

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Finance Committee
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 2017
Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date: Friday, January 20, 2017

Chair Douglas Kane called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Douglas Kane, Mr. Larry Grisen and Mr. Donald Hillert. Mr. Danzinger appeared via Go to Meeting. Ms. Rosenow was excused.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Tina Anibas, Mr. Thomas Jensen, Mr. Kelly Herold, Mr. David Eddy, and Mr. Brian Suchla.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Carried.

Public Comment regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a presentation by PMA: This presentation was postponed to the February meeting.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the City of Alma Tax Deed Property: Ms. Halverson explained that Mr. Jensen contacted her and would like to repurchase the property that Buffalo County took through the Tax Deed process. There is an Ordinance on file that does allow former owners to repurchase their property if it was homestead and if they contact the County Clerk within 60 days of notice. Mr. Jensen did contact Ms. Halverson within that time period and she advised him that the final decision is up to the Finance Committee. Mr. Jensen spoke to the Committee and indicated that he has had some health issues, but if given the opportunity will keep current on his taxes. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the repurchase of the property, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Buffalo County Humane Society Contract and Dog License Fee: Ms. Halverson explained the Contract and Resolution were sent to the Buffalo County Humane Association and a few concerns were raised. The main concern was the ability to be available to pick up dogs 24 hours a day 7 days a week. Ms. Gruber indicated via email that this would require the Association to hire an employee. Mr. Grisen made a motion to table this item, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Pay Remaining Dog License Fund Money to the Buffalo County Humane Association: Mr. Grisen made a motion to table this Resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Fund Cost Sharing for Buffalo County Conservation Structures Damaged by 2016 Floods: Mr. Hillert and

Mr. Danzinger explained this Resolution is to help those landowners repair structures that were damaged by the floods in 2016. The landowner will have a \$1,000.00 deductible with the County and State paying equal portions of the rest of the repairs. The list attached is not a complete list but is the majority of those structures needing repairs. There may be as many as 10 more that need repair. The total estimated cost of repairs is \$270,000.00 with \$125,000.00 coming from the CAPX2020 funds. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to amend the Resolution to add "Be It Further Resolved that the individual plans be approved by the Land Conservation Department and proposals be subject to the bidding process with oversight by the Land Conservation Department and Land Conservation Committee", seconded by Mr. Hillert. Carried. Mr. Danzinger made a motion to approve the amended Resolution, seconded by Mr. Hillert. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Purchase One New Extended Reach Tractor Loader: Mr. Danzinger explained the equipment requested for the Highway Department. Mr. Danzinger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding A Resolution to Purchase Two New Tri-Axle Patrol Trucks with Dump Boxes and Attachments: Mr. Danzinger explained that during the flood the Highway Department viewed equipment used by other counties and found that the tri-axle trucks worked very well with hauling more in each load. Bids were obtained and the bid accepted was not the low bid but a bid showing the cost of the trucks at \$200 more per truck. The higher bid was accepted due to the low bid being for a Freightliner truck, which the Highway department has had trouble with in the past. The higher bid was for Mack trucks that the Highway Department has had good luck with. The trucks would be ordered now, but with installation of equipment would not be delivered until fall. Mr. Danzinger made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Finance Meeting Calendar: The calendar was reviewed. Mr. Hillert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Monthly Vendor Invoices/Vouchers/Employee Payroll/Funds Investment Report: Tower rental fees were reviewed. The Committee would like Ms. Hansen to look into the differences in fees. The investment report was reviewed with Ms. Anibas. Mr. Hillert discussed looking into investing with Charter Bank in Eau Claire as they had an advertised rate of 1.5%. Mr. Hillert made a motion, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Chairperson Report: Chair Kane distributed a packet from WCA showing different issues they are working on.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen gave her report

- 2017 will see an increase in jury trials. There will be a large one in February and another one later in the year that the District Attorney indicates will need expert testimony.
- Annual Reports from Departments were discussed. The Committee would like to see the reports include goals for 2017.

- Office Relocation was discussed. Administration has now moved to 2nd floor. CJCC interviews have been conducted and the potential personnel would start in a few weeks. Ms. Hansen advised that CJCC would move into the Historical Society space and Historical Society will move to 3rd floor in the Veterans Office. The Veterans Office will then move to 1st floor.
- The County Clerk's printer and copy machine has broken. With Administration moving to 2nd floor there is a need for a colored copier in that office. Ms. Hansen advised that the 1st floor copy machine be moved to the County Clerk's Office to be used as a printer/copier and the County Clerk will take over that lease. Ms. Halverson expressed concern with not having that money in the budget. The Committee indicated that could be worked out.
- NextGen report for UW-Extension should be coming out soon. The goal is to keep 4H in each county. Everything else could change and the model could be sharing agents across multiple counties.
- The Highway Wage Resolution was not on this agenda. It was approved by Highway and Human Resources. The Finance Committee agreed it should move on to the full County Board as it has already passed another committee.
- 2016 Flood update. The Mitigation Grant is due March 6th. Mr. Schiffli noted 2 properties that are in the flood plain and at the time of the flood put First Responder lives in jeopardy. Ms. Hansen indicated there are 5 more property owners that do not wish to return to their houses and have over 50% damage from the floods. During a phone conference it was discussed to add those homes to the application and have the State make the determination if they qualify or not.
- Ms. Hansen will be meeting with the Land Information Council Chair and the GIS Coordinator on Friday to review goals.

Public Comments: Mr. Suchla spoke to the Committee regarding the jail elevator. It has been making noise for over 2 weeks. The repair company came and added more oil, but the elevator has lost oil since they were here. Mr. Suchla had another company come in and look at the elevator and they are testing the hydraulic cylinder to see where the oil is going. The cost of repair is approximately \$36,000.00, but Mr. Suchla will know more on what exactly is wrong in the next few days.

Mr. Eddy discussed solid waste with the Committee. La Crosse will be sending an amendment to the Solid Waste Contract in the next few months that will need to be approved by the full County Board. The amendment to the contract will extend that contract from 2023 to 2035.

Mr. Hillert made a motion to adjourn at 4:15 p.m., seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk