

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee/Board: Committee of the Board ~ Subcommittee

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2019

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The meeting of the Committee of the Board ~ Subcommittee was called to order by Chair Mary Anne McMillan Urell at 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mr. Larry Grisen, Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. Mike Taylor, and Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell.

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

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion regarding Committee Structures: Ms. Hansen spoke with Department Managers regarding their feelings on committee structure. The Department Managers did have concerns that each department be represented and do not want to see one super department. They are in favor of the department being more responsible for funds if it is within their approved budget.

A discussion was held about vacant positions being looked at as to need with the budget constraints. Key positions, such as Department Managers, would be refilled, but secondary positions would need to be reviewed.

Moving meetings to every six weeks instead of monthly was discussed. There are a few committees that would still need to meet monthly, for example Finance would need to meet to pay bills. Combining Human Resource Committee and Finance Committee into an Executive Committee was discussed, as well as the number of members each committee needs. Eliminating members on non-standing committees was reviewed. Some of the non-standing committees are not a function of the county, but have bylaws that Buffalo County be represented on their committees.

The number of County Board Supervisors as a whole was discussed. With the upcoming census this number could be reduced.

The subcommittee asked that each committee put on their upcoming agendas the need for monthly meetings, the number of members needed on that committee to carry out business, and if the committee or department could be combined with others. Department Managers will need to get this information back to Ms. Hansen by the end of August.

Review/Discussion regarding the Rules of Government: There will be no changes until any restructuring decisions are made.

The next meeting will be September 9th at 11:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Chair McMillan Urell called for the adjournment at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk