

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Finance Committee

Date of the Meeting:

February 16, 2023

Chair Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m.

Members Present: Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. William Bruegger, Mr. Brian Michaels, Mr. Max Weiss, and Mr. Brad Schmidtkecht.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting in Person: Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Lisa Schuh (via Teams), Ms. Tina Anibas, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Shawn Squires, Ms. Laura Gullickson, Mr. Garret Martin, and Mr. Gary Stanton.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a City of Mondovi Broadband Grant Request: Ms. Gullickson explained this request was approved by the Economic Development Committee in January. A discussion was held on the money being earmarked for municipalities that do not have broadband and not for upgrading those that already have it, reducing the project and doing only the industrial park at this time, and reducing the contribution to the City from \$100,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Mr. Schmidtkecht made a motion to approve the \$100,000.00 grant to the City of Mondovi for their broadband project, seconded by Mr. Michaels. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Bruegger voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding BEAD Local Planning Grant (Broadband): The Economic Development Committee approved the grant application at their meeting. There is no cost to the County for signing the letter of intent. This would give money to the County for broadband use. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Mr. Schmidtkecht. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Approve 2023 Wage Increase for Highway Commissioner: Mr. Engfer explained the HR Committee amended the resolution to have the hourly increase changed from 2% to \$.75 per hour or \$82,680.00 salary per year. This keeps it in line with the steps in the scales. Mr. Michaels made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Approving Waste Hauler Permits: There are 11 permit applications. The permits have a fee of \$100.00 per year. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the permits, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Monthly Vendor Invoices/Vouchers/
Employment Payroll and Investment Report:** Invoices, payments and interest rates were reviewed. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the invoices, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

Chairperson Report: None.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer reported on updating the Chart of Accounts for the new financial system, selling a fleet vehicle and replacing it, and work that has been done with health insurance plans.

Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items: Mr. Squires would like the resolution to increase the amount of the broadband grant award brought back. The Governor has indicated that more money will be released in the budget for broadband and if the projects would have a county match greater than \$100,000.00 it would give them a better chance of being awarded the State grants.

Next Date and Time: The next regular meeting will be Friday, March 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Michaels made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk