

MAY COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 20, 2019

Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except Mr. Nathan Nelson who was absent.

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Bob Platteter, Ms. Diane Prenot and Ms. Felicia Hager.

Public Comments regarding Agenda items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Kriesel seconded by Mr. Brunkow to approve the minutes as sent. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action - Appointment of Ms. Felicia Hager as Veterans Service Officer:

Chair McMillan Urell stated that the Veterans Service Officer Position was vacated due to the retirement of Mr. James Goss. Recruitment efforts were completed and it was the recommendation of the interview committee to request the County Board of Supervisors to appoint Ms. Felicia Hager as the Buffalo County Veterans Service Officer. Ms. Felicia Hager introduced herself to the Board and provided them with a summary of her experience and background.

A motion was made by Mr. Kriesel seconded by Mr. Brunkow to approve the appointment of Ms. Felicia Hager as the Buffalo County Veterans Service Officer. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – 2018 Highway Department Annual Report:

Highway Commissioner Bob Platteter and Highway Office Manager Diane Prenot reviewed the summary of the 2018 financial status and annual report for the Buffalo County Highway Department. No action was required by the Board.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-05-01 A Resolution to Amend Policy 205 of the Buffalo County Employee Handbook:

Ms. Hansen reviewed the amendments to Policy 205 regarding leaves for emergency conditions. Mr. Hillert made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Schriener. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action - Committee Reports:

Mr. Danzinger reported that the Land Information Committee is working on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for remonumentation. He stated that 72% of the County is completed. The Town of Canton and Town of Maxville had written a letter to the County Board, Finance Committee and Land Information Committee expressing their interest in working together to complete this project for their townships after being approached by representatives of the Land Information Committee/Council. A response will be sent to them to acknowledge their willingness to participate in the project and that we are working on the RFP and will keep them informed. He stated that we do have grant funding available to be used towards this project. Mr. Danzinger reported that there are differences of opinions on how to move the project forward, that the terrain in Buffalo County may be different than other counties that used an RFP process and that a Dependent Re-Survey Maps and field notes were found in the Register of Deeds Office for the Town of Belvidere and the Town of Glencoe when completing some reorganization of their records.

Ms. Hansen informed the Board that she had requested input from the Wisconsin County Surveyors Association to inquire as to what the Town of Belvidere map may mean to Buffalo County and the Town of Belvidere. She indicated that the consensus of thirty (30) members in attendance at the Wisconsin County Surveyors Association meeting on May 5, 2019, were in agreement that the brass capped monuments that were set by Frank Davy should be held as the PLSS corners in the Town of Belvidere. Any work there should be considered a maintenance project.

Mr. Danzinger stated that a recommendation will be forthcoming after the RFP process is completed and that under the current process, the cost to remonument a corner was approximately \$1,500 per corner.

Ms. Rosenow stated that remonumentation is not a safety issue and that many other counties are in the same position as Buffalo County in that they are also not totally remonumented.

Mr. Brunkow provided an update on staffing in the Law Enforcement Department.

Ms. Rosenow reported on the Ground Water Task Force and meeting that she had attended concerning the contamination of our ground water. Data captured by the Health Department through water testing will need to be incorporated into other available data and maps to identify those areas of concern and develop strategies to correct the problem. Mr. Kriesel stated around the 1990's, abandoned wells were capped as part of a grant funded project.

Mr. Kriesel reported that out-of-home placements in the Children and Family Unit remain at high levels of 24 due to the continued increase in use of meth.

Mr. Grisen reported that the Highway Department completed a tour of the county highway roads and that they have identified County Highway S due to the washout and County Highway H adjoining Highway ZZ as roads scheduled for reconstruction in 2019. He also reported that they are adding additional wedging and chip sealing projects to the 2019 plan to extend the life of the roads by an estimated 20 years.

Mr. Taylor reported that a response by the County to the notices sent by the Town of Montana and Waumandee Boards to their citizens in their tax bill regarding the impact of opting out of county-wide zoning was drafted and ready to be sent. This notice by the Zoning Department was to clarify what it means to the citizens when their township opts out of county-wide zoning. He also stated that the Zoning Committee is going to review the Zoning Ordinance portion that addressed the poultry barns to see if it should be modified to be less restrictive as this appeared to be a barrier of Montana and Waumandee townships to participate in county-wide zoning.

Mr. Rosenow reported that we are waiting for the final notification of the approval of the matching funds of \$513,534 in Federal funding for the Winona Connector Trail for Phase I of the project. The State needs to clarify an issue regarding a potential burial site but believes that this should be resolved fairly quickly. Fundraising activities for the remaining 2.8 acres is underway.

Mr. Black reported that Mr. Carl Duley has been busy working with a program that would assist doing a structural assessment for those barns that survived the heavy snow accumulation to prevent any potential future collapsing due to stress. He also stated that Ms. Annie Lisowski is working with summer interns and the after school and 4-H programs. He stated that participation continues to increase in numbers.

Mr. Weiss reported that the Recycling Committee is exploring the options of single stream recycling. He stated that they did not have a quorum present at their last meeting. They have another meeting scheduled for Thursday of this week. He stated that if a decision is made to move in this direction that it is difficult to revert back to dual stream operations.

Mr. Danzinger reported that the 2019 tourism brochures were being printed. The Broadband Committee is working with Riverland Energy and HBC of Winona to look at options available in Buffalo County to bring hybrid connectivity to difficult areas due to the present terrain. They are looking at assessing two projects in the County to see if it is feasible to proceed with providing improved broadband services.

Review/Discussion - Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen reported on the status of the readdressing sign project, provided a summary of County Board meetings, reported the hiring of Ms. Janet LaDuke as the Administrative Assistant in the Administration Office and provided bond project and budget updates. She offered the ability for the County Board members to receive alert sense notification for in-house notifications and requested assistance for the distribution of the 2019 tourism brochures.

She also informed the Board that last week, the Legislature's budget committee voted down the proposal recommended by Governor Evers to increase shared revenue and that this was consistent with how the Legislature has treated shared revenues during the last 8 years.

Review/Discussion - Chair Report: Ms. McMillan Urell had nothing further to report.

Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items: Mr. Hillert brought to the attention of the Board that the City of Mondovi has acquired land to improve their wastewater treatment facility and industrial park area and that this may be an opportunity for additional economic development within the County. Mr. Danzinger stated that he would provide this information to Mr. David Schmidt our Economic Development Coordinator to explore with the City of Mondovi.

The next County Board meeting was scheduled for June 24, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. and a Committee of the Board is scheduled for June 21, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen
Acting Secretary