

APRIL SESSION
TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2022, AT 9:00 A.M.

The Board Met. Ms. Roxann Halverson leading the opening of the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ms. Roxann Halverson gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected County Board of Supervisors and presented the members with Election Certificates.

The roll was called, and all members were present. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Ryan VanDeWalle, Mr. Bob Platteter, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Ms. Tina Anibas, Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Ms. Josie Knauber, Mr. Lonnie Lund, and Mr. David Danzinger. Mr. Marvin Rieck, Mr. Nels Anderson, Ms. Lisa Schuh, Mr. Dave Brommerich, Ms. Roxane Weisenbeck, and Mr. Cale Severson joined via Teams.

The next order of business was the election of a Chairperson of the County Board of Supervisors to serve for a term of two years to succeed Mr. Dennis Bork. Ms. Halverson opened the floor for nominations. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Larry Grisen. Ms. McDonough nominated Mr. Dennis Bork. Ms. Halverson called for more nominations. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Mr. Grisen spoke regarding his nomination to the Chairperson position and things he would like to see happen in Buffalo County.

Mr. Bork spoke regarding things he has done as Chairperson.

Mr. VanDeWalle collected ballots and assisted Ms. Halverson in tallying votes.

Mr. Larry Grisen received 5 votes and Mr. Dennis Bork received 9 votes. Mr. Dennis Bork is elected the Chairperson of the Buffalo County Board.

The next order of business was the election of Vice-Chairperson to the County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Halverson called for nominations for Vice Chair. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Max Weiss. Ms. Halverson called for further nominations. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Weiss as Vice Chair, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

Chair Bork took over the meeting.

Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the election of five Highway Committee members. Chair Bork called for nominations for the Highway Committee.

Nomination for first of five seats on the Highway Committee: Mr. Ruff nominated Mr. Weiss. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Bruegger nominated Mr. Sendelbach. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Grisen. Mr. Schmidtknecht nominated Mr. Ruff. Mr. Sendelbach nominated Mr. Steve Nelson. Mr. Ruff nominated Mr. Michaels. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. Carried.

Mr. VanDeWalle collected ballots and assisted Ms. Halverson with tallying votes.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Weiss – 8	Mr. Taylor – 0	Mr. Sendelbach – 2	Mr. Grisen – 1
Mr. Ruff – 0	Mr. Steve Nelson – 2		Mr. Michaels – 0

Mr. Weiss is elected to the first seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations for the second of five seats on the Highway Committee. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Grisen. Ms. McDonough nominated Mr. Michaels. Mr. Weiss nominated Mr. Sendelbach. Mr. Sendelbach nominated Mr. Ruff. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Taylor Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Taylor – 3	Mr. Grisen – 0	Mr. Michaels – 3
Mr. Sendelbach – 7	Mr. Ruff – 1	

Mr. Sendelbach is elected to the second seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations for the third of five seats on the Highway Committee. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Schmidtknecht nominated Mr. Ruff. Ms. McDonough nominated Mr. Michaels. Mr. Bork nominated Mr. Steve Nelson. Mr. Sendelbach made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Ruff.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Taylor – 3	Mr. Ruff – 3	Mr. Michaels – 4	Mr. Steve Nelson – 4
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The vote is tied. Ms. Halverson advised Chair Bork the nominees can speak and then another vote will be taken. All nominees spoke regarding their interest to be on the Highway Committee. A second vote was taken.

Mr. Taylor – 3	Mr. Ruff – 3	Mr. Michaels -3	Mr. Steve Nelson – 5
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Mr. Steve Nelson is elected to the third seat of the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations to the fourth of five seats for the Highway Committee.

Mr. Sendelbach nominated Mr. Ruff. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Michaels. Ms. McMillan Urell nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Weiss made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Ruff – 5 Mr. Michaels – 6 Mr. Taylor – 3

Mr. Michaels is elected to the fourth seat on the Highway Committee.

Chair Bork called for nominations to the fifth of five seats for the Highway Committee.

Mr. Sendelbach nominated Mr. Ruff. Mr. Nathan Nelson nominated Mr. Taylor. Mr. Grisen made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

The votes were cast as follows:

Mr. Ruff – 8 Mr. Taylor – 6

Mr. Ruff is elected to the fifth and final seat on the Highway Committee.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #22-04-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Official Buffalo County Zoning District Maps – Town of Nelson: Mr. Weiss explained this is for storage facilities in the Town of Nelson. The town did not express any concerns with the change. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #22-04-02 An Ordinance to Amend the Official Buffalo County Zoning District Maps – Town of Belvidere: The rezone is for Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull to build storage facilities on some land in the Town of Belvidere. The town had no concerns. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Relocation/Restructure of Offices: Mr. VanDeWalle explained some work that Mr. Lucas Teska has been doing with reviewing office space and how the county can best utilize the space it has. It was found that the files in an office are not in a secure enough location and so a relocation would be the best option. Mr. VanDeWalle would like to move the DA Office to second floor and have all court services located on that floor. He would then like to move UW-Extension into the DA space on first floor. The Administration Office would then move to 4th floor in the Extension space. This would give the Administration staff individual office space to better focus on work duties. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the relocation, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Supervisors, Department Managers, and Elected Officials introduced themselves.

There will be a group picture and individual pictures taken at 10:45 a.m. this morning.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. VanDeWalle explained the county has a building on an online auction that will be ending this week. Current bid is at \$2,125.00, but there is a right of first refusal on the building. The Recycling Department will be working on this.

Chair Report: None.

Public Comments: None.

Next meeting date and time is Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell at 10:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk