

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Finance Committee

Date of the Meeting:

February 17, 2022

Chair Mr. Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. in the third floor County Board Room.

Members Present: Mr. Brad Schmidtknecht, Mr. Dennis Bork, and Mr. David Danzinger (Teams). Mr. Max Weiss joined at 8:50 a.m. Mr. Don Hillert was absent.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting in Person and Via Teams: Mr. Ryan VanDeWalle, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Shawn Squires, Mr. Steve Schiffli, Mr. Marvin Rieck (Teams), Mr. David Brommerich (Teams), and Ms. Lisa Schuh (Teams).

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Minutes of the Previous Meeting: Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the minutes by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Bork. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Opioid Settlement Update: Mr. VanDeWalle explained there should be a payment late in the first quarter and another late in the second quarter. However, it is unsure how much the payments will be. He will keep the committee updated as more information becomes available.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Broadband Forward Allocation(s): Mr. Schiffli explained the request for the Town of Buffalo. This project would cover 100% of the municipality so that anyone that would like broadband would have access to it. Mr. Squires explained the work the municipality did putting together a survey and getting ready to apply for grants for the project. Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the request of \$100,000.00 for broadband expansion, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution for the Unbudgeted Purchase of iPads and Accessories: Mr. VanDeWalle explained the iPads will be used out in the field for reclamation and nonmetallic mining inspections. There will be an additional fee of \$40 for each iPad to have cellular service each month. All funds will come from nonmetallic mining and not levy funds. Ms. Halverson explained she had them prepare a resolution as it was unbudgeted, but the resolution is not needed as per the purchasing policy the purchase is under \$10,000.00. Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the iPad purchase, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. A roll call vote was taken, and all were in favor. Carried. Mr. Weiss would like Land Conservation to check with AT&T for service to see if there is a lower cost to the monthly charge.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding County Fleet Vehicle Update: Mr. VanDeWalle reviewed the usage of the four fleet vehicles back to 2015. Most departments that used fleet vehicles back in 2015 now have their own vehicles to use. Each vehicle costs \$200 per year for insurance. There was one day that two vehicles were out at the same time. Mr. Weiss made a motion to sell car #24 and car #26, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. A roll call vote was taken, and all were in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a UW Extension Computer Purchase: The desktop computer in the Extension office has quit working and the employee has been working on a laptop. The cost of replacement is \$2,257.94. Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the purchase by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Weiss. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Monthly Vendor Invoices/ Vouchers/ Employee Payroll/Funds Investment Report: Invoices were reviewed. A discussion was held on the snowmobile bills. These are for signing trails and maintenance. Nothing has been billed for grooming yet. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve invoices and vouchers by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Committee Chair Report: None.

Review/Discussion regarding the Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. VanDeWalle reported the Microsoft license cost will be going up about \$400 per month. It is being attributed to COVID as to why Microsoft needs to increase costs. Appeals were heard on Monday at the HR meeting. There will be an increase to the budget for those appeals that were approved.

Review/Discussion regarding Public Comments Unrelated to the Agenda: Ms. Anibas explained she handed out the tax deed notification that has been in the newspaper. Also discussed were some proposed legislative changes that would allow those with a lien against a tax deed property to have rights to any excess funds.

The next meeting will be March 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Adjourned: Mr. Bork made a motion to adjourn at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk