



## Bayfield County Administrator

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The Bayfield County Board approved the following comments at their March 20, 2018 meeting.

*Bayfield County supports Rule Petition 17-06 proposing an increase in hourly compensation for court appointed lawyers from \$70 to \$100 and indexing future compensation rates to annual cost of living increases.*

*It is difficult for Bayfield County to find court appointed attorneys for the \$60 out of court and \$70/hour in court rate.*

*Bayfield County has gone over budget on court appointed attorney line items the past several years.*

*The lower rate restricts the County's ability to bill for / go through collections on outstanding attorney fees and limits it to the \$60/\$70 rate even though we are spending considerably more.*

*Bayfield County supports the \$100 per hour rate together with annual indexing.*

Sincerely,

Mark Abeles-Allison  
Bayfield County Administrator