifelong resident of Bayfield County, building both her career and her family in the area where she grew up. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1998 and went on to earn an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Northwoods Technical College (formerly WITC) in 2000. For the past 23 years, she has worked for a local Bayfield County business in the district she serves, and where she also operates a small farm. Her interest in local government has grown over the years, leading her to serve as Clerk for the Town of Kelly, where she was first elected in 2023 and re-elected in 2025. This role has given her valuable insight into the importance of transparent, effective local leadership. In her free time, she enjoys spending as much time outdoors as possible, taking advantage of all that our area has to offer.



Bayfield County Clerk of Court Retiring in May

Greetings from Deidre (Dee) Zifko, the Bayfield County Clerk of Court. Some of you know me, but many do not. I started in 1995 for Bayfield County as a part-time Judicial Assistant and part-time in Extension. I began full-time in the Clerk of Court's office in 2004 and then moved into the District Attorney's office from 2014 to 2018, and went back into the Clerk of Court in 2018. I was elected to the position in the fall of 2022 and began serving as Clerk of Court and Register in Probate in January 2023.

Many people do not know what the Clerk of Court's office does. My role is to supervise and keep cases moving through the court system, including jury management, budgeting, and a range of other tasks. I also handle the criminal/juvenile case load, appeals, and back up my three Deputies, each of whom has a specific case load they manage. Kimberly Pospychalla does traffic, DNR and financials. Madison Briner handles Family, Small Claims, Civil and Paternity cases. Emma Grove is the Deputy Register in Probate and manages the Probate, Guardianship and Mental Health cases. She is also back-up Clerk for the criminal and juvenile caseload. Each Deputy goes into court to clerk their cases, but we all work together and know a little bit about each other's case-loads. The Judicial Assistant, Nora Tribys, handles the jury management. I have worked in the court system now for 31 years and I have a great team! I am not running again for Clerk of Court and will be retiring May 1, 2026. I just want to say thank you to Bayfield County and its residents. It is the season to spend time with my 7 grandkids, family, and my retired friends. Judge Anderson will be appointing Emma Grove as interim Clerk of Court/RIP and she will be on the ballot this fall. I am confident she will do a great job!



Mark Your Calendars!

The Bayfield County Fair is Aug. 6-9, 2026!

Pay-one-price admission includes parking, carnival rides, grandstand shows and all grounds entertainment.

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| Daily | \$20 |
| Season | \$40 (all 4 days) |
| Veterans | \$10 |
| Seniors (62+) | \$10 |
| 4 and Under | Free |



Volunteer to work a 3-hour shift at the Fair and earn a FREE Daily pass!
 Enter an item in one of 2,000 categories and get a FREE Season pass!
 Open to any resident of Wisconsin.

New this year: Bull Riding show on Thursday AND Friday nights!!
 More details at www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/fair.

Care Connections Clinics-Free Monthly Services

Care Connections Clinics are hosted by the Bayfield County Health Department on the last Wednesday of every month to help connect community members with essential care and local county services. These clinics are designed to support individuals and families who may be uninsured or having difficulty accessing healthcare.

The next clinic will be held **April 29 from 3:00–6:00 PM at the Bayfield County Health Department**. This month will feature Bayfield Digital Navigator Eric Faber, representing Connecting Lives Through Community Knowledge (CLICK). Through this program, residents can receive help with technology needs, attend free CLICK & Learn sessions, and access a digital lending library with devices such as laptops and hotspots. CLICK’s goal is to increase digital literacy and expand access to technology across Bayfield County and the surrounding region.

In addition to special monthly features, services may include health screenings, reproductive and sexual health resources, vaccines, Narcan distribution, and more. Local partners and county departments are available to provide information, answer questions, and connect residents to ongoing care.

Everyone deserves access to care!



Non-Emergency Transportation Options in Bayfield County

Bayfield County is the second largest county in the State of Wisconsin, encompassing over 1,500 square miles. What do you do if you do not have access to a vehicle or are unable to drive? Bayfield County has many different options available, depending on where you live.

For more information, click on these links: bayfield-county.wi.gov/430/Transportation-Services OR bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/153/Veterans-Service-Office

Mobility Management is a free service provided by Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) to help link people to all available transportation services, not just BART. Their Mobility Managers help individuals find the most efficient, cost-effective way to get where they need to go. If you need to schedule non-emergency medical transportation, please call BART's Mobility Manager, Todd Mattson, at 715-979-2509 a minimum of 48 hours before your medical appointment.

Bay Area Rural Transit (BART) is a public bus service which has designated bus stops located throughout fixed routes around the Chequamegon Bay area including Bayfield, Washburn, Iron River, and Ashland. Routes 1 & 2 connect the Bad River Reservation, Ashland, Washburn, Bayfield, and the Red Cliff Reservation, with scheduled stops and safe, flexible flag-down options. Riders may call 715-682-9664 for advance pickup requests. More routes available at www.bartbus.com/



BayCo Door2Door is a BART van service that provides public transportation to and from anywhere in Bayfield County, with additional service to Ashland and Hayward when regular public transportation isn't an option. The cost is distance-based. To schedule a ride or to get more information, call BART at 715-682-9664.

Washburn Area Blue Goose is an on-demand public transportation service that provides rides within the Washburn area. This service can also provide transfer to and from route 1 and route 2 BART buses. The "Blue Goose" operates Monday-Friday from 8:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Please call BART at 715-682-9664 to schedule a ride.

Barnes/Drummond/Cable Area Route to Hayward
A small bus operated by Namekagon Transit provides weekly service on Tuesdays from the Barnes, Drummond, and Cable communities to Hayward. Door Stop Service may be arranged along the established route. There is a nominal fee charged for this service. For reservations, please call Namekagon Transit's Dispatch Office at 715-

634-6633, option 1 or 866-296-9599 option 1. Please remember to make reservations 24 hours in advance. Call in any cancellations two hours prior to your scheduled reservation. Both reservations and cancellations must be made with an in-person dispatcher. Voice mail messages cannot be accepted.

Specialized Support for Veterans & Seniors

BART offers free rides for their regular schedule lines for Veterans. Accessibility features such as wheelchair lifts are available on many routes. This service can be used for a wide variety of needs, from important medical appointments to daily errands and work commutes.

Miskwaabekong (Red Cliff Area Transit Service) is a public service offering rides to anyone needing transportation within the Red Cliff area. This service is coordinated through BART and can also provide transfers to and from route 1 and route 2. Contact the BART dispatcher at 715-682-9664 to schedule a ride or for more information.

The Volunteer Driver Program is available to residents of Bayfield County who are aged 60 and older and individuals with disabilities who have no other means of transportation. The program provides non-emergency, door-to-door transportation, focusing on medical trips outside of the general service area. This service is limited due to the number of volunteer drivers who use their own personal vehicles to take riders to their appointments. Riders must become eligible and register for the program. Once registered and approved for the program, riders may begin to request transportation. To determine eligibility, contact the BART Mobility Manager Todd Mattson at 715-979-2509.

The Veterans Service Office (CVSO) provides free transportation to veterans unable to transport themselves for VA-referred medical appointments. The CVSO office can be contacted to schedule appointments in the immediate area for Community Care and for transport to VA Clinics. We are looking for volunteer drivers to take veterans to their appointments, and mileage is reimbursed.

If you have reliable transportation and desire to serve, **contact the Bayfield County CVSO at 715-373-6137.**



Strong Bodies: Building Strength, Confidence and Community



UW-Madison Extension's StrongBodies program makes a meaningful impact across Wisconsin by helping adults of all ages improve strength, balance, and overall well-being. This evidence-based strength-training program supports healthier aging, reduces the risk of falls, and boosts confidence in daily activities. Participants consistently report noticeable improvements in physical strength and mobility, along with increased energy and independence.

Just as importantly, StrongBodies fosters social connection. Participants build supportive relationships that keep them motivated and engaged, and many describe the program as a welcoming community that encourages them to stay active and connected. These shared experiences often become a powerful source of encouragement and accountability.

StrongBodies is offered virtually using Zoom, making it easy to participate without leaving your home. The Bayfield Extension office has hand weights, ankle weights, and yoga mats available for check out if you need workout gear. Contact Stephanie.Bakker@wisc.edu or call 715-373-6104 to make check out arrangements.

The next StrongBodies series will run from April 7 to June 25, Tuesday and Thursdays, 9:00 a.m to 10:15 a.m. To register, visit <https://go.wisc.edu/j9x389>.

View this link to learn more about the StrongBodies program:
<https://health.extension.wisc.edu/strongbodies>.

2025-2026 Northern Lights Health Services

Northern Lights Health Services and Bayfield County have a unique partnership. The Northern Lights Board of Directors oversees facility operations. Bayfield County, as owner of the facility, has provided facility funding assistance. Northern Lights is a 50-bed skilled nursing facility with a 16-bed attached assisted living facility (The Oaks).

Over the past three years, Bayfield County and Northern Lights have collaborated on a several capital projects, including replacement coolers in the kitchen, new heating and air conditioning, insulation, windows, a cooler replacement and new HVAC system controls.

In 2026, additional HVAC work will take place together with parking lot reconstruction and entryway carpet replacement are planned.



Comprehensive Zoning Rewrite

Progress continues on the comprehensive zoning code rewrite project. The County initially hoped the project would be completed within 18 months, but the process was extended to allow for additional town and public input regarding zoning districts and dimensional standards. The new drafts will be available for public review in mid-May. In anticipation of this release, three public meetings have been scheduled to educate and prepare the public to provide feedback:

- April 29th, 3:00-5:00 pm at Town of Bayfield Town Hall (85450 County Hwy J, Bayfield, WI 54814)
- April 29th, 6:30-8:30 pm at Cable Community Center (13660 County Hwy M; Cable, WI 54821)
- April 30th, 4:00-6:00 pm at Iron River Community Center (8275 E Mill St, Iron River, WI 54847)

These meetings will be facilitated by UW-Extension and county staff. A flier with public meeting information has been included in this newsletter.

After feedback on the code drafts is received, the department will work with the towns to update the zoning district map. The goal is to adopt the new zoning district map at the same time as the new code.

Two things Towns can do to prepare for the new Zoning Code & District Map:

- Review current Future Land Use maps and make any adjustments that should be incorporated into the new Zoning Map.
- Identify all Municipally-owned properties. Many have incorrect district designations that were never updated when the Municipal District was incorporated into the code. This is the perfect opportunity to ensure that these issues are corrected!

FEE SCHEDULE

The County Board revised the fee schedule on February 25, 2026. **Municipalities are now exempt from administrative land use permit fees.** Municipalities are defined as follows: towns, villages, public school districts, county, sanitary districts, water districts, the Red Cliff Tribe and the Bayfield County & City of Washburn Housing Authorities.

The county also reduced the fee for land use permits for residential dwellings from \$0.75/square foot to \$0.50/square foot.

CONTRACTOR MEET & GREET EVENT

The department is hosting a contractor meet & greet event May 6th, 3:00-5:00 p.m. located in the EOC Room in the Annex Building at the Bayfield County complex in Washburn. Light refreshments will be provided.

The purpose of the event is to give contractors an opportunity to connect with staff in the department to share information, preview a new online application submission portal, and to provide an update on the ongoing zoning ordinance code rewrite.

LAND USE TRAININGS

Are you a new town official? Do you need a refresher or want to stay well-informed on planning and zoning related topics?

UW-Stevens Point offers a series of introductory webinars including zoning fundamentals, shoreland zoning, and meeting and hearing conduct. See link to recorded webinars: <https://www.uwsp.edu/clue/center-for-land-use-education/planning-and-zoning-training/planning-and-zoning-webinars/>

Additionally, they also provide a yearly webinar series on relevant topics. This webinar series is FREE. Registration is through Zoom: <https://bit.ly/3Z4GCpK>.

NEW FLOODPLAIN MAPS

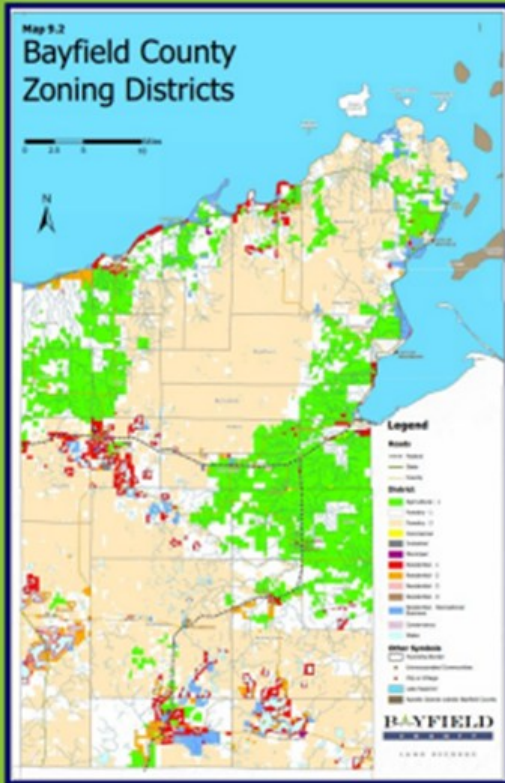
The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is in process of updating the county's floodplain maps. Preliminary maps are available.

To view proposed FEMA map changes, please search for it by typing "FEMA Map Changes Viewer" in your web browser or use the web address below: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5852ea902db44e55bfce395799315f9c>

The changes reflect FEMA's use of improved data and technology to provide more accurate flood risk information for the community.

On January 21st a virtual public open house was held. The department sent letters to property owners who would be most impacted by the changes - those who had a structure or more of a structure that may now fall within the floodplain.

FEMA informed the department that the earliest the new floodplain maps would be available for adoption is 2027. Floodplain regulations apply to structures within the floodplain based on the adopted floodplain maps.



Bayfield County Is Getting A New Zoning Code!

YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND

Bayfield County is conducting a comprehensive rewrite of the zoning ordinance to modernize the code, create a more consistent and user-friendly format, and streamline the process for new development in Bayfield County.

Join us to learn about:

- The ordinance rewrite, goals, and limitations
- The relationship between future land use maps and zoning districts
- The value of long-term land use planning
- Opportunities for input

PUBLIC SESSIONS

BAYFIELD
Wednesday,
April 29th
 3:00-5:00 pm
 Bayfield Town Hall
 85450 County Hwy J
 Bayfield, WI

CABLE
Wednesday,
April 29th
 6:30-8:30 pm
 Cable Community Center
 13660 County Hwy M
 Cable, WI

IRON RIVER
Thursday,
April 30th
 4:00-6:00 pm
 Iron River Community Center
 8275 E. Mill Street
 Iron River, WI

*These are public informational sessions.
 No official business will be discussed or acted upon.*

QUESTIONS:
 Ruth Hulstrom, AICP
 Director, Bayfield County Planning and Zoning Department
 (715) 373-3514 or ruth.hulstrom@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

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Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection

It's a "Clean Sweep" for a Safer Home!

What hidden hazards are lurking in your house, garage, or shed? Maybe it's an old can of oil-based paint, leftover pesticides or fertilizers, or containers of antifreeze. Perhaps it's outdated electronics like a toaster, VCR, Christmas lights, or a coffee maker. And when was the last time you checked your medicine cabinet for expired medications?

Disposing of these items isn't as simple as tossing them in the trash, so they often end up stored away in basements, garages, or sheds - where they pose as potential safety and environmental risks.

Bayfield County residents can breathe a sigh of relief. A safe and convenient solution is here with the **Bayfield County Clean Sweep** event on **Thursday, July 23, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at the **Bayfield County Fair Grounds**, located at **7080 N. Main Street, Iron River, WI**. Please enter by following North Main Street to the Fair Grounds.

This year's Clean Sweep event will be held at the Bayfield County Fair Grounds. Each year, the Clean Sweep location moves to different areas of the county to give all Bayfield County residents an opportunity to participate, no matter where they live.

For the past 30 years, the Northwest Regional Planning Commission, in partnership with nine Wisconsin Northland counties, has been protecting the Northwoods through the Northwest Clean Sweep Program by collecting Household Hazardous Waste. Bayfield County proudly continues this tradition by offering a single location with three stations where residents can safely drop off household hazardous waste, old electronics, medications, and sharps. Most items are accepted free of charge; batteries and some light bulbs have a fee associated with their drop off. Please check the website for more details.

Residents are encouraged to review the list of acceptable items before attending the event. **Empty paint cans and latex paint are not considered hazardous waste and should not be brought to this event.** For more details, visit the Bayfield County UW-Madison website at:

<https://bayfield.extension.wisc.edu/news/hhw-cleansweep/>.

If you have any additional questions, you can reach Theresa LaChappelle, Office Manager and Clean Sweep Coordinator with the UW-Madison Extension Bayfield County Office, at 715-373-5139 or by email at theresa.lachappelle@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov.



2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION RESULTS

350
HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATED

ELECTRONICS

35,856 lbs
15,166 LBS TELEVISIONS

LIGHT BULBS

4' AND UNDER - 298
5' AND OVER - 67
FLUORESCENT
COMPACTS - 27

BATTERIES

- RECYCLE LITHIUM - 29 lbs
- LITHIUM PRIMARY - 5 lbs
- NICAD - 80 lbs
- PCB BALLAST - 63 lbs

CHEMICALS

10,072 lbs

MEDICATIONS & SHARPS

214.4 lbs **91 lbs**
MEDICATIONS SHARPS

| 2025 HHW Chemical Collection | |
|---|---------------------|
| Item | Total Weight (lbs.) |
| Pesticides/Poisons | 2,221 |
| Lead/Oil Paint | 1,869 |
| Caustics/Corrosives | 329 |
| Reactives | 5 |
| Solvents/Thinners | 4,250 |
| Waste Oil | 0 |
| PCBs | 63 |
| Aerosol Cans | 624 |
| Mercury | 5 |
| Dioxins | 16 |
| Latex Paint | 0 |
| Other | 690 |
| Total ALL Collected Chemicals (lbs.) | 10,072 |

2026-2027 Bayfield County Local Community Wellness Initiative Grants



Now Combined with the Passport to Wellness Program

What's New in 2026?

- All funded projects will be mapped on the newly revamped Passport to Wellness website.
- Successful applicants will receive an official Passport to Wellness sign for their project site.
- Projects will be promoted as part of a county-wide wellness destination network.

Project Description: A community wellness initiative that promotes the health infrastructure of Bayfield County, its residents and visitors.

Purpose: Provide the community with assistance to create the opportunity for a better place to live by supporting infrastructure for physical activity, promoting health and wellness.

Grant Details: Applications are open from March 1, 2026, through Friday, April 30, 2026.

- Cost sharing 50% from Bayfield County with local communities.
- Up to \$5,000 per project for cost-sharing. Minimum of \$1,000 request for grants.
- Up to \$30,000 of funds are available county-wide.
- Grant funds may only be used for materials, equipment and contractual costs.
- Community may include donations of equipment, materials, parts, labor, and time in 50% cost-sharing. (Labor contributions up to \$15/hour.)
- Approved grant expenses will be reimbursed upon project completion.
- Any funds awarded must not be used to replace (supplant) funds that have already been appropriated for the project.
- Projects must be completed by June 30, 2027.

Apply online at: www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/communitywellnessgrant

Selection Criteria:

- Projects must create an opportunity for physical activity and/or promotion of healthy living. Special preference will be given to projects that promote health and wellness for people of all ages.
- Projects must focus on improving wellness opportunities in Bayfield County.
- Project proposals will be accepted from towns, cities, village or tribe located within Bayfield County. Community groups may work through these government entities.
- Project proposals must demonstrate local commitment in the form of two letters of support from community members or organizations.
- Selection of projects will be determined by the Community Wellness Initiatives Committee.

Grant recipients will be announced by May 15th, 2026.

Projects may start any time after May 15, 2026, contingent upon authorized signatures. Projects must be complete by June 30, 2027. The final report and invoice for payment must be submitted within 30 days after project completion.

Suggestions for Project Proposals:

- Improvements or outdoor exercise systems including bicycle paths, walking path development, accessible walking paths or hiking trails. Include letters of support from partners that own property.
- Playground equipment or interactive outdoor exercise equipment
- Establish or expand community gardens or farmers market infrastructure.
- Safety or user accessibility enhancements in parks or at swimming beaches (example: lifejacket stations, lifeguard chairs, benches, accessible walkways)
- Basketball, volleyball, pickleball or tennis courts, skateboard or wheel parks.

Other proposed projects are welcome.

Call (715)373-6109
or email Health@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov
for more info!





COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERIES

Thursday May 7th at 6:30pm
Understanding Depression

Thursday May 28th at 6:30pm
Suicide Prevention

Thursday June 18th at 6:30pm
Responding to Mental Health in the
Community

Washburn Public Library
307 Washington Avenue
Washburn, WI 54891

Presented by The Auxilia Initiative
Made Possible by Bayfield County
Criminal Justice Department

For more information

brittany@chequamegoncounseling.com



Online Dog Licensing NEW for 2026!

Effective December 1, 2025, there is an online option for Bayfield County residents to license their dogs for 2026.

To register your pet, please visit
<https://www.doglicenses.us/WI/Bayfield/>

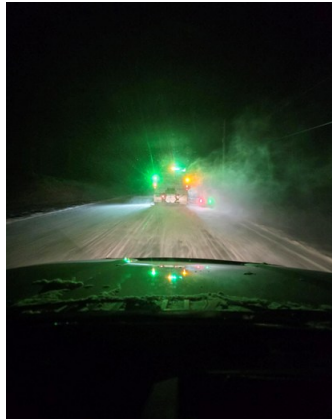
Bayfield County Highway Department

A Winter by the Numbers

As the days grow longer and the sun finally begins to win the battle with winter, the Bayfield County Highway Department is shifting gears from plow trucks to pavers. The winter of 2025–2026 has been what we might call “comfortably average” - which in Bayfield County still means plenty of snow and long hours. Unlike the lighter seasons we’ve seen in recent years, this winter settled into a steady rhythm.

As of March 3, 2026:

- Snowfall: 113.5 inches
- Regular Hours: 1,995
- Overtime Hours: 1,276
- Rock Salt Used: 3,297 tons
- Salt Brine Applied: 108,630 gallons



Bayfield County maintains an even split of state and county highways - 175 miles of each. These figures represent roughly half of the total winter workload. And as any seasoned Northwoods resident knows, winter isn’t officially over until it says it is.

Behind every ton of salt and every early-morning plow run is a dedicated crew that takes pride in keeping our roads safe. We’re fortunate to have a team that shows up - often before dawn - and gets the job done.

Looking Ahead: A Busy Summer Season

The 2026 construction season is shaping up to be a full one, with projects spanning the state and county highway systems, as well as partnerships with other departments and agencies. In addition to roadway work, we’ll be assisting County Forestry, the U.S. Forest Service, the Courthouse, Tourism, and local municipalities with trail work and infrastructure improvements.

County Highway A Improvements

One of the larger projects this season will be paving CTH-A from USH-2 south to Halfway Road (8.89 miles). In addition, we’ll complete wedge and rut paving from Halfway Road to Kelly Lake Road. The entire corridor will receive fresh pavement markings in preparation for a temporary detour route during upcoming bridge work near Brule.

Our goal is to have this project wrapped up by June 30th, as detour traffic is expected shortly after the Fourth of July.



County Highway M Upgrades

We’ll also be paving 3.15 miles of CTH-M from Dells Road east to the Ashland County line. Ashland County will pave its portion of CTH-M from the county line to CTH-GG, creating a smoother ride across county boundaries.

Additionally, chip sealing is planned from the intersection of CTH-D/M east to Dells Road. While chip sealing can be dusty and temporarily inconvenient, it remains a cost-effective tool to extend the life of our roads as paving costs continue to rise.

State Projects in Bayfield County

- Fish Creek Bridge on USH-2 just west of the roundabout
- Whittlesey Bridge on STH-13 north of the roundabout
- Work at the Drummond Dam
- Asphalt maintenance between Drummond and Cable on USH-63

In addition to these larger efforts, crews will continue routine maintenance such as shouldering, crack sealing, and mastic repairs throughout the county.

New Equipment & Expanded Capabilities

A new mastic machine is scheduled to arrive at the end of April. Mastic repair is similar to crack sealing but includes aggregate, creating a stronger and more permanent fix for cracks, potholes, and asphalt irregularities. We’ll also do:

- Crack sealing
- Culvert and liner installation
- Hydroseeding
- Brushing and slope work
- Guardrail repair

Important Dates to Remember:

ATV Route Requests: Due by the second Wednesday in February

Bridge Aid Requests: Due by July 15th for funding consideration in the following budget year. Culverts 36 inches or larger qualify for County Bridge Aid assistance.

Whether it’s snowplows in January or pavers in June, our mission remains the same: keeping Bayfield County moving safely and efficiently - in every season.

Resilience and Prosperity in Northern Wisconsin

The Resilience and Prosperity in Rural Northern Wisconsin Project is a regional clean energy and resiliency initiative led in partnership with the State of Wisconsin's Office of Sustainability and Clean Energy, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's Office of Rural Prosperity, Bayfield County, and the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

This initiative is designed to strengthen critical infrastructure, lower energy costs, and improve energy reliability for rural municipalities and tribal community services. This work is serving as a model for communities throughout Wisconsin and the Midwest.

The project centers on deploying 28 solar and battery microgrids at key public and tribal facilities, including highway garages, town halls, fire halls, the Red Cliff health clinic and transportation center. These systems will provide backup power during outages, ensuring continuity of essential public services and reducing dependency on the broader electrical grid.

Bayfield County, one of Wisconsin's largest and most rural counties, faces persistent challenges including low population density, aging infrastructure, harsh winter conditions, and rising energy costs. By deploying these distributed energy resources, the project improves system reliability while reducing long-term operational costs for small municipalities with limited infrastructure and financial resources.

In addition to microgrid development, the initiative supports broader regional clean energy transition efforts. This includes expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure to ensure future electrification of public and fleet vehicles is not delayed. The project includes three fast-charging stations located in Drummond, Port Wing, and Washburn, along with multiple Level 2 chargers at town and county facilities.



This initiative addresses energy challenges in northern Wisconsin by investing in systems that improve emergency preparedness and support continuous operations of essential services. Federal funding from the U.S. Department of Energy is critical to ensuring financial viability. While risks related to inflation, supply chain delays, and permitting remain, long-term operating costs are expected to be offset through energy savings and remaining clean-energy tax incentives. Construction and installation are scheduled to begin in mid-2026 following completion of planning and engineering work. Overall, the project represents a transformative investment in the resilience, affordability, and sustainability of rural northern Wisconsin.





Complete the Solar Energy Survey!

We invite you to share your feedback. Your input plays an important role in shaping the future of our communities. This brief survey provides an opportunity to share your perspectives on the solar micro-grid project underway in Bayfield County. It includes less than ten questions and can be completed in just a few minutes. Your responses will help inform project decisions and ensure effective communication moving forward. We welcome your insights into the best ways to keep you informed with project updates. Thank you for being an active part of our community!

Participating Municipalities

[Survey 1](#)

Questions? Contact Kelly Traczyk, Rural Sustainability Specialist with WEDC:

Non-Participating Municipalities

[Survey 2](#)

kelly.traczyk@wedc.org

Keep Us In the Loop!

Let us know when changes are made to your Town's:

- Trail ordinances
- Parks infrastructure
- New businesses
- Community events



Email info@travelbayfieldcounty.com or call 715-373-3491.

New State Law Allows Towns to Create Residential Tax Incremental Districts

*The new law has some significant limitations, but this is a **really big deal** when it comes to rural housing development!*

Effective as of October 1, 2026,

Towns with a sewer system or sanitary district can create Residential Tax Incremental Districts (TIDs).

This is a major expansion of authority, even with the narrow definition. Previously, only Cities and Villages could establish TIDs that allow for new residential development.

What Town Officials Need to Know

The law limits eligible residential development to very specific types of housing (and nothing else):

- Owner-occupied (no rentals)
- Single-family or Duplex only (no multi-family developments)

The law also limits the size of lots and structures.

For single-family homes:

- The lots must be less than 7,500 square feet.
- Lots must have a width of 70 feet or less.

For duplexes:

- The lots must be less than 12,500 square feet.
- Lots must have a width of 80 feet or less.

For all structures:

- No side setbacks can be more than 10 feet.
- No single-story residence may be larger than 1,500 square feet.
- No 2-story residence can be larger than 2,000 square feet.

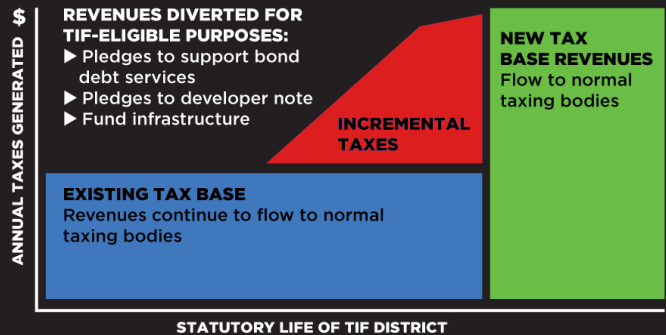
Funds are limited to infrastructure (not buildings).

Eligible costs include:

- Roads and utilities
- Stormwater management, provided it serves the whole development, not individual lots
- Professional services and administration



BASIC TIF MODEL



Housing construction costs are not eligible.

This law is intended to make development feasible, not to finance home construction.

The financial caps are strict.

Total value of all residential TIDs in a municipality cannot exceed 3% of total equalized value.

- This is intended to limit the scale and number of TIDs created.

Towns will have to prepare new policy.

Creating a Residential TID will require Towns to establish:

- Maximum development fees
- Architectural and construction standards

What else do Towns need to know?

Timeline and financing structure:

- These TIDs will have a 20-year lifespan, with the possibility of a 3-year extension.
- Projects must be paid from future tax increment or fronted by developers.
- Residential TIDs cannot share revenues with other TIDs or receive revenues from other TIDs

*** A new Residential TID will still require approval from a Joint Review Board, usually comprised of all taxing entities with local jurisdiction.**

Energy Assistance Program

Energy assistance payments vary depending on several factors, including household size, income, and annual energy costs. If your household meets the eligibility guidelines, you may be able to receive a benefit to help offset rising utility expenses.

In addition to financial assistance, households that qualify for WHEAP may also receive referrals to other helpful services. These include the Weatherization Assistance Program, which helps reduce home energy use through efficiency improvements, and the HE+ HVAC Program, which may provide services if your heating system stops working.

If you think you may qualify, applications are being accepted through May 15, 2026. To apply for energy assistance, contact your local agency at (715) 373-6144 or (866) 432-8947.

For more information about the Energy Assistance Program, visit: <https://energyandhousing.wi.gov/Pages/Home.aspx>.



| Household Size | One Month Income | Annual Income |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$3,201.75 | \$38,421 |
| 2 | \$4,186.92 | \$50,243 |
| 3 | \$5,172.08 | \$62,065 |
| 4 | \$6,157.33 | \$73,888 |
| 5 | \$7,142.50 | \$85,710 |
| 6 | \$8,127.67 | \$97,532 |
| 7 | \$8,312.33 | \$99,748 |
| 8 | \$8,497.08 | \$101,965 |

New Free Mental Wellbeing Resource Available for Residents

Ashland, Bayfield, and Iron County Health Departments—together with Tamarack Health Ashland Medical Center have partnered with CredibleMind to launch a new online mental wellbeing resource for community members.

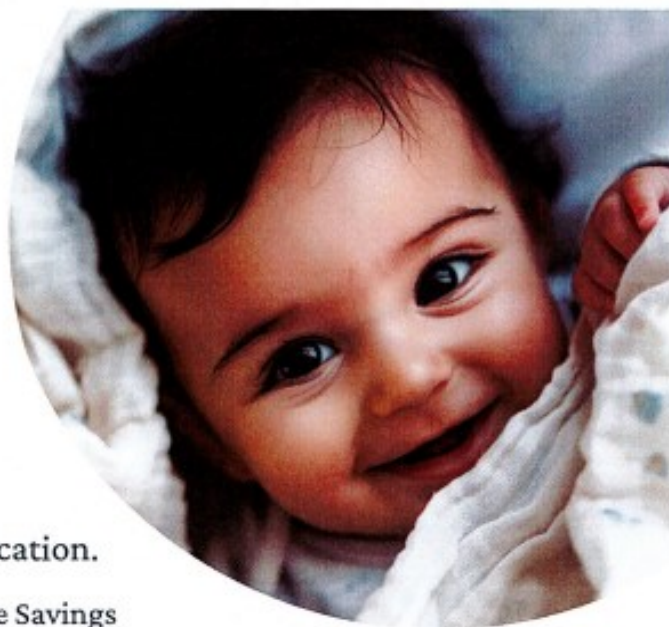
Through the MindsMatter Coalition, residents now have **free, confidential, 24/7 access** to more than 10,000 science-backed resources, including articles, videos, podcasts, and self-assessments. The platform is designed to help individuals better understand their mental health, build resilience, and find support for challenges such as stress, anxiety, sleep, and more.

This initiative responds to the growing need for accessible mental health support identified in recent community health assessments and aims to provide convenient, trustworthy tools for improving overall wellbeing.

Residents can explore the resource and get started at: <https://mindsmatter.crediblemind.com/>



Bayfield County is investing in your baby's future!



Bayfield County SEED provides families an investment toward their newborn's future education.

- ➔ **\$100 contribution** to an Edvest 529 College Savings Plan account for your baby.
- ➔ **Additional \$100 contribution** if your family participates in WIC.

To qualify, you must be a Bayfield County resident with a child born on or after January 1, 2025.

How to Claim Your SEED Funds

- 1** Open an Edvest 529 College Savings Plan account for your newborn at [Edvest.com](https://www.edvest.com).
(Local help is available)
- 2** Contact Bayfield County Extension to claim your SEED funds: **715-373-3285**
- 3** Keep building savings - **add to your account as your child grows!**

The Bayfield County SEED Fund is a program administered by Extension Bayfield County, approved by the Bayfield County Board of Supervisors, and generously funded by Northern State Bank.



Don't wait! Learn more about how to claim your SEED funds!

bayfield.extension.wisc.edu/seed-fund



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Birth to 3 and Children's Long Term Care Support

The Bayfield County Human Services Department offers many programs for children and their families. For youth with disabilities or delays, we will often look to the Birth to 3 program and Children's Long-Term Support. These are statewide initiatives that each county runs to support children right here in our community and in their homes. Read on to learn more about both Birth to 3 and Children's Long-Term Support.

Birth to 3

The Wisconsin Birth to 3 Program supports infants and toddlers with developmental delays or disabilities and their families during the earliest years of life. Children may be eligible if they have a diagnosed condition that may affect development or if they demonstrate significant delays in areas such as communication, physical and motor development, social and emotional development, cognitive learning, or adaptive/self-help skills.

The early years are a critical time of rapid growth and learning, and early support can make a meaningful, lasting difference. Administered by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the program connects families with services and resources that promote child development while supporting caregivers along the way. At the county level, providers work directly with families to complete developmental evaluations, coordinate services, and ensure supports are delivered in a family-centered way.

This family-centered approach recognizes that caregivers know their children best. Families' routines, priorities, and strengths guide the work of the team, while providers partner with caregivers to offer coaching and strategies that support development through everyday activities.

Services available through the Birth to 3 Program may include service coordination, special instruction, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and other supports that promote early development. A key focus of the program is providing services in a child's natural environment, such as the home, child care setting, or other community spaces where children live, learn, and play.



For more information, contact the Human Services Department at 715-373-6144.

Children's Long-Term Support

The Wisconsin Children's Long-Term Support (CLTS) Program is a Medicaid-funded program that helps children with disabilities and their families live, grow, and thrive at home and in their communities.

As a home and community-based waiver program, CLTS allows Wisconsin to use Medicaid funds for a wide range of supports not typically covered. The goal is simple: help children remain in their homes rather than in institutional settings, while supporting their individual needs and family goals.

Children and youth under age 22 may be eligible if they have developmental, physical, or emotional disabilities and meet functional and financial criteria.

At the heart of CLTS is a team-based, family-centered approach. Families partner with their local county agency and a Support and Service Coordinator (SSC), who help guide the process—from application through service planning and connection. Families bring expertise about their child, while SSCs provide knowledge of CLTS policy and available support. Together, they make decisions using Wisconsin's "Deciding Together" approach.

Services are individualized and flexible, based on each child's strengths, needs, and goals. A key strength of CLTS is continuous enrollment, which allows children to begin receiving services as soon as they are found eligible—helping families access support without long waits.

CLTS focuses on what matters most:

- Supporting children to be part of their families and communities
- Building independence and life skills
- Helping families care for their children at home

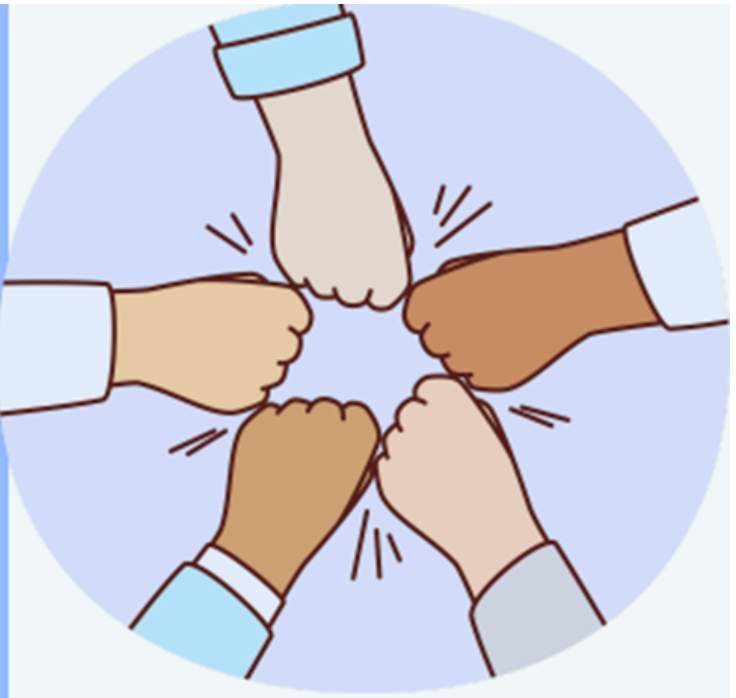
Through strong partnerships between families, counties, providers, and the state, CLTS works to ensure every child has the opportunity to live their best life in Wisconsin.

DO YOU NEED HELP TO ACHIEVE YOUR RECOVERY GOALS?

Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) is a voluntary support program that provides mental health and substance use services to people of all ages.

Individualized Supports Can Include:

- Individual therapy
- Substance Use Counseling
- Equine Assisted Learning
- Peer Specialist Support / Mentoring
- Guidance, Education & Coping Skills for Those Supporting You
- Help with Understanding, Managing & Tracking Medications
- Side-by-side Support for: finding housing, employment, budgeting, daily living skills like grocery shopping, completing paperwork, home and appointment organization, making community connections and learning healthy coping skills such as Yoga, Cross Fit, Crafts, Nature Healing, etc.



If You Meet This Criteria You May be Eligible!

- Open to youth & adult residents of Ashland and Bayfield Counties
- Must be enrolled in Wisconsin Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus
- Must have (or be able to obtain) a mental health or substance use diagnosis by a medical doctor
- Must experience impairments that interfere or limit major life goals



Scan the QR code to refer yourself or someone you know
ashlandcountywi.gov/regionalCCSreferral
ccsintake@ashlandcountywi.gov
715-682-7004

CCS participants set their own goals and receive home or community-based supports to help achieve them.

Need a computer or laptop? Need general help with technology?

The Bayfield County Digital Navigator program card at libraries across the county can help. More information and schedules below.

NEED A LAPTOP?

CONTACT A NWWIB DIGITAL NAVIGATOR!



If you would benefit from access to a laptop or iPad and cannot afford one, the CLICK digital lending program can loan one to you at no cost. Reach out to your Digital Navigator today!

CLICK & Learn!

NWWIB Digital Navigators visit libraries in their designated counties as part of the Northern Waters Library System.

Connect with your NWWIB Digital Navigator today to find out when they'll be at a library near you!

NWWIB Digital Navigator

Eric Faber

Bayfield County

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CLICK & Learn

Do you need a laptop, or are you struggling with the technology you already have?

Borrow a device from us for as long as you need it, or stop in to get help with your own laptop, tablet, or phone!

Digital Navigator - **Eric Faber**
 efaber@nwwib.com or (715)-204-7501



GET TECH HELP!



Contact your Digital Navigator for dates and locations, or ask your local librarian when we'll be at a library near you!



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APRIL 2026



Questions? Contact Eric Faber at efaber@nwwib.com or (715)-204-7501

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MAY 2026



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JUNE 2026

CLICK & Learn!

BAYFIELD COUNTY
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Digital Navigator
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County Board Rules Updated

The Bayfield County Board has updated its board rules providing guidance to county board supervisors. The document outlines processes and procedures adopted over the year as well as procedures to follow in unusual situations. The goal is to quickly familiarize board members, existing and new, with adopted operating procedures.

The Board Rules documents is located on the county web page on the County Supervisors Page. www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov.



County Board Supervisors are elected every two years, and there are thirteen seats on the Bayfield County Board.

[Click here for more information on How to Become a County Board Supervisor.](#)

Wondering What’s Happening in Bayfield County? Check Out Bayfield County’s Resources!

The County website is great for all sorts of information, including what meetings are scheduled (along with the agendas) as well as what’s happening in the community.

The calendar is on the landing page at www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov. There are three different tabs:

- ⇒ Public Meetings
- ⇒ Community Events
- ⇒ Classes & Workshops

UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Meetings **Community Events** **Classes & Workshops**

May 2026

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Fri, May 1
The Art of Aging - Monthly Coffee & Conversation on Topics Related to Aging Well

Mon, May 4
Circle of Security Parenting Program via Zoom
For parents of children birth to 5 years

Tue, May 5
Aging Mastery Program

Tue, May 5
WeCope - Connecting with Our Positive Emotions - via Zoom

Thu, May 7
Personnel Committee Meeting

Mon, May 11
Forestry and Parks Committee Meeting

You’ll also find “County News & Updates” on the County website. From press releases to RFPs, the most current and timely highlights of what’s happening at Bayfield County are at your fingertips.

The website is a great resource. If you bookmark it on your browser, it just takes one click to access all of this helpful information. Better yet, sign up to be notified of new meetings, events, or news items with the “Notify Me” system on the website. Choose from over 100 different lists to receive a text or email notification when something new is added to that category.

STAY INFORMED
Receive county news via text or Email

[Sign Up](#)

[Facebook](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Instagram](#) [Twitter](#) [YouTube](#)

Another great information resource is the County’s Facebook pages.

There is a general “Bayfield County Government” page along with department pages for:

- Bayfield County Fair
- Emergency Management
- Forestry & Parks
- Health Department
- Highway Department
- Land Records
- Sheriff’s Office
- Tourism
- Veterans Service Office

If you have a community event or some information that you would like us to share on the website or on Facebook, please let us know!

Wisconsin's 3rd Annual Connecting Entrepreneurial Communities Conference

Waves of Inspiration, Ripples of Change

Calling all rural and small town entrepreneurs, economic developers, and community champions! Not your typical conference, CEC is a smalltown showcase, bringing together entrepreneurs and leaders from Wisconsin's small towns for experiential learning across the City of Green Lake, WI. CEC is Wisconsin's statewide event for rural entrepreneurs and people who want to support local business for the prosperity of Wisconsin's small towns and rural communities!

CEC 2026 will feature:

- A **Keynote by Craig Culver**, CEO of Culver's Restaurants
- **14 programming sessions** about starting and supporting local business in small towns
- **Boat Tours** on the deepest lake in Wisconsin
- A **Plein Air Painting Contest** by Wisconsin's creative entrepreneurs
- **Office hours** with business development specialists
- **Networking opportunities** with 200+ rural and small town leaders and business owners

MAY 13-15, 2026

Green Lake, Wisconsin



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*Bayfield County Courthouse
Built 1908*

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2027 Budget Input Wanted

With the 2026 Budget underway it is already time to set our sights on 2027! If you have ideas or suggestions for budget items in 2027 please send them on. Here is the budget calendar for the year.

- January-March: Develop broad budget initiatives for 2027
- April: Community Survey on 2027 initiatives
- May: County Board Budget Planning and Priority Setting Session
- June: Direction to County Department Heads
- August: Departments submit proposed budgets
- September: County Administrator submits a proposed, balanced budget
- September / October: County Executive Committee meet an average of four times to review and modify the proposed budget as presented
- October / November: Budget is presented to the full board for consideration

Share your thoughts today!

Email: Mark.Abeles-Allison@bayfieldcounty.wi.gov

The 2026 Budget is available for viewing online at:
www.bayfieldcounty.wi.gov/1097/County-Budget

FORECLOSURE? TROUBLED FINANCES? HELP IS AVAILABLE

Every year property owners risk losing their home due to foreclosure. Resources are available to help residents access critical resources during these very difficult times. Counselors are available at local non-profit organizations that can help make the best of a difficult and unfortunate situations. Their services are free and confidential.

The Wisconsin 2-1-1 call service or 877-947-2211 can help connect you to resources for assistance today.

You can also call receive Mortgage Delinquency and Default Resolution Counseling through Catholic Community Services in Superior at 888-831-8446.

If you or someone you know is on the tax delinquency list and are experiencing financial hardship it is important to get help now.

Foreclosure is final. We can't help if you don't call.