

AUGUST COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Monday, August 26, 2019

Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell in the Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except Mr. Don Black, Mr. Michael Taylor, Mr. Nathan Nelson, and Mr. Jon Seipel, who were all excused. District 1 is vacant.

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. David Brommerich, Ms. Pat Malone, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Ms. Lynn Reinhardt, Mr. Dwight Ruff, Ms. Tanisha Bautch, Ms. Brenda Berning, Ms. Casey Hoskins, Judge Tom Clark, Mr. Bruce Fuerbringer, Ms. Carrie Olson, Mr. Brian Della, Mr. Mike Owecke, and Mr. Shawn Giblin.

Public Comments regarding Agenda items: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action – Presentation of County Board Candidates for the Vacant District 1 Position: Ms. Reinhardt and Mr. Ruff both introduced themselves and gave descriptions of their qualifications. The board asked questions of availability and if either candidate is interested in running again when the position is up for election. Chair McMillan Urell announced that the Board will go into closed session for further discussion, but a final decision will not be made until the end of the week.

The County Board May Go into Closed Session to Discuss Candidates for District 1 County Board of Supervisor Vacant Position: Mr. Bork made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried

Don Black – Excused	Jon Seipel-Excused	Don Hillert- Yes
Harry Schreiner – Yes	Nathan Nelson-Excused	Max Weiss-Yes
Larry Grisen-Yes	David Danzinger-Yes	Nettie Rosenow-Yes
Dennis Bork-Yes	John Kriesel-Yes	Michael Taylor-Excused
Mary Anne McMillan Urell-Yes		

The County Board May Return to Open Session: Mr. Schreiner made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Don Black – Excused	Jon Seipel-Excused	Don Hillert- Yes
Harry Schreiner – Yes	Nathan Nelson-Excused	Max Weiss-Yes
Larry Grisen-Yes	David Danzinger-Yes	Nettie Rosenow-Yes
Dennis Bork-Yes	John Kriesel-Yes	Michael Taylor-Excused
Mary Anne McMillan Urell-Yes		

Review/Discussion regarding CJS and Circuit Court 2018 Annual Report: Judge Clark explained the dynamics of his office, including staffing, duties, and state owned equipment.

Ms. Berning introduced Ms. Hoskins. She is a client of the CJS program and gave a testimonial of how the program has impacted her life. She detailed how she entered the program and steps Ms. Bauth and Ms. Berning helped her with to get clean and get her children back.

Review/Discussion regarding the Register of Deeds 2018 Annual Report: Ms. Burmeister gave a power point presentation of how important it is to plan for disasters even within the courthouse. She showed how a courthouse in Iowa had lost thousands of documents due to flooding. Our current system of scanning in documents and having that data stored in two different places helps to ensure that citizens will have access to their documents should a disaster happen in Buffalo County.

Review/Discussion regarding the UW-Extension 2018 Annual Report: Ms. Malone reviewed projects UW-Extension staff completed in 2018, the number of contacts they had with different groups of people, and the good investment UW-Extension is for Buffalo County. She explained that for every dollar spent two dollars is returned in additional support for Buffalo County. The Educators in this office are teachers, partners, facilitators, collaborators, and researchers.

Review/Discussion regarding the Zoning Department 2018 Annual Report: Mr. Owecke presented the 2018 Annual Report for the Zoning Department. After 53 years the Zoning Ordinance was completely redone. The Addressing Ordinance was reviewed and updated. The new address numbers are about half installed and on schedule.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #19-08-01 “An Ordinance to Amend Chapters 7, 8, & 9 of the Buffalo County Zoning Ordinance: Mr. Owecke explained the Zoning Ordinance is a fluid document and changes will be made as needed. This amendment addresses some changes the State DATCP requested to be in compliance with the Farmland Preservation Program, adds the height requirements for structures that were in the previous ordinance, but inadvertently left out of this one, and addresses some issues regarding poultry barns. Mr. Hillert made a motion to adopt the ordinance by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. All in favor. Enacted.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-01 “A Resolution to Support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Sam Gordy’s Slough Restoration Project”: Mr. Giblin gave a presentation on the Sam Gordy Slough project. This area is filling in and needs to be dredged to keep the fish habitat available for winter habitation. The project is estimated to cost \$100,000.00 and is in the fundraising stage. The DNR is asking Buffalo County to be a partner with a donation of \$5,000.00 from the CAPX funds. Material dredged from this area will be reused to keep off-road vehicles out of the area. The payment for the project will not be made until all fundraising is complete. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-02 “A Resolution Providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$4,000,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2019; Establishing the Terms and Conditions Therefor; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; Creating a Debt Service Account Therefore; and Awarding the Sale Thereof:

Mr. Della distributed a presentation on bond financing. He reviewed work that has been done so far in preparing for the issuance of the bond. A referendum election was held and bids were obtained from banks. Bremer Bank came in the lowest with 2.47% interest over the 10-year span of the loan, and allowed for two draws. He explained ways that the County could continue with funding so that roads are maintained and the tax levy does not fluctuate. Mr. Della explained that the Bond Attorney indicated that this resolution should be approved with a 3/4th vote of the members and there are not 3/4th of the members present at tonight’s meeting. He has worked with many cities and counties as a Financial Advisor and it is his experience that the authorization needs the 3/4th vote but the sale only needs a majority vote. He cautioned a second time that he is not an attorney and the attorney’s job is to ensure that all aspects are done to avoid IRS penalties. He did request that a motion be made to amend the agenda to remove the word taxable from the agenda as that is not how the title of the resolution reads. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the word “taxable” on item number 15, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote pending approval of the vote by the Bond Attorney, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-03 “A Resolution Requesting Governor Evers and the Wisconsin Legislature for a Waiver from Federal Rules Excluding Institutional Stays from Medicaid Coverage”:

Mr. Kriesel explained this has been in effect since the 1970’s and affects individuals ages 21 to 64 that are admitted to Winnebago or Mendota. Medicaid will not cover these two facilities and the county would need to pick up those costs. This resolution urges the Governor to change this rule. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-04 “A Resolution to Designate 2019 Funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion”:

Originally there was \$300,000.00 designated for the expansion of broadband. \$200,000.00 has already been designated, leaving \$100,000.00 for future projects. This resolution merely carries that balance forward to 2019. There are no projects earmarked at this time, but there are things in the works. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-05 “A Resolution to Designate Funding for Unbudgeted Technology Needs”:

Itechra has identified computers that have Windows 7 and will no longer be supported. Computers are usually the first thing taken out of a budget when numbers are tight. This has caused us to be behind in technology. The funds for the computer updates will come from the general fund. A capital improvement plan will be developed so that we do not get so far behind again. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution by a roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-06 “A Resolution to Approve Creating a Shared Recycling/Highway Employee Position”: Mr. Fuerbringer explained this position will help to sustain the recycling program. The current employee is within a few years of retirement and spends a great deal of time trying to keep the buildings and equipment in working order. This additional part-time person will aid the current employee with daily duties. The person that fills this position will also work part-time in the Highway Department aiding with construction and other duties as assigned. The Highway Department will provide oversight for this employee. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve this resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Grisen. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-07 “A Resolution to Approve Entering into a Contract for the Purpose of Implementing a Single-Stream Recycling Program”: Buffalo County is currently in a dual stream recycling program. This resolution would move us into a single stream system which would make the program more convenient for people. There will be educational pieces put out to help the public understand this change. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

A recess was taken from 9:32 p.m. until 9:38 p.m.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-08 “A Resolution to Approve Recycling Program Capital Equipment Purchases and Repairs”: Mr. Fuerbringer explained the equipment used in the recycling program is at least 20-years old. The equipment was reviewed and items that could be refurbished will be and some will need to be replaced. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-09 “A Resolution to Purchase One New Front End Loader”: This is for the purchase of a new front end loader that was budgeted. Mr. Platteter researched used equipment but found with the incentives given to government entities it was cheaper to purchase new. The money will come from the retained earnings fund. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-10 “A Resolution to Purchase Sign Truck Attachments (platform, cabinets, crane & hydraulics)”: The sign truck chassis was purchased earlier this year in hopes of finding the attachments. The company that has been used in the past for the attachments went out of business and other counties use sign trucks that are different than ours. Mr. Platteter was able to find a company to refurbish the equipment from the old truck. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-08-11 “A Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Liquid Propane for the 2019-2020 Heating Season”: By contracting for fuel in the past the county has saved money. This was sent out for bids and Countryside Cooperative came in with the lowest bid of \$.84 per gallon for 45,000 gallons. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action - Committee Reports: Ms. Rosenow reported that the Rose Valley Dam project is complete. It will be stocked with fish next spring. Mr. Weiss reported that

Recycling will be looking at raising the per capita fee to sustain the program. Mr. Kriesel reported that DHHS had no meeting last month. Mr. Bork reported that he is the new Chair of Law Enforcement with the resignation of Mr. Brunkow. Mr. Danzinger reported that Economic Development Committee did not meet, but the Broadband Committee did meet. There are entities that are discussing partnerships for expanding broadband in Buffalo County. Ms. Hansen reported that bike trail information is on everyone's desk for review. After all comments are turned in this will be used for fundraising efforts. Mr. Hillert reported that Finance Committee has been working on budgets and at this time there is a \$1.5 million deficit. Mr. Grisen reported that Human Resources will be looking at employee wages.

Review/Discussion - Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen gave her report. October 8th will be youth government day. Everyone is invited to attend. Buffalo County had a fair booth this year. It is the hopes to expand it next year.

Review/Discussion - Chair Report: Ms. McMillan Urell reminded everyone to be available later this week if the Bond Attorney decides a vote of 3/4th is needed to be taken on the bond sale.

Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items: None.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk