

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board:

Finance Committee

Date of the Meeting:

July 20, 2023

Chair Dennis Bork called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Members Present: Mr. Dennis Bork, Mr. William Bruegger, Mr. Brian Michaels, Mr. Max Weiss, and Mr. Chris Lindstrom.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting in Person: Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Misty Rustad, Mr. Shawn Squires, and Ms. Tina Anibas. Ms. Lisa Schuh and Mr. David Brommerich joined via Teams.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Broadband Funding Request for Town of Belvidere and CCT: Mr. Squires reviewed the Town of Belvidere project and the request for \$100,000.00 from the County for matching funds. The estimated cost of the project is \$350,000.00 and will serve approximately 26 locations. CCT and Belvidere will apply for \$150,000.00 from the PFC grant and would like \$100,000.00 from the County. The balance will be paid for by CCT and the Town of Belvidere. A discussion was held on past funding awards and the amount of funds still available. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve \$75,000.00 from ARPA funds for the Town of Belvidere broadband project, seconded by Mr. Weiss. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding MFL Proposed Changes: Mr. Bruegger discussed suggested changes to the MFL program that would need to go through legislation for change. A discussion was held on reaching out to other counties and having a meeting with them and their legislatures.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Approve the Expenditure of ARPA Funds to Purchase Information Technology Equipment and Needs: This was discussed at the last Finance meeting and at Committee of the Board. The funds would only be expended as needed up to the maximum of \$80,000.00. Mr. Michaels made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. All were in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding LP Bids for 2023 – 2024: Mr. Engfer explained bid requests were sent out to various companies and only three sent bids back. Consolidated Energy bid \$1.19 per gallon, Alcivia bid \$1.349 per gallon, and Premier Cooperative bid \$1.529 per gallon. Mr. Engfer did reach out to Premier Cooperative regarding the amount of their bid. It was indicated the Urne Highway Shop is not in a location they serve and therefore there was extra cost. Mr. Bruegger made a motion to approve the bid from Consolidated Energy at \$1.19 per gallon for 45,000 gallons, seconded by Mr. Michaels. A roll call vote was taken. All were in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Monthly Vendor Invoices/Vouchers/ Employment Payroll and Investment Report: Ms. Halverson requested the Committee deny the snowmobile invoices shown on page three in the amount of \$2,289.00 and \$1,596.50. She would also only like to pay \$190.12 of the \$916.00 invoice. Ms. Halverson explained the grant has reached the allocated amounts and there is not enough funds to cover all of these invoices.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the invoices with the exception of the ones Ms. Halverson would like pulled, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. Carried.

Chairperson Report: None.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer reported the Flyway Trail is running low on funds. There is approximately \$20,000.00 left and the incoming bills will expend that amount and possibly more. The Highway Department mowed the trail as it had heavy weeds covering the trail. There are still some issues with washouts on the trail. Maintenance and usage were discussed.

Other items that Mr. Engfer has been working on include the budget, wage study, window repairs, and the new financial system.

Public Comment Unrelated to Agenda Items: None.

Next Date and Time: The next regular meeting will be Thursday, August 17th at 8:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Bruegger made a motion to adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk