

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, September 17, 2020

Chair Mr. Max Weiss called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. at the Buffalo County Courthouse County Board Room in Alma, Wisconsin.

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

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Dennis Bork, Ms. Roxann Halverson appeared in person and Mr. David Schmidt appeared via phone.

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

Review/Discussion/Action – Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht to approve the minutes as sent for both meetings held on August 20, 2020 seconded by Mr. David Danzinger. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – A Resolution to Designate Additional Funding for Buffalo County Broadband Expansion: A motion was made by Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht seconded by Mr. David Danzinger to approve the resolution for an additional \$100,000 for a total of \$200,000 to be designated from CAPX2020 funding for the purpose of improving the quality and availability of broadband communications in underserved and unserved areas of Buffalo County under the broadband award policy subject to approval by the Public Service Commission for the calendar year 2020. It was noted that each year, the County Board of Supervisors determines the amount to be designated from CAPX2020 funding. Roll call vote: Mr. Max Weiss – yes, Mr. David Danzinger – yes; Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht – yes; Mr. Thomas Taylor – yes; and Ms. LeeAnne Bulman – yes. Motion Carried.

Chair Mr. Max Weiss indicated that he would like to see current vendors (Ntec, Cochrane Telephone, Star Link and Bug Tussel) being invited to a meeting to inform the committee of their upcoming business plans to provide access for services to areas in Buffalo County.

Review/Discussion/Action – A Resolution to Modify Buffalo County Broadband Award Policy to Increase Maximum Project Award: A motion was made Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht seconded by Mr. David Danzinger to approve the modification in the Buffalo County Broadband Award Policy to increase the maximum project award from \$100,000 to \$200,000 provided all criteria and approval processes listed in Resolution No. 17-12-06 are met and that CAPX2020 funding is still available. It was noted that Finance Committee serves as the Broadband Award Selection Committee. Motion Carried.

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

Mr. David Danzinger made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht.
Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen, Recording Secretary