

AUGUST SESSION
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022, AT 7:00 P.M.

The Board met. Mr. Dennis Bork in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called, and all members were present. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Ryan VanDeWalle, Mr. Dave Rynders, Ms. Patricia Malone, Ms. Tina Anibas, Ms. Carol Burmeister, Mr. Treig Pronschinske, Ms. Becky Pronschinske, Ms. Danielle Schalinske, and Mr. Jeff Smith. The following joined virtually: Mr. Cale Severson, Ms. Mary Wood, Mr. David Brommerich and Ms. Lisa Schuh.

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

Public Comments: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2021 UW-Extension Annual Report: Ms. Malone reviewed the staff members and the importance of their specific duties. She reviewed the budget and explained they are underbudget due to still offering virtual meetings.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding an MFL Presentation: Mr. Pronschinske gave a presentation on the MFL program and discussed a bill he would like to introduce to legislature. It does not cover everything Buffalo County did in their resolution. He urges the Supervisors to visit Madison on their legislative day and lobby to get things changed. Mr. Smith explained why MFL was created and how it has changed. He believes that the county, municipalities and schools need to show how MFL affects them.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Rules of Government Revisions: The Rules of Government will be reviewed at the Committee of the Board. Members are asked to review the Rules of Government document and bring any changes or questions to that meeting in early September.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-01 A Resolution to Create a Case Manager Position and Reduce a Support Staff Specialist Position to Part-Time: Mr. Rynders explained the need for the change to a Case Manager and reduce the Support Staff Specialist position. This change will allow for more billable hours to programs resulting in less tax levy needed. Mr. Nathan Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. A roll call vote was taken. All voting yes. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-02 A Resolution to Remove Policy 206 Addendum Covering Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) from the Leaves-Family Medical and Military Policy: This resolution will clean up old COVID leave language in the employee handbook. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-03 A Resolution to Modify Policy 302 Other Insurances to Include Inclusion under the Income Continuation Insurance Plan Offered by Wisconsin Retirement Systems (WRS): This resolution will allow an income continuation policy to be offered to the employees. There is no premium at this time for the insurance policy and if there ever is one implemented the employees can opt out. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Nathan Nelson. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-04 A Resolution to Modify Policy 512 Remote Work (Telecommuting) to Extend the Expiration Date: This resolution will extend the telecommuting policy for one year. Mr. Schmidt knecht made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-05 A Resolution to Approve the Expenditure of ARPA Funds to Purchase a New Generator for the Courthouse: The new generator will be a CAT generator and with equipment and installation should not exceed \$65,000.00. This expense will come from ARPA funds. Mr. Michaels made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Weiss. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-06 A Resolution to Authorize Unspent CAPX2020 Funding under Resolution #17-12-02 to be Reallocated to PL-566 Repairs and Maintenance Fund: Mr. Severson explained this resolution will transfer money from an old flood damage issue with PL-566 structures to a fund to maintain and repair those structures. There is mowing and maintenance that needs to be done. Mr. Steve Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-07 A Resolution to Rename and Reclassify the Administration Administrative Assistant to Payroll Clerk/Administrative Assistant and to Wage Class J: Mr. VanDeWalle explained the change to this position is to correctly show the job duties, which include payroll. The pay scale is adjusted to show the increase in duties. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #22-08-08 A Resolution to Support a County Road Aids Project with WI DNR: This resolution will support a parking area being put by a wetland hunting area. The money will come from the DNR to pay the Highway Department to install the parking pad. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Creation of a Land Management Department: Mr. VanDeWalle explained the proposal to create a Land Management Department which will encompass Land Conservation, Zoning, GIS, and the Surveyor. He hopes if this is approved to have it implemented by October. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the Land Management Department creation, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: The Highway Department is working on safety training and recently had a Patrolman resignation. Recycling will meet September 6th and will be discussing BBC&M consolidation. Land Conservation is working on PL-566 repairs. Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission distributed their annual report. HR is working on wages. Law Enforcement is in need of Communication/Corrections Officers and has received some donations for their DARE program.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. VanDeWalle is working with an individual to contract for Grant Writer services for the remainder of 2022. He attended an opioid settlement meeting today. The first payment was received for legal fees. He is also working with Trempealeau County to share an Economic Development and Tourism employee.

County Board Chair Report: None.

Public Comments: None.

Next meeting date and time is Monday, September 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. McDonough at 9:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk