

APRIL SESSION  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

The Board Met. Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, leading the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ms. Roxann Halverson gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected County Board of Supervisors and presented the members with Election Certificates.

A certified list of the County Board of Supervisors was read by Ms. Roxann Halverson.

I, Roxann M. Halverson, County Clerk of Buffalo County, Wisconsin, do hereby certify the following is an accurate and correct list of members of the Buffalo County Board of Supervisors.

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| 1. Dwight L. Ruff     | 2. Brad Schmidtknecht        |
| 3. Steven L. Nelson   | 4. Donald Hillert            |
| 5. Harry C. Schreiner | 6. Nathan L. Nelson          |
| 7. Max Weiss          | 8. Larry Grisen              |
| 9. David Danzinger    | 10. John Sendelbach          |
| 11. Dennis Bork       | 12. William Bruegger, Sr.    |
| 13. Michael Taylor    | 14. Mary Anne McMillan Urell |

Each member gave a brief introduction of themselves.

The roll was called, and all members were present. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Ms. Brenda Creighton (via phone) and Mr. David Brommerich (via phone).

The next order of business was the election of a Chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors to serve for a term of two years to succeed Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell. Ms. Halverson asked Ms. Hansen to give an overview of the duties of the Chairperson. The Chairperson is an important role and works closely with the Administration Office. There are times the Chair will need to come into the courthouse to sign documents, attend extra meetings, and be able to be contacted if questions arise. Ms. Halverson opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Danzinger nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Weiss nominated Mr. Bork. Ms. Halverson called for any further nominations three times. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried. A ballot vote shows six votes for Mr. Grisen and eight votes for Mr. Bork. Mr. Bork is declared County Board Chairperson.

The next order of business was the election of Vice-Chairperson to the County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Halverson called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Grisen nominated Ms. McMillan Urell. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Weiss. Ms. Halverson called for further nominations three times. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried. A ballot vote shows nine votes for Mr. Weiss and five votes for Ms. McMillan Urell. Mr. Weiss is declared County Board Vice Chairperson.

Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the election of five Highway Committee members. Chair Bork called for nominations for the Highway Committee.

Mr. Grisen nominated Mr. Danzinger. Mr. Hillert nominated Mr. Grisen. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Weiss nominated Mr. Sendelbach. Mr. Danzinger nominated Ms. McMillan Urell. Mr. Weiss nominated Mr. Hillert. Chair Bork called for further nominations three times. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Nathan Nelson. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Danzinger – 5	Mr. Grisen – 0	Mr. Taylor – 2
Mr. Sendelbach – 5	Ms. McMillan Urell – 0	Mr. Hillert – 2

There was a tie vote. Chair Bork gave the top two vote earners a chance to speak and then called for nominations again. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Danzinger. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Bork nominated Mr. Sendelbach. Mr. Danzinger nominated Ms. McMillan Urell. Mr. Grisen nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Bork nominated Mr. Weiss. Chair Bork called for nominations three more times. Mr. Ruff made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Danzinger – 6	Mr. Grisen – 1	Mr. Sendelbach – 5	Ms. McMillan Urell - 0
Mr. Taylor – 0	Mr. Weiss – 2		

Mr. Danzinger is elected for the first seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations for the second seat. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Sendelbach. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Taylor nominated Ms. McMillan Urell. Mr. Grisen nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Schmidtkecht nominated Mr. Weiss. Chair Bork called for nominations three more times. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Nathan Nelson. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Sendelbach – 8	Mr. Grisen - 3	Ms. McMillan Urell – 0
Mr. Taylor - 1	Mr. Weiss- 2	

Mr. Sendelbach is elected for the second seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations for the third seat on the Highway Committee. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Hillert nominated Mr.

Weiss. Chair Bork called for nominations three more times. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Taylor – 1            Mr. Grisen- 5            Mr. Weiss – 8

Mr. Weiss is elected for the third seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations for the fourth seat on the Highway Committee. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Danzinger nominated Mr. Ruff. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Bork nominated Mr. Hillert. Chair Bork called for further nominations three times. Mr. Weiss made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Grisen – 4            Mr. Ruff-3            Mr. Taylor – 2            Mr. Hillert -5

Mr. Hillert is elected for the fourth seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations for the fifth and final seat on the Highway Committee. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Danzinger nominated Mr. Ruff. Chair Bork called for further nominations three times. Mr. Weiss made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Sendelbach. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Taylor -1            Mr. Grisen – 5            Mr. Ruff – 8

Mr. Ruff is elected for the fifth and final seat on the Highway Committee.

Resolution #20-04-01 An Emergency Resolution for the Designation of “Emergency Responder” and “Healthcare Provider” Employees was reviewed. Ms. Hansen gave an explanation of the resolution. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Nathan Nelson. Carried.

General Operation of the County during Emergency Order #28 “Safer at Home” was discussed. The original plan was to bring employees back after April 24<sup>th</sup>, but the Governor has ordered an extension to May 26<sup>th</sup>. The courthouse remains closed to the public with employees either working in the office or remotely. The Executive Committee has been acting on these issues and other issues that arise for other committees due to this order. The County Board will need to decide if they want to continue with this or begin to have committee meetings again.

A discussion was held on extending the Emergency Declaration. The Governor has ordered the “Safer at Home” extended to May 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Weiss made a motion to extend the declaration no later than May 26<sup>th</sup> to mirror the State Order, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried.

A discussion was held on suspending the Rules of Government – Rule #29 Executive Committee Member Appointment. If the Executive Committee should continue during this pandemic the

Rules will need to be suspended to allow the appointment of members. The Rules of Government currently stat the Committee of the Board will appoint a third person and this cannot be done until all committees meet and elect a chairperson. This action requires a 2/3rds vote to pass. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to suspend Rule #29 regarding the Executive Committee during the balance of the Safer at Home Order, seconded by Mr. Hillert. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

The appointment of the Executive Committee was discussed. Chair Bork would like to see Mr. Taylor, Ms. McMillan Urell, and Mr. Grisen continue to serve on the Executive Committee along with Mr. Weiss and himself. Mr. Nathan Nelson made a motion to appoint Mr. Grisen, Ms. McMillan Urell, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Taylor and Mr. Bork to the Executive Committee until the Safer at Home Order is lifted, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

The Committee Chairs gave an overview of work committees and departments have done.

Ms. Hansen reported that there is approximately \$314,000.00 left of the \$2.25 million CAPX2020 funds left. Remonumentation is still in the works. The Town of Waumandee is almost complete and then there will be a plan on how to complete the last few towns. ACT 185 has been proposed to postpone taxes until October 1<sup>st</sup> with no interest or penalty. This is something the municipalities and county will need to work together on. Redistricting will be done after the Census is complete. There will be a change in how committee attendance will be reported. All Supervisors are advised that they need to use the Buffalo County email address. If there is difficulty with the email Supervisors are asked to contact Itechra for assistance.

Chair Bork thanked everyone for serving on County Board.

Public Comments: None.

Next meeting date and time is Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Ruff made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Taylor at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk