

**2023 FINANCIAL BUDGET HEARING  
November 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Buffalo County Board of Supervisors met for the purpose of holding a public hearing regarding the 2023 Financial Budget. Mr. Engfer reviewed the expenditures and revenues. Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 7:02 p.m., seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

**NOVEMBER COUNTY BOARD SESSION  
Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 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. Brad Schmidtknecht, who was excused and Mr. Gary Stanton who was absent. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Tina Anibas (Teams), Mr. David Brommerich (Teams), and Mr. Brian Della (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 the Appointment of Mr. Cale Severson as the Land Management Director:** Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Cale Severson as the Land Management Director, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Appointment of Mr. Nathan Machula as the GIS/Land Information Office:** Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Nathan Machula as the GIS/Land Information Officer, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-11-01 A Resolution to Approve and Adopt the 2023 Budget and Levy:** Mr. Engfer reviewed the budget and things that have had a significant impact. The HRA funding was increased to help with health insurance changes and to protect the county's liability as more employees are using HRA funds. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the budget and levy resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Michaels. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-11-02 A Resolution Providing for the Issuance, Sale and Delivery of \$1,700,000 General Obligation Promissory Note, Series 2022, of Buffalo County, Wisconsin; Establishing the Terms and Conditions Therefore; Directing its Execution and Delivery; Creating a Debt**

**Service Account Therefore, and Awarding the Sale Thereof:** Chair Bork explained the Finance Committee approved the bid from Zion Bancorp with an interest rate of 4.10%. Zion Bancorp is located in Utah and was one of several banks to bid on the proposed bond. The repayment of the bond was restructured to keep equal payments throughout the life of the bond. There is an option to pay the bond off early with a 30-day notice. The bond funds can be invested until they are needed and with interest rates the way they are it may be a good investment. Mr. Michaels made a motion to approve the bond resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken and all were in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-11-03 A Resolution to Update Personnel Policies 102 -Alternate Work Schedule and 111 – Salary Classification and Compensation System:** Mr. Steve Nelson explained this was approved by the HR Committee, but members would like a chance to review Policy 102 Alternative Work Schedules again. He would like to approve Policy 111 regarding changes to the appeals process being heard by the home committee before going to the HR Committee. Ms. Halverson suggested to keep things cleaner the entire resolution should be sent back and then voted on at the December County Board meeting. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to send the resolution back to the HR Committee, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

**Committee Chair Reports:** The AG & Extension portion of the Land Conservation and AG Extension Committee will be holding a joint meeting with Pepin County to discuss a full-time 4-H Coordinator. This would increase the contract amount Buffalo County would pay to have an Extension office. The joint meeting will be held in Pepin County on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

Law Enforcement appointed Mr. Colin Severson as the new Chief Deputy. Mr. Colin Severson began on Monday.

Western Dairyland is looking to raise funds to have a homeless shelter in Mondovi and in Trempealeau County.

The HR Committee heard from two insurance companies about health insurance. They will be working on this in March to review options for the county.

The Highway department is getting caught up on their financials. There are towns concerned with the delay in billing.

Recycling will be meeting on Thursday to maybe finalize things with the City of Mondovi. BBC&M will not be finalized by January 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Administrative Coordinator Report:** Mr. Engfer reported the Environmental Health Specialist and Public Health Nurse positions have been filled. Highway will be holding interviews for the Shop Foreman and Patrolman positions.

**County Board Chair Report:** None.

**Adjournment:** Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m., seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk