

DECEMBER COUNTY BOARD SESSION
Monday, December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board met. Ms. McMillan Urell in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called, and all members were present except for Mr. Nathan Nelson, who was absent, and District 3 is vacant. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Mr. Dave Schams, Mr. David Brommerich, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Dave Rynders, and Mr. Dave Schmidt.

Public Comments: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Appointment of District 3 County Board Supervisor: This item will be postponed until next month as Ms. Roby was unable to attend.

Review/Discussion regarding an Update on the Winona Connector Trail Project: The capital campaign is underway with the same organization that raised funds for the Eagle Center in Wabasha. Numerous companies and people have been approached to ask for possible donations to the project. The second phase of the fundraising project is to have kickoff meetings. Those will be held February 25th and March 3rd. Construction is currently underway and lots of work is being done to keep the bike trail on task.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-08 A Resolution to Support Winona Connector Trail Project: This resolution will show that the project is staffed and supported by Buffalo County. The extra amount on this resolution is for cost overruns. This is not an additional \$400,000.00 for the project, but a total support of that amount. Maintenance of the trail was discussed. This will be the responsibility of the Highway Department, but a trail pass fee could be charged to help with those costs. Ms. Rosenow made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. 11 voting yes, Mr. Bork voting no, 1 absent and 1 vacant. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #19-12-01 An Ordinance to Revise the Buffalo County Rules and Permit Requirements Relating to Environmental Health and Sanitation: Mr. Rynders noted two typos that will be corrected and explained the ordinance needed to be updated to align with current statutes. We do not have a tattoo shop in Buffalo County and inspection would fall under state rules for this. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Bork. Mr. Taylor and Mr. Danzinger abstaining. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-01 A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Retirement of Ms. Cherie Noll: Ms. Noll was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Anibas accepted the certificate on her behalf. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-02 A Resolution to Remove Outstanding Checks: Ms. Anibas explained that these checks are over a year old and she has tried to contact the individuals they were written to but received no response. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-03 A Resolution to Authorize CDBG-Close Out and Partner with City of Mondovi for Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion: The Federal government was not satisfied with how the State of Wisconsin was handling the Revolving Loan Fund money and requested all funds back. They are allowing the funds to be used for qualifying projects and then once paid back the county is able reuse those funds with no Federal restrictions. The City of Mondovi has a waste water treatment plant project that these funds could be used for. The money will be paid back over the next three years. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Black. 12 voting yes, 1 absent, and 1 vacant. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-04 A Resolution to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illness in Jails: There are lots of groups and associations that are in support of the effort to reduce the number of people in jail with mental illness. This resolution will show support to get the people the treatment and help they need instead of locking them up with no help. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-05 A Resolution to Change a Full-Time Aging Director Position to a Full-Time Transportation and Adult Protection Services Manager Position: Mr. Rynders explained this position title change was proposed in the 2020 budget presentation and is a result of the restructure of ADRC. The grant for transportation aids also requires a clear position description to show who handled those job duties. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-06 A Resolution to Amend Salary Classification and Compensation System for Non-Represented Employees: This resolution amends the scales to add new positions or remove positions that no longer exist. It also adjusts some of the Department Manager positions to the six county average. The fiscal impact is \$815.26 due to the retirement of staff in the Treasurer's Office. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Ruff. 12 voting yes, 1 absent, and 1 vacant. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-07 A Resolution to Create and Fill a Grant Writer Position: This position has been discussed for quite some time. It was felt it was needed to help the county capture grant funds that they may be missing out on. The position will be reviewed each year for effectiveness and will be overseen by the Administration Office. The position was left off the scales as it was unsure what the cost would be to find a qualified person for the position. This will be a part-time position of 20 hours or less each week but could develop into a full-time position if Economic Development duties are included in the future. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. 12 yes, 1 absent and 1 vacant. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-09 A Resolution to Repeal Resolution #19-04-07 and Create a Resolution to Purchase One (1) New Sign Truck: Mr. Grisen explained the truck trade-in value included the lift, but Highway needed the lift for the new truck. This left the amount needed for the new truck short \$10,000.00. It is believed when the old truck is sold this money will be made up, if not there may be a request for additional funding for the department. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-10 A Resolution to Purchase Two New Patrol Trucks with Dump Boxes and Attachments: The bid accepted was not for the low bid as that style of truck had caused issues in the past. Even with accepting this bid the cost is \$24,000.00 less than budgeted. Mr. Bork made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #19-12-11 A Resolution to Appoint County Surveyor: This resolution appoints the surveyor for six months as the Land Information Committee reviews RFP's for remonumentation. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Purchasing Policy: Ms. Hansen reviewed the policy. This is a tool for everyone to use when making purchases for the county. This will be effective January 1, 2020. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Purchasing Policy, seconded by Mr. Schreiner. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Restructure of the County Board and Rules of Government: The purpose of restructuring is to reduce the number of meetings a Supervisor attends. The committee groupings were reviewed. There were concerns of departments being lost in some of the groupings. This will take more communication between the Department Manager and the Chair of the committee. No action was taken at this time.

Review/Discussion/Action~ The County Board May Go into Closed Session to Discuss Ethics Complaint: Mr. Danzinger made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Mr. Schreiner -yes, Mr. Bork -yes, Ms. Rosenow -yes, Mr. Weiss -yes, Mr. Hillert -yes, Mr. Danzinger -yes, Mr. Kriesel -yes, Mr. Black -yes, Mr. Nelson -absent, Ms. McMillan Urell -yes, Mr. Ruff -yes, Mr. Grisen -yes, District 3 -vacant, and Mr. Taylor -yes. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ The County Board May Return to Open Session: Mr. Grisen made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Mr. Schreiner -yes, Mr. Bork -yes, Ms. Rosenow -yes, Mr. Weiss -yes, Mr. Hillert -yes, Mr. Danzinger -yes, Mr. Kriesel -yes, Mr. Black -yes, Mr. Nelson -absent, Ms. McMillan Urell -yes, Mr. Ruff -yes, Mr. Grisen -yes, District 3 -vacant, and Mr. Taylor -yes. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding 2020 County Board of Supervisors Proposed Calendar Meeting Dates: Dates and times were reviewed. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the dates, seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: Work that has been done by the Ag and Extension Committee was reviewed. Law Enforcement is still facing staffing issues. A \$1.00 per hour differential

for Communication/Corrections Officers working from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. will be brought forward. This would cost an additional \$8,800.00 if approved. DHHS is still facing ongoing issues with out-of-home placements. Land Conservation has completed dam repairs and has some funds left to put towards the Rose Valley structure. Zoning is in the process of hiring a Zoning Technician. Highway has had issues with the chip seal that was completed this year. The product is not holding to the road. Economic Development has had a glitch with the designation of Rustic Roads. The State modified the proposed roads, which was rejected by the Highway Department. The State has published their Rustic Roads brochure and road signs. The signs will be posted on the roads that were not rejected and not on County Road U. The Bug Tussel towers that are being placed around the county may be purchased by AT&T. Recycling is working on transferring to single stream. Land Information is in the process of looking at the RFP's for remonumentation. Only one RFP was received.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen reported that readdressing has not been completed as issues have arisen. The person hired by Lange was not completing the duties as he said he was and was let go by Lange. The owner has been trying to figure out what is done and what is not. Due to the weather the project has stopped for the year. There will be an employee training on January 20th. Land Information will be looking at the RFP on Friday. There have been some technical issues with IT infrastructure. The switches are over 10 years old and are failing. The wiring in the courthouse also needs to be replaced.

County Board Chair Report: MRRP has seen changes in staffing. Western Dairyland has \$840,000.00 to help with rehab of houses to bring them up to HUD standards.

The next meeting will be January 27, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Chair McMillan Urell called for adjournment at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk