

AUGUST SESSION
Monday, August 22, 2016, 7:00 P.M.

The Board met. Mr. Douglas Kane in the Chair.

Chair Kane called for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Joseph Wantoch.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except Ms. McMillan Urell and Mr. Taylor, who were excused, and District 2, which is vacant. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. David Brommerich, Mr. Steve Schiffli, Ms. Carrie Olson, and Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht.

Public Comments regarding Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the June 27, 2016 County Board Minutes: Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Nelson. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Update on August 11, 2016 Flood: Mr. Schiffli updated the County Board Supervisors on events that have occurred as a result of the flood on August 11th. Buffalo County received between 5 inches and 11 inches of rain within a three hour period. There is approximately \$3 million worth of public infrastructure damage and the private damage is hard to measure. There were six families that were displaced. There is DOT funding and Wisconsin Emergency Disaster Funding for public infrastructure, but not as much help for private funding as it takes over \$8 million in damages before FEMA applies. There is possibility of Community Development Block Grants and Loans. Those will be looked into more in the coming days and weeks. There were 17 county roads affected. All but 1 are open, some with only one lane of traffic. County Road Z remains closed in a section due to a bridge out. Residents on that road can get out on either end, they just cannot go all the way through. Work is continuing on the repair to roads with the help of mutual aid from Pepin County. Mr. Schiffli explained a Proclamation that is needed to continue moving forward with applying for funding. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the CJS Update: Chair Kane gave an update on the CJS program. The TAD Grant has been applied for and Buffalo County should hear in September if they were awarded the Grant.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Land Conservation Annual Report: Ms. Carrie Olson presented the 2015 Land Conservation Annual Report. Ms. Olson explained how well the structures held up during the recent floods. These structures were installed to slow the flow of water and there are reports that they did what was intended and saved farm buildings from being destroyed. There are 5,000 structures in

Buffalo County and approximately 2,000 of them will need some sort of repair done to them as a result of the flood. PL-566 structures need maintenance done to them as well, such as mowing tall grass and removal of trees, which is the responsibility of the County. There is still work being done on the Rose Valley PL-566 to return it to a pond that can be used by the public for fishing. Land Conservation has been working on the Outdoor Recreation Plan. The Plan is open right now for public comment and will be brought before the full Board in September for approval.

Review/Discussion/Action regard Resolution #16-08-01 “A Resolution to Cancel Tax Deed”: Ms. Halverson explained this Resolution is needed to correct an error in the Tax Deed process. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #16-08-02 “A Resolution to Authorize the Submission of an Application by Buffalo County to Operate a Multi-County Aging and Disability Resource Center in Buffalo and Pepin Counties”: Mr. Kriesel explained this Resolution will allow Buffalo County and Pepin County to form an ADRC consortium. The prior consortium was dissolved due to structural changes. There are still conversations with Pierce County to see if they would like to join the consortium. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Roby. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #16-08-03 “A Resolution to Purchase Unbudgeted Replacement Sheriff’s Office Patrol Vehicle”: Sheriff Schmidtknecht read the Resolution and explained by purchasing the vehicle this year it would save approximately \$30,000.00 from next years budget. There are funds remaining in this years budget from unexpended wages and from the sale of old squad cars. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Smith. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Resolution #16-08-04 “A Resolution to Purchase One New Trailer Mounted Dura Patcher: Mr. Danzinger explained the State had extra funds available to give to counties. The State would like Buffalo County to pay for half of the equipment, but there were no funds to do this with. An agreement was worked out that the State would pay for the equipment, but the equipment would be shared between Buffalo County and Trempealeau County, with the equipment being housed in Buffalo County. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #16-08-05 “A Resolution to Support “Just Fix It” Campaign”: Mr. Danzinger explained this Resolution is to support a statewide campaign to encourage the State to give the counties more funds for road maintenance. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Affirmative Action Plan: Ms. Hansen explained that the Affirmative Action Plan is required to be in place when counties

accept Federal Funds. This plan shows strengths and weaknesses that counties have and shows ways to overcome those weaknesses. No action is needed.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Confirmation of Equal Employment

Opportunity Manager: Ms. Hansen explained the need for the EEO. The HR Committee recommended Ms. Betty Sessions as the Equal Employment Opportunity Manager. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve this appointment, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Proclamation Commemorating the Life and

Service of Mr. Joseph L. Wantoch Sr.: Chair Kane read the Proclamation Honoring the life of Mr. Joseph L. Wantoch Sr. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the Proclamation, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Re-Appointment of Mr. Del Twidt to the

Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission: There are three appointments to the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission. One appointment is from Buffalo County, one is a joint appointment from Buffalo County and the Governor and one is the Governor's appointment. Mr. Twidt would serve as the joint appointment and has served as that appointment previously. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the re-appointment, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Mr. Grisen and Ms. Rosenow voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Appointment of Mr. Barry Drazkowski to

the Board of Adjustment: Mr. Drazkowski will fill the remaining term of Mr. Wantoch, who passed away. The term expires May 2017. Both the first alternate and second alternate position are vacant. The only restriction to fill these vacancies is that they cannot be from the Town of Belvidere, Town of Milton or the Town of Modena as there are representatives from these towns already. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2017 Budget Planning:

Chair Kane explained that the Finance Committee is holding initial budget hearings on August 23rd, 24th, and 25th. They will then meet again on September 15th and 16th to review and make adjustments with the hopes to present a preliminary budget on September 26th. October 19th is the deadline for approving the budget for publication and November 15th is the date County Board will approve the budget.

Public Comments: None.

Reports and Discussion from Committee Chairs: Mr. Danzinger discussed the Highway Office move. The furniture is on order and hopefully will be here in a couple of weeks. Some road projects may not be completed as budgeted due to recent flood damage.

Mr. Kriesel discussed a map he distributed regarding Western Wisconsin Cares. This map shows work that has been done to centralize WWC and meet the requirements of Governor Walker. At this point DHS is very receptive to the work that has been done. St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Alma is hosting a community support event for Law Enforcement and EMS. This event will take place on September 14th at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Rosenow gave an update on the EPIC-N project she has been working on with UW professors in Eau Claire. She and Mr. Danzinger will be meeting with them this week to discuss potential projects.

Mr. Grisen explained that HR has started negotiations with Law Enforcement and should have all employees wages completed for the budget.

Chair Kane explained that the Finance Committee reviewed the readdressing request. It was decided that alternative options needed to be looked at to identify the issues. Finance also authorized \$5,000.00 to be used to assist individuals with housing due to the flood. Chair Kane also reviewed fund balances from 2015 and indicated it looked better than anticipated. A letter is being sent to the Wisconsin Department of Tourism in support of partnering with Sustainable Driftless Inc. in applying for a grant to promote tourism in Buffalo County.

Report and Discussion from Administrative Coordinator: Ms. Hansen reported that the IT Committee has been reviewing IT needs and will be presenting a 5-year plan to the Finance Committee. Annual reports were placed on members desks. There has been lots of work done regarding the flood. Ms. Kim Postl has accepted the position of Buildings and Grounds Janitor and will be leaving the County Clerk's Office. Finance will be addressing this vacancy at its upcoming meetings. Mr. Brennan Porter has left the Law Enforcement Department for a position in the City of Mondovi. Ms. Heidi Stewart has informed Law Enforcement of her intent to end her Jail Nurse Contract. The HR Committee will be reviewing the Employee Handbook. Finance Committee has not made a decision on the restructuring of office space.

Report and Discussion from County Board Chair: None.

Adjourned: Mr. Hillert made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk