

AUGUST SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Board Met. Mr. Dennis Bork in the Chair.

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, Mr. Kevin Mack, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Roger Risler, Ms. Karen Baader, Ms. Brenda Creighton, Ms. Roselle Schlosser, Ms. April Loeffler (via TEAMS), Mr. David Brommerich (via TEAMS), Ms. Judie Sage (via TEAMS), Mr. Jason Poser, Mr. Dave Rynders, Mr. Ben Adank and other Itechra staff.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Public Comment Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Previous Meeting Minutes: Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Appointment of District 5 County Board Supervisor: Chair Bork introduced Ms. Carol McDonough, whom the Executive Committee is recommending for appointment to the District 5 (City of Mondovi Ward 2) County Board Supervisor position. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Training by Itechra on Surface Pro Tablets: The County Board Supervisors were presented with their tablets and given instruction on how to use them and whom to call with any questions.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #20-08-01 “An Ordinance to Amend the Official Buffalo County Zoning District Map, Town of Modena”: The Baaders own approximately 15 acres that is zoned NR40, which would not allow the construction of any non-dwelling. The Town of Modena approved the amendment to the zoning map. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-01 “A Resolution to Withdraw Rustic Road 122 and 123 from Rustic Roads State Program”: Ms. Hansen explained she received a letter from the State questioning if the county would be staying in the Rustic Roads program. She reviewed why the routes were not approved and how this resolution would withdraw those two routes. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Ms. McMillan Urell and Mr. Danzinger voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-02 “A Resolution to Designate the Official County Newspaper”: Ms. Halverson explained the three newspapers that were distributed in the county have now joined under one newspaper, “the Buffalo County News”. This resolution will replace an older resolution that rotated the newspaper official business

would be posted in. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-03 “A Resolution to Designate Additional Funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion”: This resolution did not pass through Finance Committee and was sent back to the Economic Development Committee.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-04 “A Resolution to Support Telecommuter Forward! Certificate”: This resolution would allow the county to apply for more broadband grants by becoming a supporter of telecommunications. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-05 “A Resolution to Place an ATV/UTV Road Use Referenda Question on the November Ballot”: Ms. McMillan Urell questioned if the wording of the referendum should include wording that the towns still need to be in favor of ATV/UTV routes. Having an article in the newspaper explaining and announcing the referendum was discussed. Ms. Halverson explained there will be two notices published before the election in addition to the sample ballot. The notices will let voters know this question will be on the ballot and what a yes or no vote means. Mr. Mack (Buffalo City Mayor) discussed the use of ATVs/UTVs on county roads and how the limit of road use to certain months was not favorable for Buffalo City. He also discussed concerns with the cost of signage and damage to roads that municipalities would face. Ms. Halverson would like to see the word “recreational” added to the wording as there is already agricultural allowances on roads by the state. Mr. Grisen made a motion to amend the resolution to read “Should Buffalo County consider the recreational use of All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs) on county roads?”, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding COVID-19 Updates by Public Health: Ms. April Loeffler gave an update on Public Health and COVID-19. She reviewed a list of updated symptoms and indicated that a person can be contagious for two days prior to onset of symptoms. Mr. Mack questioned how many juveniles in Buffalo County have tested positive. Ms. Loeffler explained she did not have those numbers with her but would let him know. He questioned the school schedule for CFC Schools and how Public Health came up with that schedule. Ms. Loeffler explained the schools set their own schedules. Mr. Mack also questioned a letter that went out to some businesses in the county that asked them to sign a pledge and be listed on the county website. He wondered why all businesses did not get invited. Mr. Rynders explained the letter was sent out to those businesses they have contact information for. He told Mr. Mack they would put the letter out on the website and Facebook to ask other businesses to join in the meeting.

A public health ordinance was discussed. Ms. Loeffler and Corp. Counsel Bilski were supposed to have one created for this meeting. Ms. Loeffler indicated that they were not able to get that completed. Supervisors discussed enforcement of this type of ordinance and the control that is already afforded Public Health in the Wisconsin Statutes.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-06 “A Resolution to Extend Public Health Emergency Declaration”: Ms. Hansen explained that WCA is recommending the extension of the declaration in case there are more funds available. This resolution will extend the declaration through October 23. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-07 “A Resolution to Add Limited Term 2020 Court Position(s) to Court Staff for Protective Measures to Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 for In-person Hearings”: Due to COVID-19 there is a need for extra staff during court dates and jury trials. The person(s) would check potential Jurors for any signs of the virus. There are approximately 10 days this extra staff would be needed. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #20-08-08 “A Resolution to Amend the Established Job Category and Pay Grade Schedule for Non-Represented Employees to Add Part-Time Communication/Corrections Officer Job Category and Pay Grade”: This position was removed from the scales as there was no one in the position. A former employee is willing to come in part-time to help the department. The position would be set at \$21.20 per hour. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Update Buffalo County Employees Return to Workplace Guidelines”: Ms. Hansen explained the Governor’s Order for use of facemasks and needed to be added to the policy. Personal travel was also updated. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: DHHS held a joint meeting with Pepin County to see if there are areas the two counties can collaborate services.

Highway has interviewed six people for the Commissioner position.

Human Resources has been working with the health insurance broker and it looks like they will have good news for our renewal.

Land Conservation and AG & Extension and will be looking for a new Land Conservationist as Ms. Olson has taken a new position.

Recycling is having some issues with the single stream program and will continue to work on this.

Land Use is working on remonumentation.

Economic Development had a meeting in the Town of Buffalo with Trempealeau County to see what projects they are working on.

Finance will be starting with the budget process on September 4th.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen reported the principal and interest payment is due on the loan and the second draw will be taken for road work. The address sign final list has been received from Lange. Towns will need to review this and note any missing signs. Their response will be due back to the county by October 16.

County Board Chair Report: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 10:12 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk

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