

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Finance Committee

Date of the Meeting: Thursday, October 12, 2023

Chair Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. William Bruegger, Mr. Brian Michaels, and Mr. Chris Lindstrom.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting in Person: Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Tina Anibas, Ms. Kristie Gullickson, Mr. Shawn Squires, Mr. Steve James, Mr. Rick Diermeier, Ms. Renee Schoonover, Mr. Dave Brommerich (virtual), Ms. Carol Burmeister (virtual), Sheriff Mike Osmond (virtual), and Ms. Lisa Schuh (virtual).

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the September 5, 2023, minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the September 21, 2023, minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Recycling Contract between the City of Mondovi and Buffalo County: Mr. Engfer explained this is a one year contract that details the hours of operation for the recycling site and the amount the County will contribute. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Approve the Health Insurance Benefit Plan for 2024: This resolution will approve the County contributing 87% of the premium and the employee contributing 13% of the premium. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ntec Broadband Project in the City of Mondovi: Ms. Gullickson explained the grant application for the last round was not awarded to the City of Mondovi. They are applying again and would like to request the matching funds previously allocated by the County be re-allocated for this round of grant applications. The Committee agreed this money would remain allocated to the City of Mondovi.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding CCT Request to Rescind the Town of Belvidere Broadband Financial Support: Mr. Squires requested the Committee rescind the allocation of support to the Town of Belvidere since TDS has received a grant to service this area and CCT can no longer proceed with their planned project. Mr. Michaels made a motion to rescind the broadband allocation to the Town of Belvidere, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a request from CCT for the Town of Montana, Town of Waumandee, Town of Buffalo, and City of Fountain City: Mr. Squires reviewed the proposed projects and the requested contribution for each.

Town of Montana	-	\$185,000.00
Town of Waumandee	-	\$130,000.00
Town of Buffalo	-	\$150,000.00
City of Fountain City	-	\$125,000.00

The Committee discussed having funds available if the Town of Glencoe would like to proceed with a project.

Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve \$175,000.00 for the Town of Montana broadband project, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Michaels made a motion to approve \$120,000.00 for the Town of Waumandee broadband project, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve \$140,000.00 for the Town of Buffalo broadband project, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve \$115,000 for the City of Fountain City broadband project, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Authorize the Land Management Director to Apply for DNR Cost-Share Grants: This resolution would allow Mr. Severson to sign paperwork for DNR grants. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Approve County Aid for Town Bridges and Culverts: This is for cost-share projects and is outside of the levy. 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 a Flyway Trail Update: Mr. Diermeier gave an update on the trail system. Chair Bork explained to Mr. Diermeier that notice of the meetings needs to be given to the County as the trail is owned by the County not the Flyway Trail Committee. Chair Bork also advised that the County should have final say in any updates or changes being made. Mr. Engfer would like an updated MOU that clearly specifies expectations for both the trail committee and County.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2024 Budget Presentation: Mr. Engfer reviewed the budget. He will draft a publication for the newspaper and have a final review at the next Finance meeting.

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

Chairperson Report: Nothing to report.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer discussed the owner offering the Annex Building to the County prior to it being listed. They would like to rent the basement area for a few years.

There are some trees that are hanging over the courthouse that need to be taken down. After discussing a possible survey and aerial photos, it was decided Mr. Engfer will talk with the neighboring property owner to discuss removal of the trees.

Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items: None.

Next Date and Time: The next regular meeting will be Thursday, November 9th, at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Michaels made a motion to adjourn at 10:57 a.m., seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk