

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Land Information Committee

Date of the Meeting:

January 10, 2020

Vice Chair Mr. Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. in the third floor County Board meeting room, Buffalo County Courthouse, Alma, Wisconsin.

Board Members Present: Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Dennis Bork and Mr. John Ebert appeared in person. Mr. David Danzinger appeared via phone. Mr. Barry Drazkowski was excused.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya J. Hansen, Mr. Jason Poser, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Chief Deputy Lee Engfer and Mr. Ron Jasperson from Auth Consulting & Associates.

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Minutes of the Previous Meeting: A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert to approve the minutes of December 13, 2019 as printed and sent. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Max Weiss – yes, Mr. John Ebert – yes, Mr. Dennis Bork – yes, Mr. David Danzinger – yes. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Minutes of the Joint Meeting with Land Information Council: A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert to approve the Joint Meeting Minutes with Land Information Council held on December 13, 2019 as printed and sent. Roll Call Vote: Mr. John Ebert – yes, Mr. David Danzinger – yes, Mr. Max Weiss – yes, Mr. Dennis Bork – yes. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Minutes of the Land Information Sub-Committee: A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert to approve the minutes of the Land Information Sub-Committee meeting held on December 20, 2019 as printed and sent. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Max Weiss – yes, Mr. Dennis Bork – yes, Mr. John Ebert – yes, Mr. David Danzinger –yes. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action – Review of Request for Proposal with Auth Consulting & Associates: Mr. Ron Jasperson was asked the following questions:

1. Is this a firm price or is there room for negotiation? The rates are negotiable. The rates quoted in the RFP are 2020 rates and they would be willing to reduce the rates by 3% for the first year if a 5- year plan is approved. The rates are time and material based on the location of each corner. He indicated that if they are over budget or the estimated amount in the RFP, they would notify the Board. They bill what they have into the project and provide an itemized statement.
2. How do you handle a township that has brass caps placed by Davy Engineering? They look at the evidence notes and may accept these monuments if they found to be accurate. They would then create new tie sheets for the corners.
3. How do you intend to complete the project? We would commit to three days per week with dedicated staff. This is the only project they would have scheduled. We would complete the work in the same way that the current surveyor and according to the conditions stated in the RFP.
4. What is your position on state and federal lands that are located in water? These corners may serve as crucial points to establish other corners and should be addressed in each town.
5. Can the project be extended for more than 5 years? Yes, but the contract and prices may need to be renegotiated.

6. Is there any other options for completing this project? I would need to discuss any other arrangements with the owner of the company.

No action was taken by the committee.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Proposal for Funding Remonumentation Project and Draft

Resolution: The Committee reviewed the costs for the completed remonumented towns since 1997. It was noted that there was not an equal cost share between the towns and the County and that the County historically contributed more towards the projects.

A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert to use the number of sections in each township and the average cost per section from the costs proposed in the RFP as the basis for cost share requested to be paid by each town. Roll Call Vote: Mr. David Danzinger – yes, Mr. Max Weiss – yes, Mr. John Ebert – yes and Mr. Dennis Bork – yes. Motion Carried.

Mr. Joe Nelsen was to determine the number of corners in the Town of Maxville that are in state and federal waterways that would be excluded from the cost proposal to the town.

Ms. Sonya Hansen will coordinate a meeting date for the Land Information Committee to meet with the Finance Committee either February 2nd, 7th or 8th to discuss next steps for completion and funding of the five (5) towns still not remonumented.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding the Land Records Coordinator/Land Information Officer (LIO)

Position Description: Due to Chair Mr. Barry Drazkowski not able to attend the meeting, this item was tabled for the next meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dennis Bork – yes, Mr. Max Weiss – yes, Mr. David Danzinger – yes and Mr. John Ebert – yes. Motion Carried.

Review/Discussion Regarding Readdressing Project: Mr. Jason Poser informed the Committee that there were 48 signs in Phase II that needed to be installed in the Town of Nelson. Zoning Administrator Michael Owecke and his new technician plan to install these signs commencing on Monday and they should have it completed within three (3) days. A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert to recommend that a locate with Diggers Hotline be completed prior to installation and to develop a county policy. Roll Call Vote: Mr. David Danzinger – yes, Mr. Dennis Bork – yes, Mr. Max Weiss – yes and Mr. Dennis Bork – yes. Motion Carried.

Land Information/GIS Report: Mr. Jason Poser reported that the 2020 Grant Application has been approved by the State. He also had worked on the network bridge with Verizon to upgrade the frequency to accommodate the change to 4G. Mr. Jason Poser has also been working with Itechra to address the infrastructure issues with our network switches as they are 10-12 years old and are needing to be replaced. These switches are starting to fail which is causing serious disruption in county business.

Surveyor's Report: Mr. Joe Nelsen reported that the Town of Glencoe is now completed and have been provided with a copy of all the maps and other related documents. He shared pictures of various monuments with the committee.

Review/Discussion/Action Regarding Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be the joint meeting with the Finance Committee.

Public comment Not Related to Agenda Items: There were no public comments.

A motion was made by Mr. Max Weiss seconded by Mr. John Ebert to adjourn at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen
Recording Secretary