

**SEPTEMBER COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**Monday, September 23, 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. Dennis Bork, Mr. Jon Seipel, and Mr. Michael Taylor (who were all excused).

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, and Mr. David Brommerich.

**Public Comments regarding Agenda items:** None.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Appointment of Mr. Dwight Ruff as District 1 County Board Supervisor:** Chair McMillan Urell introduced Mr. Dwight Ruff. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Ruff, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried. Ms. Halverson gave the Oath of Office to Mr. Ruff.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2020 Budget (draft):** Ms. Hansen reviewed the timeline that had originally been set up for the budget. She explained the challenges the County is facing with levy limits, costs that there is no control over, and the amount of State and Federal revenues that come in. Next year has an added challenge of being a leap year, thereby increasing costs for wages and benefits. The Finance Committee has decided to take \$900,000.00 from the General Fund, \$300,000.00 from the bond and reduce the Highway levy request by this amount, and \$100,000.00 from the DHHS Fund to balance the budget. Ms. Hansen identified items that could be taken out of the budget (promotions and literacy are in the budget twice), as well as things that are not in the budget yet but need to be (health insurance increase and wage increase). The individual budget requests were reviewed. The change in the number of employees over the years was reviewed, as well as how vacancies affect the overall budget. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to authorize the publication of the draft budget as the Finance Committee approved, seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-09-01 “A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Retirement of Ms. Cecilia Novinski:** Chair McMillan Urell read the resolution and explained Ms. Novinski was unable to attend the meeting tonight. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-09-02 “A Resolution to Identify Delinquent 2016 Real Estate Taxes:** Ms. Halverson explained this resolution shows the properties that have 2016 delinquent taxes due. She distributed an updated resolution as one of the property owners paid the taxes prior to the meeting. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to amend

the resolution and remove the Justin Watts property, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-09-03 “A Resolution to Authorize the Application for Federal Land Access Program Funds (FLAP):** Mr. Danzinger explained the resolution is to approve applying for a grant to help with Phase 2 of the bike trail. This grant is only available every 4 years and can cover up to 80% of the costs. The Fish and Wildlife are in support of the bike trail receiving this grant. The goal is to have this grant and other funds complete Phase 2 with no County funds. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action - Committee Reports:** Mr. Hillert (Chair of the Finance Committee) discussed the budget and looked for suggestions to bring costs down. Ms. Rosenow (Chair of the Land Conservation Committee) discussed the department looking for a new employee.

**Review/Discussion - Administrative Coordinator Report:** Ms. Hansen reported on the progress of the address signs. Phase 1 should be completed by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Those properties that did not have their sign changed will receive a letter informing them of any issues encountered. The Auditor will be at the October meeting to present the 2018 Audit.

**Review/Discussion - Chair Report:** None.

**Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items:** None.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk