

## **Buffalo County Minutes**

**Committee/Board:** Finance Committee & Highway Committee Joint Meeting

**Date of Meeting:** Tuesday, February 13, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair of the Highway Committee Mr. Larry Grisen at 9:00 a.m.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Roll call was taken. Members present from the Finance Committee were: Mr. Douglas Kane, Mr. Larry Grisen, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, Mr. Don Hillert and Mr. David Danzinger. Members from the Highway Committee were: Mr. David Danzinger via phone, Mr. Larry Grisen, Mr. Bernie Brunkow, and Mr. Michael Taylor. Excused was Mr. Dennis Bork.

**OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:** Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Bob Platteter, Mr. Kelly Johnson, Mr. Leonard Litscher and Mr. Steven James.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING POSTED AGENDA ITEMS:**

No public comments were received.

### **REVIEW/DISCUSSION/ACTION – PLAN FOR FUTURE ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE AND FINANCING OF PROJECTS:**

Highway Commissioner Bob Platteter reviewed the proposed construction and maintenance plan for the upcoming five (5) years. He explained that Buffalo County has 319 miles of county roads of which 134.3 are major, 78.2 are minor and 106.8 are local roads. Major roads provide service to smaller-to-moderate sized places and link to larger populated centers. Minor roads provide service to smaller areas and link local roads to the major roads. Local roads provide travel over relatively short distances on an inter-township basis. He indicated that based on an estimated average pavement life of 30 years, his department would need to reconstruct 10.6 miles per year. Commissioner Platteter stated that years four (4) and five (5) are difficult to plan and may change based on usage and weather conditions. The proposal presented by Commissioner Platteter showed options with bonding and without bonding for a total bond need of \$6,182,700 for five (5) years and approximately \$4,000,000 for three (3) years. These figures are based on budgeting for at least 6.61 to 7.47 miles each year of road construction and 5.00 to 7.00 miles of chip sealing.

At the current time, we are presently 18.57 miles behind schedule in reconstruction and 23 miles behind with road maintenance (chip seal) due to budget cuts made over the past years starting in 2012. Commissioner Platteter reviewed the Pacer rating system, functional class assigned to each road, average daily travel, surface type and maintenance information for the county roads in Buffalo County with the committee members.

The Committee reviewed the proposed bonding costs and preliminary information provided by our PMA, our financial advisor.

A motion was made by Mr. Don Hillert seconded by Mr. Michael Taylor to hold a Public Hearing on March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to gain public input. Motion carried. The Committee requested Commissioner Platteter to put together a presentation for the public and request maps from GIS to displace the county roads. The Committee instructed Ms. Sonya Hansen to contact our Financial Advisor and get additional information for a three year financing proposal in the amount of \$4,000,000.00.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ANY MATTERS UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA:**

No public comments were received.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Bernie Brunkow seconded by Mr. Michael Taylor to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sonya J. Hansen, Recording Secretary