

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee/Board: Committee of the Board

Date of Meeting: Friday, March 8, 2019

Filing Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2019

The meeting of the Committee of the Board was called to order by Chair Mary Anne McMillan Urell at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Larry Grisen, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, Mr. Don Black, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Bernard Brunkow, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Barry Draskowski, and Mr. David Danzinger. Mr. Don Hillert and Mr. John Kriesel were excused.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, and Mr. Dennis Bork.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding 2018 Unaudited Financial Status: Ms. Hansen reviewed the unaudited expenditures and revenues. Most revenues are receipted, but there are a few still outstanding. Land Conservation and Health and Human Services still have some grants that will be coming in. Revenues are at \$19,327,375.87 and expenditures are at \$19,332,892.05. Departments have done a very good job budgeting and not spending money if it was not necessary.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Strategic/Financial Future Planning: Chair McMillan Urell reviewed and discussed the survey that was sent out to everyone.

1. What do you see as the goal or mission of the County Board?
 - To serve and protect the citizens;
 - Provide Law Enforcement and good roads;
 - Retain good employees.

2. Identify one goal, vision or project that you wanted to accomplish while serving on the County Board.
 - Completion of the bike trail with financial support toward the fund raising efforts;
 - Better Land Information Management;
 - Remonumentation Completion;

- Better communication between the County and Municipalities;
 - Continue with broadband expansion;
 - More efficiencies across departments;
 - Promote communication between departments;
 - Explore rock climbing and expand economic development.
3. Identify one area that you feel needs improvement and why?
- Complete digital upgrades;
 - Use technology to have committee meetings paperless;
 - Engage the public;
 - More Law Enforcement;
 - Share services with Municipalities;
 - Integration between departments;
4. Are there any programs, services or policies that should be addressed for efficiencies?
- Deciding how Capx2020 funds will be spent;
 - Economic Development program;
 - Remonumentation;
 - GIS – E911 – Zoning mapping collaboration;
 - Streamline Committees
5. What role do you envision the County serving in the next five year, ten years?
- Protecting the community;
 - Promoting scenic beauty;
 - Working on climate change, clean energy alternatives;
 - Being proactive to help with flooding issues;
 - Maintaining roads;
 - Promote Agritourism.
6. What would you like Buffalo County to look like in 5 years, ten years?
- Being a welcoming place to live and play;
 - Be a destination location for visitors;
 - Have broadband through the County;
 - Have funds to promote recreation;
 - Have funds for Law Enforcement efforts;
 - Have a Mississippi River visitors center in Alma;
 - Downsize the County Board.
7. What do you feel is the most challenging obstacle in the way of obtaining the goal you listed above?
- Funds for broadband;
 - Complacency;

- Slow moving government action;
- Lack of a grant writer.

8. Any other Comments?

- Too many absentee landowners;
- Need more revenue;
- Have more citizens participate on committees.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be June 14th at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comments Not Regarding Posted Agenda Items: Chair McMillan Urell explained that the Farm Service Agency is requesting anyone that had damage due to the heavy amounts of snow we have received to report it within 30 days of the damage. If the loss is large enough countywide there may be state or federal funds available to help with reconstruction.

Adjournment: Chair McMillan Urell called for the adjournment at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk