

AUGUST COUNTY BOARD SESSION

Monday, August 28, 2023, 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 Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Cale Severson, Ms. Ana Rolbiecki, Ms. Heather Murray, Sheriff Mike Osmond, Mr. Dave Brommerich (Teams), Ms. Tina Anibas (Teams), and Ms. Julie Vollmer (Teams).

Public Comments: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Previous Meeting Minutes: Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Resolution #23-08-04 A Resolution to Adopt Salary Classification and Compensation System for Non-Represented Employees: Ms. Murray explained the process used for compiling the wage study information. There will be 16 steps in the new scale and at this time there are no merit pay or performance review increases. Some of the job titles will need to be updated to match titles for the same position in other counties. Mr. Engfer reviewed the implementation process and the five year plan for the wage implementation. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Steve Nelson. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Donation to the K-9 Program for Law Enforcement: Sheriff Osmond reported on a \$10,000.00 donation received to obtain another K-9 dog for Buffalo County. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the donation, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Sheriff Osmond would like the donation policy reviewed as this donation came in June and could not be accepted until now. He feels there should be a better process to accept donations.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #23-08-01 An Ordinance to Amend the Buffalo County Rules of Government: Ms. McMillan Urell reviewed changes recommended at the Committee of the Board meeting.

- Page 30 and Page 21 should include a reference that if the Standing Committee Chair is unavailable, the Standing Committee Vice Chair shall serve on the Committee of the Board with voting rights.
- Page 19 #8 removed language requiring Supervisors to supply their own equipment to attend remotely since all Supervisors now have iPads. Supervisors must have the video turned on unless approved by the Chair. If the meeting enters into closed session the Supervisor is required to have video activated to ensure the integrity of the closed session meeting.

- Compensation was approved to be changed by the Committee of the Board. It was suggested to leave per diem as is and have Ms. Halverson research what neighboring counties are paying.
- Page 20 section B (1) needs to have language added to have a vacancy advertised within 30 days of notice of vacancy.
- Page 21 add section G to limit Supervisors to only being the Chair of one standing committee.
- Page 23 leave Western Dairyland with two representatives.

Ms. Halverson reviewed updates she suggests.

- Page 8, Section B is in need of clarification. The Vice Chair will be the Vice Chair on the Committee of the Board, Executive Committee, and Finance. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chair shall serve on any other committees that may need a member to meet a quorum.
- Page 16, Section F is clarified to show that all agendas and supporting documentation needs to be to the County Clerk's Office seven days prior to the meeting. This will ensure County Board Supervisors have everything they need in advance to make informed decisions on items on the agenda.
- Page 22, Section 8 changes ADRC representative from two down to one.
- Change references to the Land Conservation Committee or the Zoning Committee to the Land Management Committee.
- Page 26, Section B had been discussed by the County Board previously to have a dress code. The dress code language will reference business casual attire for County Board meetings.
- Update references to Law Enforcement and Emergency Response Committee to Law Enforcement and Emergency Management Committee throughout the document so that it is consistent.

Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the Rules of Government effective September 1, 2023, seconded by Mr. Ruff. A roll call vote was taken. All in favor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-08-01 A Resolution to Support and Fund the Buffalo County Remonumentation Project – Town of Canton: Mr. Engfer explained this resolution will have some changes as the Land Information grant will not be awarded at previous levels due to a reduction in the number of records the Register of Deeds had across the state. Each Land Information office will only receive \$10,000.00. Ms. McMillan Urell expressed concerns with no resolution showing the funding for the Town of Canton and Town of Maxville projects. She would like a separate resolution that shows CAPX funds will be used. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to table this resolution to show where funding is coming from, seconded by Mr. Hadley. A roll call vote was taken. Ms. McMillan Urell and Mr. Hadley voting yes. All others voting no. Motion failed. Mr. Weiss made a motion to amend the resolution to use up to \$300,000.00 of CAPX funding and any excess money to be returned to the CAPX fund, seconded by Mr. Stanton. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Hadley voting no. Carried. Mr. Stanton made a

motion to approve the amended resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Mr. Hadley voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-08-02 A Resolution to Support and Fund the Buffalo County Remonumentation Project – Town of Maxville: Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to amend the resolution to use CAPX funding not to exceed \$291,000.00, seconded by Mr. Weiss. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Hadley voting no. Carried. Mr. Lindstrom made a motion to approve the amended resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Hadley voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-08-03 A Resolution to Approve the Expenditure of ARPA Funds to Purchase Information Technology Equipment and Needs: Mr. Engfer explained the IT equipment that needs to be replaced and how the equipment was prioritized for replacement. A discussion was held on creating a replacement plan for future IT needs. Mr. Steve Nelson made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Weiss. All in favor carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-08-05 A Resolution Regarding Foreign Ownership of Farmland: Mr. Severson discussed other counties passing these resolutions to urge legislature to make some changes and limit the number of acres foreign entities can own in Wisconsin. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #23-08-06 A Resolution to Purchase an Unbudgeted Drone, Accessories and Training: Mr. Severson explained the need for the drone and the funding coming from Non-metallic mining funds. Currently there is \$64,000.00 in the fund and the DNR does not like the county to have that much carryover to run the program. Mr. Weiss made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Lindstrom. All in favor. Carried.

Public Comments: None.

Committee Chair Reports: Ms. McMillan Urell reported that Western Dairyland will not have a Birth to 3 program at CFC and may not have a HeadStart program there.

Mr. Weiss reported that the Highway Committee is looking into security cameras for highway property. Fencing was looked into but the cost was high.

Mr. Steve Nelson reported on the HR Committee union negotiations and wage study work.

Mr. Michaels reported on the River Travel Media presentation for Economic Development.

Administrative Coordinator Report: Mr. Engfer reported on the new Zoning Technician starting October 1st and the vacant positions in DHHS and Communications/Corrections. The Mississippi Thunder Speedway is hosting a fundraiser in September. The proceeds will help promote Buffalo County and Economic Development. The new generator is set to

go live on Tuesday morning. The Tyler Tech financial system is going live this week. The Finance Committee will begin the budget process on September 5th.

County Board Chair Report: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Weiss made a motion to adjourn at 9:55 p.m., seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk