

JUNE COUNTY BOARD SESSION

Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7:06 p.m.

The Board met. Mr. Dennis Bork in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present, except Mr. Nathan Nelson, Mr. John Sendelbach, and Mr. Max Weiss. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Mr. Lee Engfer and Ms. Roxann Halverson. Attending virtually was Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. David Brommerich, and Sheriff Mike Osmond.

Public Comments: None.

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

Review/Discussion regarding the Contract between the Highway Department and Wisconsin Towns Association: Mr. Engfer explained the Highway Commission administers programs for municipal highway TRIP funds. WTA would like to take that over on a two year pilot program. The County does receive \$3,500.00 each year to administer the program, however, the cost to administer the program is more than what is received. The Highway Committee agreed to enter into a two year contract with WTA.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Appointment of Mr. Steve Schiffli as the Veteran Member of the DHHS Committee: The DHHS Committee approve recommending Mr. Schiffli to fill the vacancy due to the retirement of Mr. Richard Mueller from the committee. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #23-06-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Official Buffalo County Zoning District Map – Town of Naples: This rezone approval would change the property from ANR40 to ANR20 and allow the Wulff's to build a home on their property. The Town of Naples agreed to the change. Mr. Stanton made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-01 A Resolution to Approve the Third Monday in January as a County Training Day: Mr. Engfer explained he has received requests to have a training day for employees that would cover workplace issues not related specifically to the positions. County Mutual will do the training at no cost. The date chosen is a State and Federal holiday and will not affect the offices that are rented out. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-02 A Resolution to Update Personnel Policy 401 – Electronic Media and Social Media: The policy was updated

with recommendations from Itechra. The Social Media portion was removed from Policy 401 and made into its own policy. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-03 A Resolution to Create Personnel Policy 403 – Social Media Policy: This update creates the Social Media policy as its own policy. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-04 A Resolution to Create Personnel Policy 404 – Virtual Private Network (VPN) Policy: This policy was created at the recommendation of Itechra. Mr. Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-05 A Resolution to Approve County Aid for Town Bridges and Culverts – Section 82.08 of the Statutes (Town of Montana – Palkowski Bridge): The bridge replacement is part of a cost share agreement and is a budgeted expense. The work was done in 2022 and is being billed out in 2023. There have been some grants obtained to help with the cost. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Michaels. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-06 A Resolution to Approve the Use of ARPA Funds to Purchase Squad Cameras and Body Cameras for Law Enforcement: The current cameras are no longer serviceable due to the company being bought out by another company. The Sheriff's Department obtained bids from different vendors and chose Motorola as the vendor to purchase the squad and body cameras from. Payments will be made over four years and replacements will be rotated to help with budget planning in the future.

Ms. McMillan Urell questioned the process these next few resolutions have gone through. She understands the importance but according to the Rules of Government purchases from ARPA and CAPX need to go through the Committee of the Board.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. McDonough. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-07 A Resolution to Support and Fund the Buffalo County Remonumentation Project – Town of Maxville: The Town of Maxville will put \$40,000.00 towards the remonumentation project and some funds will come from the Land Information Grant. By doing Maxville and Canton together it will save money. Mr. Engfer explained the remonumentation process of finding corners, documentation, and recording GPS coordinates.

Mr. Ruff made a motion to send this resolution to the Committee of the Board for further information on funding and to follow proper procedures, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-08 A Resolution to Support and Fund the Buffalo County Remonumentation Project – Town of Canton: The Town of Canton will put \$60,000.00 towards the project but will need a loan to do so. A discussion was held on the Town of Nelson remonumentation and towns that will need maintenance work. Mr. Ruff made a motion to send the resolution to the Committee of the Board for review of funding sources and to follow proper procedures, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-06-09 A Resolution to Remove Outstanding Checks: There are two checks from 2021 that need to be cleared from the books. Ms. McDonough made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

Public Comments: Mr. Stanton discussed delinquent 2022 real estate taxes and damage to the grinder doing roadwork on County Road H.

Mr. Bruegger discussed the weeds being cut along the road and the improvement to the line of sight for traffic.

Committee Chair Reports: Ms. McMillan Urell reported on services offered by Western Dairyland. Mr. Nelson reported on the wage study and union negotiations for the HR Committee. Mr. Hadley discussed a tourism meeting and board members on the Flyway Trail Board.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer reported on workers comp claims, the opioid workgroup, staffing assistance for the Pepin County Veteran Service Office, broadband projects, Department Head meetings, a loan to the Fair Association for electrical updates, a donation to the K9 program, and the sale of the Annex building.

County Board Chair Report: Chair Bork stated the Committee of the Board meeting will be July 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Michaels made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk