

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, August 20, 2020

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Second Floor Conference Room of the Buffalo County Courthouse.

**Board Members Present:** Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht, Mr. Thomas Taylor and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman.

**Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting:** Ms. Sonya Hansen, Administrative Coordinator appeared in person and Mr. David Schmidt appeared via telephone.

**Public Comments regarding Agenda Items:** There were no public comments.

**Review/Discussion/Action – A Resolution to Designate Additional Funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion:** Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht informed the members that this request came from the Broadband Subcommittee. The subcommittee strongly supports broadband expansion to underserved areas of the County and requested that a proposal be made to secure additional funding from CAPX2020 funds. Mr. Max Weiss discussed the potential for other broadband technology other than fiber. A motion was made by Mr. David Danzinger seconded by Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht to approve the resolution to designate additional funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion. Motion failed. Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Thomas Taylor and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman voting no. Mr. David Danzinger and Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht voting yes. Mr. Thomas Taylor indicated that he would like to see additional language in the resolution and would provide his input for possible consideration at a future meeting.

**Review/Discussion/Action – A Resolution to Support Telecommuter Forward! Certificate:** Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht explained that this resolution reflects that the County supports telecommuting efforts and has no tax levy impact. The adoption of this support assists when apply for funding for broadband. A motion was made by Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht seconded by Mr. David Danzinger to support the application to apply to the Public Service Commissioner for Buffalo County to be certified as a Telecommuter Forward Community. Motion Carried.

**Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda:** There were no public comments.

Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. David Danzinger at 8:30 a.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen, Recording Secretary