

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Finance Committee:

Finance Committee

Date of Meeting:

Thursday, November 19, 2020

Chair Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Finance Committee Members Present: Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. David Danzinger (via TEAMS), Mr. Donald Hillert, Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht, and Mr. Max Weiss.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Dave Rynders, Ms. Tina Anibas (via TEAMS), and Ms. Lisa Schuh (via TEAMS).

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Extend Three Limited Term 2020 Health Positions through December 2021: Mr. Rynders explained this resolution would extend the three limited term employees through the end of 2021 with funds coming from the CARES Act. This will allow continued work on the COVID pandemic. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Schmidtkecht. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Amend Salary Classification and Compensation System for Non-Represented Employees: Ms. Hansen explained the wages have a .60% cost of living increase added to the base scale. This was included in the budget. Due to timing of Finance and County Board this has not been approved by the Human Resources Committee yet. Ms. Hansen noted that Pepin County has just released their wage scales and we may need to look at wages to be competitive. A discussion was held regarding tight budgets and where the money would come from to raise wages. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Approval of GFL Solid Waste Midwest LLC Solid Waste Permit: Ms. Hansen explained GFL Environmental Inc. has purchased Waste Management Inc. and Advanced Disposal Services Inc. and therefore is applying for a permit in Buffalo County. She would like to prorate the fee for the remainder of the year and apply any credit to next year's fee. This will keep all applications and fees due at the same time of the year. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the permit with the prorated fee, seconded by Mr. Schmidtkecht. A roll call vote was taken. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a 2020 Financial Update: Ms. Hansen reviewed the financial spreadsheet and explained the numbers are as of October except for Highway which is only through July. There will be savings realized in trainings and conferences as those were not attended this year. A discussion was held on having county ordinances for fines so that more of the money is kept in the county rather than sending most of it to the state.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Approval of Village of Nelson Tax Deed Sale: Ms. Halverson explained the auction ended yesterday at 10:00 a.m. The high bid on the property was from Kelsey McCluskey in the amount of \$3,550.00. Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the sale by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Monthly Vendor Invoices, Vouchers, Employee Payroll, and Funds Investment Report: Invoices were reviewed. The new gate for the County Clerk's Office has been installed and is included in these invoices. This cost was originally coming from CAPX funds, but Ms. Halverson found a security grant to cover the cost. An invoice for video equipment to allow inmates to attend hearings through video is included in this listing. This is covered by a grant obtained by Law Enforcement. The committee would like to continue to receive the invoices as a paper copy. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the invoices by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Chairperson Report: None.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen reported the financial software required an update at a cost of \$900, which is not covered in the contract. There are a few items that individuals would like to bring before the board. The DNR would like to meet with the Board to discuss the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Grant. The Committee agreed to hear this presentation. Mr. Craig Brooks would also like to talk to the Board regarding a referendum on the Spring ballot for nonpartisan preparation of legislative maps. A discussion was held regarding a resolution that was passed and sent to WI Counties Association a few years ago regarding this issue and the cost of adding this question to the ballot. The Chair asked Ms. Hansen to inform Mr. Brooks that we had passed the resolution a few years ago regarding this matter.

Public Comments: None.

The next meeting will be December 14th at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Hillert made a motion to adjourn at 10:07 a.m., seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
County Clerk