

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee/Board: Executive Committee

Date of Meeting: Monday, March 8, 2022

The meeting of the Committee of the Board was called to order by Chair Dennis Bork at 9:50 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Larry Grisen, Mr. Dennis Bork, and Mr. Max Weiss.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson (Teams) and Mr. Ryan VanDeWalle.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Filling the District Attorney Assistant

Position: The current Legal Assistant to the District Attorney is retiring effective March 21st. Mr. Bilski explained how the position was previously stipend by the County but employed by the private legal firm of Seifert and Schultz. When Mr. Bilski became District Attorney, he had the employees become employees of Buffalo County so that if a new District Attorney is elected the office staff would remain the same. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve filling the District Attorney Legal Assistant position, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Chairperson's Report: Chair Bork reported that he had a meeting with the County Board Chairs from Pierce and Pepin Counties. They discussed ways the counties could work together to offer services and save money. He has reached out to Jackson and Trempealeau Counties as well but has not met with them yet. He would like the Administrative Coordinators of each county to begin working on this. He understands it will take some time, but there may be cost savings by collaborating with other counties.

The Recycling program was discussed. The building at the BBC&M site will be put up for auction to be removed (including the cement foundation). Mr. Cyrus will have the right of first refusal based on the high bid amount, but Buffalo County will have the right to reject any bids. The City of Mondovi would also like to pull out of the program. The future and direction of the Recycling program will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

The Veteran Service Office will have a vacancy with the resignation of the Economic Development/Grant Writer/Deputy Veteran Service Officer. Mr. VanDeWalle indicated that during his discussion with Ms. Decker that an Assistant for 12 to 15 hours per week would be enough.

Other items of discussion were reduced courthouse hours, having departments do their own grant writing, and setting the elected official salary (Sheriff, Clerk of Court, and Coroner).

Administrative Coordinator's Report: None.

Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Grisen made a motion to adjourn at 10:58 a.m., seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk