

## SEPTEMBER COUNTY BOARD SESSION

Monday, September 25, 2023, at 7:00 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. John Sendelbach. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Tom Webb, Mr. David Brommerich (Teams), and Ms. Julie Vollmer (Teams).

**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 Ordinance #23-09-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Official Buffalo County Zoning District Map – Town of Milton:** Mr. Engfer explained the Mississippi River Thunder Speedway has a small parcel of land zoned residential. This rezone will have their entire property in the same zoning district. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-09-01 A Resolution to Ratify the Buffalo County Law Enforcement Officers WPPA/LEER Collective Bargaining Agreement:** Mr. Engfer explained the contract is negotiated every few years. The HR Committee was able to settle the contract in one meeting. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-09-02 A Resolution to Identify Delinquent 2020 Real Estate Taxes:** Mr. Engfer explained the Finance Committee amended the resolution to remove the Ruff property as the taxes were paid. Since that time the Nilles property has also been paid. The Rieck and Donner properties were given until October 31, 2023, to pay their taxes in full or the foreclosure process would start. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to amend the resolution to remove the Nilles property and note the payment extension for Rieck and Donner, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

**The Board May Go Into Closed Session to Discuss Employee Performance/Litigation:** Mr. Taylor made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Mr. Ruff- yes, Mr. Lindstrom – yes, Mr. Steve Nelson – yes, Mr. Stanton -yes, Ms. McDonough – yes, Mr. Nathan Nelson – yes, Mr. Weiss –

Yes, Mr. Hadley – yes, Mr. Michaels -yes, Mr. Bork -yes, Mr. Bruegger -yes, Mr. Taylor -yes, and Ms. McMillan Urell -yes. Carried.

**The Board May Return to Open Session.** Ms. McDonough made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Mr. Ruff- yes, Mr. Lindstrom – yes, Mr. Steve Nelson – yes, Mr. Stanton -yes, Ms. McDonough – yes, Mr. Nathan Nelson – yes, Mr. Weiss – Yes, Mr. Hadley – yes, Mr. Michaels -yes, Mr. Bork -yes, Mr. Bruegger -yes, Mr. Taylor -yes, and Ms. McMillan Urell -yes. Carried.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Webb from Senator Van Orden’s Office came to inform the Board of things he is working on and ways he can help Buffalo County on federal issues.

**Committee Chair Reports:** Mr. Hadley had questions regarding home committees not seeing budgets prior to the Finance Committee, having a member of the Law Enforcement Committee be on the Finance Committee, needing a resolution that clearly states money from the remonumentation project will be paid back to the CAPX fund, and how we can reduce spending on roads since the Green Book shows we are one of the top spenders on road work.

The DHHS Committee will be having a joint meeting with Pepin County on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The special event inspection fees will be reviewed for vendors attending events during the summer to make it more affordable for them.

The HR Committee is working on the health insurance changeover and appeals from the wage study that was done.

The Highway Committee discussed the purchase of attachments for dump trucks increasing and causing them to be overbudget. The \$5,000.00 will come from PBM funds.

The Law Enforcement Committee reviewed expenditures and revenues and had a meeting with Pepin County about the possibility of future collaborations.

**Administrative Coordinator Report:** Mr. Engfer reported the new Maintenance Technician will start on Friday. The Public Health Nurse and Male Communications/Corrections positions are still vacant. He will be putting out a request for bids for the Corporation Counsel contract tomorrow. Other items Mr. Engfer is working on would be finalizing the budget, wage study appeals, health insurance, and implementation of Tyler Technology financial system.

**County Board Chair Report:** Chair Bork reported there will a Committee of the Board meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk