

**JANUARY COUNTY BOARD SESSION**  
**Monday, January 23, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Board met. Mr. Max Weiss in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except for Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. Nathan Nelson, and Mr. John Hadley, who were all excused. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Ms. Karen Knospe, Mr. Dylan Adank, Mr. David Brommerich (Teams), Ms. Judy Hesch (Teams), and Ms. Tina Anibas (Teams).

**Public Comments:** None.

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

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Distribution of New Tablets for County Board Supervisors:** Mr. Adank from Itechra distributed the new iPads and assisted with setting them up with the Supervisors. The old tablets can be kept until March. After that they will need to be turned into Administration or the County Clerk.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-01-01 A Resolution to Adopt an Official Buffalo County Anthem:** Ms. Burmeister presented a poem that her grandmother had written in 1939 and was sung in 1998 at a celebration of Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial. The family would like to see this preserved in some manner and to become the anthem for Buffalo County. A video of the singing of the anthem was played. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Rules of Government:** Mr. Engfer reviewed the changes to the Rules of Government as approved by the Committee of the Board. Part of the changes would be to create a Land Management Committee and have the Economic Development Committee be a standing committee instead of a sub-committee.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #23-01-02 An Ordinance to Adopt the Rules of Government:** Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the Ordinance regarding the Rules of Government, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #23-01-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Official "Buffalo County Zoning District Map" – Town of Nelson:** Mr. Engfer explained the landowner had the property rezoned to commercial for storage buildings but has since made a request for a change to a portion of the property to residential so that he may build a home. This was approved at the Land Use Committee. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-01-02 A Resolution to Update Personnel Policy 208 – Leaves – Sick Leave:** This policy change would clarify that an employee changing to an elected official would not be paid out sick leave. Mr. Steve Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Brian Westrate from Senator Van Orden's office introduced himself. He would like the members to contact him if they need help with anything.

**Committee Chair Reports:** The Law Enforcement Committee approved Mr. Nic Scholl as the Detective and will be filling the vacant Patrol Deputy position. There are interviews for open CCO positions next week.

HR has indicated the wage study is beginning and they will be working on some issues with working from home and the PTO policy.

Land Conservation held a joint meeting with Pepin County to discuss a merger of UW Extension.

DHHS held interviews for the CLTS position. There is a CPS worker going on maternity leave and a vacancy.

Western Dairyland has \$23 million in grants they are working on.

Highway is working on bringing books up to date and has recently contracted the fuel they need. The Highway Chair will be going to the Commissioners Conference in the Dells.

Land Use Committee reported there is still a vacancy for the Zoning Assistant to the Administrator and there have been no applications.

**Administrative Coordinator Report:** Mr. Engfer reported on new hires, the sale of the BBC recycling building, a Highway truck that was struck by a truck plowing out a driveway, the new financial system moving forward and the USDA lease. He has also received notice of retirements from Ms. Kim Postl (May) and Mr. Chris Woda (September).

**County Board Chair Report:** Chair Weiss reported on a MFL meeting to be held in Madison and encourages members to attend.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Ruff made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk