

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Finance Committee
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2019
Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date: Monday, July 29, 2019

Mr. Don Hillert called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Donald Hillert, Mr. David Danzinger, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, and Mr. Larry Grisen.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Dave Rynders, Ms. Roselle Schlosser, Ms. Carrie Olson, and Ms. Lisa Schuh.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s): Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Updates on the USDA Lease Extension: A request has been received to extend the current lease for a fixed 2-year amount of \$15.00 per square foot and a 3% increase in year 3. This will be a short term lease with a longer agreement to be worked out. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the lease extension, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Authorization to fill the Vacant Deputy Clerk of Court Position: Ms. Schlosser explained the vacancy is due to Ms. Ashley Henthorn resigning and taking a position as the Digital Audio Recorder for Judge Clark. The split position between Clerk of Court and Register in Probate only produced four applications. Mr. Grisen made a motion to fill the position, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution for Governor Evers and the Wisconsin State Legislature to Apply for a Waiver from Federal Rules Excluding Institutional Stays for Medicaid Coverage: Mr. Rynders explained that the current system would place individuals with a mental disease in a longer term institution at the cost of the county and not paid for by Medicaid. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Designate 2019 Funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion: Originally \$300,000 was set aside for expansion of broadband. \$200,000 has been used and the Broadband Committee would like to carry the remaining \$100,000 forward for possible use in 2019. Mr.

Danzinger made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Sam Gordy's Slough Restoration Project: This resolution would fund the project in the amount of \$5,000. The estimated cost of the project is \$100,000. This will help restore an area that if not repaired could wipe out an entire population of fish. Ms. Rosenow made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Purchase One New Front End Loader: This resolution was not forwarded on from the Highway Committee.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Staff Limited-Term Employees (LTE) with the Highway Department: This resolution was not forwarded by the Highway Committee.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Designate Funding for Unbudgeted Technology Needs: This was discussed at the last meeting by Itechra. The worst case scenario would be a cost of \$121,500, but there are some funds in department budgets so the overall expense should be less than this amount. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Monthly Vendor Invoices/ Vouchers/ Employee Payroll/Funds Investment Report: A discussion was held on the Emergency Government truck payment, purchase of servers, and the Treasurer's Office counter replacement. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Chairperson Report: Chair Hillert asked how the policy for selling of surplus items and getting all titles to the County Clerk was progressing. Ms. Halverson indicated this was still being worked on with the Administration Office.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen reported that she received the paperwork for the LawCon grant and will be working with Mr. Cameron Bump on the next steps for the Connector Trail. Ms. Rosenow would like to see some type of artist rendition of what the bridge and trail will look like when completed. She explained this will be good to show potential investors in the project. Ms. Hansen also reported that departments are working on their budgets to present to Finance in August. Mr. Dave Schmidt is working on the Revolving Loan Fund money with the state. The City of Mondovi would like to borrow this money for their new sewer plant. Once loaned out and paid back the county can then loan out the money to other entities without as many restrictions. Letters will soon be going out to lending institutions for bidding on the highway financing.

The next regular meeting date will be August 21st at 1:00 p.m. The budget meetings will be August 7th and 8th beginning at 9:00 a.m. and August 9th beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Public Comments: Ms. Rosenow would like to find a way to have more farmers use conservation practices. She thought there could be a way to use CAPX funds for this type of program.

Mr. Hillert adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
County Clerk