

*County of Buffalo*  
*Alma, Wisconsin*  
***Notice of Public Meeting***

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**AGENDA**

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**Committee:** Economic Development  
**Date:** Thursday March 11, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor County Board Room  
Buffalo County Courthouse  
407 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Alma, Wisconsin 54610  
**Remote Access:** [Click here to join the meeting](#)

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The meeting is open to the public. The following matters may be considered and acted upon at the meeting, but deviation from the order shown may occur:

1. Call to Order
2. Public comment regarding any matters that will be taken up by the Committee at this meeting.
3. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Financial Update
5. Review/Discussion/Action ~ A Resolution to Support the Great River State Trail-Winona Connector-Phase II
6. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Chris Hardie-Seven Rivers Alliance
7. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Presentation -Starlink- (tentative)
8. Review/Discussion ~ Department Manager Report
9. Review/Discussion ~ Committee Chair Report
10. Review/Discussion/Action ~ Next Meeting Date and Time
11. Public Comment Not Related to Agenda Items
12. Adjournment

Date: March 3, 2021

Chair Max Weiss

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen S. Schiffli, Manager, Economic Devel.

**Board Members:** If unable to attend, please contact the Chair. If the Chair is unavailable, please contact the County Clerk's Office at 608-685-6209. If the Chair and the County Clerk are not available, please call the Administrative Coordinator at 608-685-6234.

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**Public Access to the Courthouse:** The South Entrance will be the only access to the building after 4:30 p.m.

*Persons who are members of another governmental body, but who are not members of this committee, may attend this meeting. Their attendance could result in a quorum of another governmental body being present. Such a quorum is unintended, and they are not meeting to exercise the authority, duties, or responsibilities of any other governmental body.*

## BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, January 21, 2021

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. at the Buffalo County Courthouse County Board Room in Alma, Wisconsin.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger (via TEAMS), Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht, Mr. Thomas Taylor and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman.

**Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:** Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. Steve Schiffli, Ms. Roxann Halverson, and Ms. Tina Anibas (0845), (0900-0910) Mayor Brady Weiss, City of Mondovi, dialed in.

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** There were no public comments.

**Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Ms. Bulman to approve the minutes held on December 17, 2020 seconded by Mr. Taylor. Motion Carried by Roll Call Vote.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ 2021 Meeting Dates -** Every other month Starting in March, date and time will be at the discretion of the Chair. Motion made by Ms. Bulman to approve by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Taylor. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ 2021 Economic Development Budget –** Mr. Schiffli presented the approved budget. Indicated a need for additional department line items in the future to include advertising.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Objectives –** Mr. Schiffli presented his objectives that are derived from Administration guidance, review of minutes, and discussion with Mr. Schmidt. A pencil entry was requested to the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter objectives to add broadband.

**Review/Discussion/Action ~ Update on Phase I and Phase II of the Fly Way Trail Project –** Ms. Hanson presented an operational and financial report on the status of the Fly Way Trail. A discussion was held on further lobbying at the State Level. Ms. McMillan Urell has volunteered to represent the County in future lobbying efforts.

Mr. Bork indicated a need for Phase I to be completed and funds reconciled before initiating Phase II. A discussion was held. Questions on grant funding and cost share were asked.

**Review/Discussion** ~ Resolution to support funding for the Great River State Trail – Winona Connector [Phase II] – A discussion was held concurrent with the Phase I and Phase II update. The intent was to discuss with the committee and ensure questions were answered. It is the intent to present this resolution for action in March.

**Review/Discussion** ~Mayor Brady Weiss [0900] dialed in: A discussion was held on the City of Mondovi's need to back out of the CDBG Grant due to a conflict with Federal guidelines and the wastewater treatment plant project.

**Review/Discussion/Action** ~ Resolution to Designate 2021 Funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion – A discussion was held on funding, businesses involved, and terrestrial service vs. fiber. A motion by Mr. Schmidtknecht to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Three vote yes, Mr. Weiss and Mr. Taylor voting no. Motion carried.

Chairperson Report – Chair asked about future business projects, Mr. Schiffli will follow up.

**Review/Discussion/Action** ~ March 11, 2021 at 6:00 pm on the Agenda Farm Tech Days.

Motion by Mr. Taylor to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Bulman. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen S. Schiffli, Economic Development Manager

ACS FINANCIAL SYSTEM  
 3/04/2021 8:55:56  
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Expenditure Guideline  
 FOR THE PERIOD(S) JAN 01, 2021 THROUGH DEC 31, 2021

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	ANNUAL REVISED BUDGET	ENCUMBERED	ACT MTD POSTED AND IN PROCESS	ACT YTD POSTED AND IN PROCESS	REMAINING BALANCE	PCT
10 GENERAL FUND						
06 CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT						
56730 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT						
0000 PROJECT						
SALARIES & WAGES.....						
111 SALARIES	48,139.00	0.00	0.00	8,883.84	39,255.16	18 -
TOTAL: SALARIES & WAGES.....	48,139.00	0.00	0.00	8,883.84	39,255.16	18 -
FRINGE BENEFITS.....						
151 SOCIAL SECURITY	3,834.00	0.00	0.00	691.87	3,142.13	18 -
152 RETIREMENT-EMPLOYERS SHARE	0.00	0.00	0.00	322.32	322.32-	9999 -----!!!!
157 HEALTH INSURANCE INCENTIVE	0.00	0.00	0.00	160.00	160.00-	9999 -----!!!!
TOTAL: FRINGE BENEFITS.....	3,834.00	0.00	0.00	1,174.19	2,659.81	30 ---
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....						
225 TELEPHONE	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.34	53.34-	9999 -----!!!!
TOTAL: CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.....	0.00	0.00	0.00	53.34	53.34-	9999 -----!!!!
SUPPLIES.....						
331 MILEAGE	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	0
337 MEALS	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0
348 PROGRAM SUPPLIES	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0
391 OTHER SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTAL: SUPPLIES.....	1,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,075.00	0
CONTRIBUTIONS						
790 CONTRIBUTIONS	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0
TOTAL: CONTRIBUTIONS	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00	0
TOTAL: PROJECT	63,048.00	0.00	0.00	10,111.37	52,936.63	16 -
1401						
790 WINONA CONNECTOR TRL CONTRIB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
TOTAL: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	63,048.00	0.00	0.00	10,111.37	52,936.63	16 -
TOTAL: CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT	63,048.00	0.00	0.00	10,111.37	52,936.63	16 -
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND	63,048.00	0.00	0.00	10,111.37	52,936.63	16 -

# Buffalo County Resolution

Agenda Item 5



**Drafted By:**  
Stephen S. Schiffli  
**Presented Month/Year:**  
March 2021  
**Involved Committees:**  
Finance  
Economic Development Committee

**County Department:**  
Economic Development  
**Fiscal Impact:** YES / NO  
**AC Approved:** YES / NO

**RESOLUTION # \_\_\_\_\_**

## **A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE GREAT RIVER STATE TRAIL-WINONA CONNECTOR- PHASE II**

WHEREAS, Buffalo County adopted Resolution No. 19-09-03 approving the application for Federal Land Access Program (FLAP) Grant for Phase II of the Great River State Trail-Winona Connector; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County was awarded a **FLAP Grant through 2022** in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 for phase II projects, with a cost share of \$240,000.00; and,

WHEREAS, a capital campaign has been established to raise private funding from Minnesota and Wisconsin business and residents by Crescendo Fundraising Professionals hired by the Flyway Trail Board, a citizen group committed to this project to be used as matching funds for eligible grants; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County was awarded a Wisconsin Department of Transportation (TAP Grant) in 2004 which included design cost reimbursement in the amount of \$249,169.00 of which \$148,711.95 was used for Phase I; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has approved to use the remaining funding of **\$100,457.00** from the TAP Grant under design ID 7224-00-02 until June 30, 2023 for reimbursement of design costs for Phase II; and,

WHEREAS, the Flyway Trail Donation Campaign has received pledges for Phase II in the amount of **\$403,000.00**; and,

WHEREAS, the Flyway Trail Board is asking for support from Buffalo County **to facilitate the RFP process allowing for the creation of engineering studies and plans for Phase II** and to use grant funding and funding raised from the capital donation campaign to pay for these costs; and,

WHEREAS, Buffalo County supports Phase II which completes the final 2.8 miles section of the Winona Connector to provide access to over 200 plus miles of trails in Wisconsin and over 3,000 mile Mississippi River Trail.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors grant authorization for the Phase II Engineering Study with no use of levied tax dollars and to authorize the County Administrative Coordinator authorization to sign any contract awarded to complete the study; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors hereby authorization to pledge up to \$240,000.00 of CAPX2020 funding to be used as matching funds for additional grant funding available to Buffalo County to be repaid by the Capital campaign.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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County Clerk

ATTEST:

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County Board Chairperson

Respectfully Submitted:

Economic Development Committee

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Max Weiss

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LeeAnne Bulman

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Brad Schmidtknecht

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Thomas Taylor

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David Danzinger

Finance Committee

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Dennis Bork

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Donald Hillert

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Brad Schmidtknecht

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Max Weiss

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David Danzinger

**ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Preliminary Engineering	\$150,000.00
Construction Engineering	\$320,000.00
Construction Costs	\$1,430,000.00
Total	\$1,900,000.00