

Committee of the Board

Monday, July 10, 2023

Chair Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. Steven Nelson, Ms. Mary Anne Mc Millan Urell, Ms. Carol McDonough, and Mr. Max Weiss.

Others Present for all or portions of the meeting: Mr. Lee Engfer, Mr. Dwight Ruff, and Mr. Chris Lindstrom. Joining Online: Brommerich News and Ms. Lou Ann Roby.

Public Comments: None

Minutes of the previous meeting: Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried

Review/ Discussion/ Action regarding Rules of Government and Board Protocol: Discussion on whether to keep the Committee of the Board or to have the full County Board review matters normally brought before the Committee of the Board. Ms. McMillan Urell would like the Committee of the Board to remain intact as it provides suggestions for the spending of funding sources such as ARPA or CAPX that correlate with the County's long-term and short-term plans. She also expressed concern about having the Chair of each Home Committee present so that you are able to acquire a more diverse knowledge base. Chair Bork spoke on behalf of having all members present if a more diverse opinion was a goal of the Committee of the Board. Ultimately it was concluded that the Committee of the Board would remain intact.

Mr. Nelson made a motion that in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair may sit in on the Committee of the Board with voting rights, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Mr. Engfer recommended that page 18 section 8 have the following language stricken "Any member wishing to participate electronically is responsible to provide their own equipment for remote access". Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve striking that language, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried

Mr. Engfer asked for clarification based on minutes from the July 2021 Committee of the Board (reference Page 18 section 9) regarding per diem payments. Mr. Nelson made a motion to pay the full per diem, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried

Mr. Engfer discussed the July 2021 Committee of the Board meeting and asked for clarification on page 18 Section E regarding the use of cameras when attending a meeting virtually. Chair Bork explained the language should be changed from closed session to any session. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to have the language read: Supervisor must use a camera during any session to ensure the integrity of the meeting, unless approved by the Chair or designee", seconded by Mr. Nelson. Carried

Mr. Engfer reviewed changes from September 7, 2022, meeting in regard to page 33 section C through K-per diem amounts. The current Rules of Government show a per diem of \$40 when a Supervisors or citizens attend a standing committee, appointed committee, or sub-committee meeting. Mr. Nelson made a motion to adjust the per diem to \$50 for sections C and K, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Mr. Engfer discussed Rule 28 on page 19. Ms. McMillan Urell explained the intention was to advertise a vacancy within two weeks, not advertise for a minimum of two weeks. A discussion was held. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to change the wording to the following “a vacant County Board Supervisor position will be advertised within 30 days of the notice of vacancy and advertised for a minimum of two weeks”, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Ms. McMillan Urell spoke regarding Supervisors chairing only one standing committee with the exception of the County Board Chair, who chairs the County Board, Finance, and Committee of the Board. A discussion followed. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to limit a Supervisor to chairing only one standing committee with the exception of the County Board Chair, who shall chair the County Board, Finance Committee and the Committee of the Board, seconded by Mr. Nelson. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding the number of members on the Western Dairyland Board. Mr. Engfer will check on the requirements and get back to the Committee.

Review/ Discussion/ Action regarding the Resolutions for the Town of Canton and Maxville Remonumentation Projects: Ms. McMillan Urell questioned if there were other sources of funding for the remonumentation project other than CAPX, such as the Highway Machinery Fund. She spoke about the past use of CAPX monies and trying to preserve what is left or possibly establish a Courthouse Maintenance Fund to replace windows, roof etc. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution for the Town of Maxville remonumentation project using CAPX monies by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Ms. McDonough – yes, Mr. Nelson – no, Mr. Bork – yes, Ms. McMillan Urell -yes, and Mr. Weiss – yes. Carried.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution for the Town of Canton remonumentation project with CAPX monies by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Mr. Weiss -yes, Ms. McDonough -yes, Ms. McMillan Urell -no, Mr. Bork - yes, and Mr. Nelson -no. Carried

Review/ Discussion/ Action regarding a Resolution for IT needs from ARPA Funding: Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the IT resolution, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/ Discussion/ Action regarding the request from the Buffalo County Fair Association Loan for an Electrical project: Mr. Engfer spoke that the previous funding source for a Fair grant is no longer viable. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to table this matter indefinitely by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Nelson. Ms. McMillan

Urell -yes, Mr. Weiss -yes, Mr. Bork -yes, Mr. Nelson -yes, and Ms. McDonough – yes.
Carried.

Committee Reports and Goals: No discussion.

Chairperson Report: None.

Administrative Coordinator's Report: Mr. Engfer discussed the upcoming WCA Conference and said that he would reach out to all County Board members about their interest in attending.

He also discussed the importance of having decisions for various topics in writing as Board members change and with that change comes a change in priorities. Historically this has caused some issues with projects or goals.

There was a recess between 6:20 and 6:30 to discuss the meeting time. Non-attending Supervisors were contacted as there was a discrepancy in the meeting time. All members contacted, no others to attend and the meeting was resumed at 6:30.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: Ms. McMillan made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Engfer
County Administrative Coordinator