



Notice of Public Meeting

AGENDA

Committee:	Economic Development Committee
Date:	Wednesday, September 9, 2026
Time:	9:30 A.M.
Location:	Third Floor County Board Room, 407 S. 2 nd Street, Alma, WI 54610
Remote Access:	https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/245977978988950?p=mNkDsJsvpGX7jno7TP

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The following matters may be reviewed, discussed and acted upon at this meeting. Please note that deviations from the order shown may occur.

1.	Call to Order
2.	Roll Call of Members
3.	Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance
4.	Approve Agenda
5.	Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting
6.	Public Comment
7.	Update on Goals
8.	Flyway Trail Update
9.	Business Maps
10.	Budget Ideas
11.	New Business(es) Update
12.	Committee Chair Report
13.	County Administrator Report
14.	Correspondence
15.	Future Agenda Items
16.	Next Meeting Date and Time
17.	Adjournment

Date: September 3, 2026

Nathan Nelson, Chair

By: Lisa Schmitt, County Clerk

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BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee of the Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of the Meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2026

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. John Hadley, Mr. Nathan Nelson, Mr. Gary Stanton, and Mr. Michael Taylor.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Mr. Lee Engfer, Ms. Lisa Schmitt, Mr. Dave Carlson, Mr. Steve Wall, and Ms. Shauna Roberts.

Verification of Open Meetings Law Compliance: Ms. Schmitt verified that proper public notice was given at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting: Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2026, meeting, seconded by Mr. Stanton. Carried.

Public Comment: Ms. Shauna Roberts with the U.S. Small Business Administration, Office of Disaster and Recovery spoke regarding financial assistance and low interest loans available for those affected by storms that occurred in April and provided information to share with residents and businesses in our county.

Election of Economic Development Committee Chair and Vice-Chair: Mr. Engfer stated that these positions are restricted to being County Board supervisors only, so Mr. Hadley as a citizen member would not be eligible. Mr. Engfer opened the floor for nominations for chair. Mr. Stanton nominated Mr. Nelson as chair. Mr. Hadley nominated Mr. Stanton as chair. There were no further nominations and after a paper ballot vote, Mr. Nelson was elected as committee chair. Mr. Nelson assumed the role of chair and called for nominations for vice-chair. Mr. Taylor nominated Mr. Stanton as vice-chair. There were no further nominations and a unanimous voice vote resulted in the appointment of Mr. Stanton as committee vice-chair.

Update on Goals: Mr. Carlson gave an update on his goals. Plans include business visits and roundtables, inventorying available building lots, industrial park and business promotions, developing an economic development strategic plan, and developing an affordable housing strategy. The Explore Buffalo County Facebook page continues to be updated and improved and is increasingly gaining followers.

Flyway Trail Update: Mr. Hadley reported that a maintenance contract for the trail with the county is being created. We are working with the railroad again to allow crossing of the tracks instead of the trail routing along the highway edge. Mr. Engfer stated that he has been meeting regarding the railroad crossing and the plan has been modified. The Office of

the Commission of Railroad gives the final signoff, but it is moving forward without opposition. Trash cans have been added in various places and mowing has been increased to stabilize grasses and reduce washouts.

New Business(es) Update: None.

Committee Chairperson Report: Mr. Nelson provided Mr. Carlson with a brief personal background and introduction, as Mr. Nelson is new to this committee. Nothing else to report.

County Administrator Report: Mr. Engfer asked for input on the economic development budget in the next few weeks. He will be speaking to a class at Winona State University to potentially find an intern to work on economic development for the county.

Correspondence: None.

Future Agenda Items: Discussion on printing of maps with locations of businesses and attractions.

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting date and time will be September 9, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Adjournment: Mr. Stanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Schmitt
County Clerk