

2024 FINANCIAL BUDGET HEARING
November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

The Buffalo County Board of Supervisors met for the purpose of holding a public hearing regarding the 2024 Financial Budget. Mr. Engfer reviewed the expenditures and revenues. Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

NOVEMBER COUNTY BOARD SESSION
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7:02 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 for Mr. Gary Stanton and Mr. Nathan Nelson, who were excused. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Tina Anibas (Teams), and Mr. David Brommerich (Teams).

Public Comments: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #23-11-01 An Ordinance to Charge Child Support Fees to Non-IVD Customers: Mr. Rynders explained the fees that will be charged and how an individual can apply to have the fees waived. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-11-01 A Resolution to Approve 2024 Budget and Levy: Mr. Engfer reviewed the wage study expenses, self-insurance costs, increase in revenue, broadband, and other expense and revenue items. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Hadley voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-11-02 A Resolution Changing Fee Schedule Relating to Environmental Health & Sanitation: The change in fees for temporary vendors would affect food vendor trucks at places like Farmer's Markets. The fee would be reduced but would still cover the costs of inspections. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-11-03 A Resolution to Support the Designation of the Mississippi River Trail within the Limits of Buffalo County: This resolution would show support to create a bike trail along Hwy. 35, with part of the trail going into Buffalo City and Cochrane areas. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Michaels. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: The HR Committee met and held a wage scale appeal hearing. Mr. Nelson reported the employees were thankful for the study being done but had concerns with longevity.

The Economic Development Committee met and discussed the branding of Buffalo County and working with area Economic Development or tourism agencies.

The Highway Committee discussed the struggle with the financials.

DHHS held interviews for the Public Health Nurse position and the Family and Community Specialist position.

The Law Enforcement Committee has delayed payment of the body cameras until some programming and customer service issues have been resolved.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer reported on the Highway Commissioner position and applications that have been received. He also discussed some issues with the Flyway Trail. The trail has some washouts and he has tried to contact the Flyway Trail Committee to get the repairs made as should be done according to the MOU. He would like the support of the Board to have the Highway Department fix those washouts and bill for the repairs. It was the consensus to have the washout fixed.

County Board Chair Report: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk