

JANUARY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 28, 2019, 7:00 P.M.

The Board met. Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except Mr. Nathan Nelson, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, and District 5 is vacant. Mr. Danzinger appeared via phone. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Ben Adank, Mr. Mike Owecke, Mr. Jason Poser, Mr. Matthew Halpert, and Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer.

Public Comments regarding Agenda items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding a Presentation by the Buffalo County Trail Riders: Chair McMillan Urell explained the Buffalo County Trail Riders were unable to attend the meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Presentation by Microsoft for Tablet/PC Digital Meeting Packet Demonstration: Mr. Poser, Mr. Adank, and Mr. Halpert gave a presentation of the Microsoft Surface Go laptop/tablet. This device would allow the County Clerk to scan in packets for all committees and upload them for all members to see. This would save on postage and staff time of preparing and mailing out packets. Mr. Bork tested the device for a month and explained it worked well except for his limited internet connection. A rough estimate of the cost of the device, accessories, and warranty is \$750 per unit. Mr. Grisen made a motion to send this back to the IT Committee for further research and exact costs of mailing out packets, seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding the Emergency Management Annual Report & Disaster Exercise Planning Initiative: Mr. Fuerbringer gave the annual report for the Emergency Management Department. He highlighted the grants applied for and how these funds cover 50% of the cost of the office and the County covers the other 50%. He also reviewed trainings attended this past year and some that are developing for 2019 and 2020. He encouraged board members to participate in the planning process of these trainings.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #19-01-01 An Ordinance to Revise the Buffalo County Ordinance Entitled “Buffalo County Uniform Numbering System Ordinance” Hereinafter Entitled the “Buffalo County Uniform Addressing Ordinance”: Mr. Owecke explained this revision takes a one page document that is 30-years old and revises it to the 13 page document put together by the Zoning Committee. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-01-01 A Resolution to Purchase One Used 2015 Case Crawler Dozer: Mr. Grisen explained the purchase of the dozer and the needs the department has for it. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Bork. 10 voting yes, 1 vacant, and 3 excused. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-01-02 A Resolution to Amend Salary Classification and Compensation System for Non-Represented Employees – Skilled Craft Technicians (Highway Department): Mr. Grisen explained this resolution corrects a mistake that was discovered for this classification. It will adjust the budget by \$5,100.00. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Weiss. 10 voting yes, 1 vacant, and 3 excused. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-01-03 A Resolution to Amend Established Job Category and Grade for Salary Schedule for Non-Represented Employees: Mr. Grisen explains this moves a group of employees into a classification that matches their job duties and responsibilities. It also changes how one employee is paid. Currently that employee is paid in one wage scale for one position and another wage scale for the other position they are employed in. This will create one pay scale for that employee and make record keeping more efficient. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-01-04 A Resolution to Pay Remaining Dog License Fund Money to the Buffalo County Humane Association: Ms. Halverson explained this resolution will approve giving the dog license money to the Humane Association after all expenses are paid for 2019. This contract covers the Humane Association picking up stray dogs. They cannot pick up dogs that are running at large. The dog must be contained. They also cannot pick up a dog if the owner is known. If the owner is known and this is a continuous problem there is a county ordinance for animals running at large. Mr. Seipel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: The Sheriff's Office is having trouble locating new squads through the Enterprise car lease. They may have to go with the Dodge Durango since Ford is not going to be able to fill the lease. They have hired one male Communications/Corrections Officer, but he cannot start until March 1st. They are working on hiring a female Communications/Corrections Officer.

Recycling is working on getting more municipalities to join the program. The forklift has been sold. They have purchased new boxes and have begun looking for a new truck.

Zoning has been working on the addressing ordinance. Interviews for the Zoning Technician were last week. The position was offered to someone and they are waiting for a response.

AG & Extension will be hosting the Reality Check event at Mondovi High School on March 21st. This is a good opportunity to volunteer at and work with county youth.

Administrative Coordinator Report: The Administrative Coordinator Report was on everyone's desk.

County Board Chair Report: Chair McMillan Urell asked Ms. Anibas if she had anything for the board. Ms. Anibas indicated she was there if anyone had questions about the article in the Mondovi Herald Newspaper. The article had indicated that taxes had gone up in the City of Mondovi due to the school referendum and the county \$4 million referendum. However this is not correct as the county referendum was a question only and there has been no money borrowed as of yet or placed on the tax roll. Mr. Brunkow indicated he talked with the newspaper and asked for a correction to be printed. The article did not address the TIF district tax or the percentage that the city keeps from taxes generated.

Ms. Anibas also talked about the investment report. The funds are up right now due to some tax settlements that have already come in. During tax time the funds in the Bank of Alma account vary.

Adjournment: Chair McMillan Urell adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffa County Clerk