

MARCH COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 26, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except Mr. Bernard Brunkow and Mr. David Danzinger. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. David Brommerich, Mr. Bob Platteter, Mr. David Schmidt, Ms. Betty Sessions, Mr. Bill Sessions, Mr. Dave Rynders, Dr. Thomas Kemp, various UW-Eau Claire Economics Students, and Ms. Roselle Schlosser.

Public Comments regarding Agenda items: None.

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

Review/Discussion regarding Bond for Highway Construction and Maintenance: Chair Kane explained that with recent farm economy, the national economy, and numerous referendums being held by local school districts, it is not the time to bring a bond forward for approval. This item will be discussed further with the 2019 budgeting process. There will still be a special meeting of the County Board on April 9th to discuss the Zoning Ordinance revision, but the meeting schedule for April 10th will not be held.

Review/Discussion regarding a Presentation by UW-Eau Claire Students Course Work: Dr. Kemp introduced his students to the Board and explained work they have already completed. They have been studying counties of similar size to Buffalo County and what their economy looks like. The report shows that Buffalo County has good home values, schools and household income. However there is low retail and health care options, as well as fewer younger people living here. The students will continue working on this project and come up with ways to build the economy in Buffalo County.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-01 “A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Retirement of Betty Sessions”: Ms. Hansen presented Ms. Betty Sessions with a plaque and thanked her for her service to Buffalo County. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Roby. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-02 “A Resolution to Increase a Community Health Educator Position from Part-Time to Full-Time”: Mr. Rynders explained this position was discussed during the 2018 budget planning process. This will take two part-time positions and turn it into one full-time position with a cost savings of \$6,700.00. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-03 “A Resolution to Purchase 2018 Shop Truck with Crane”: Mr. Grisen explained this purchase was budgeted for and will come from retained earnings. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution ##18-03-04 “A Resolution to Purchase Two Single Axle Patrol Trucks with Dump Boxes and Attachments”: Mr. Grisen explained the trucks will be used primarily on the state roads and need to be ordered early to get them from the supplier. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-05 “A Resolution to Amend Policy 103 Overtime & Compensatory Time of the Buffalo County Employee Handbook”: Mr. Grisen explained this will bring the handbook up-to-date with fair labor standards. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-3-06 “A Resolution to Amend Salary Classification and Compensation System for Non-Represented Employees – Part-Time Recycling Truck Driver”: Mr. Grisen indicated there has been a hard time finding part-time Recycling Truck Drivers and HR felt the need to address the wages to attract employees. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-07 “A Resolution to Purchase Rotary Broom for Outside Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds”: Ms. Hansen explained how difficult it was to keep the sidewalks clean this winter. It is the hopes that this rotary broom will keep the pavement cleaner and prevent slips. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-08 “A Resolution to Authorize Courthouse Maintenance Projects and Bond Disbursements for 2018”: Ms. Hansen explained the projects to be completed. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-09 “A Resolution to Participate in the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Wisconsin Habitat Partnership Fund”: Ms. Rosenow explained the grant program and how those funds are derived from sales of ammunition. The program will pay for conservation practices in the Tiffany Wildlife Refuge without using levy funds. Ms. Rosenow made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-10 “A Resolution to Increase Buffalo County Coroner, Chief Deputy Coroner, and Deputy Coroner Per Diem”: Ms. Hansen explained the increase in per diem rates was budgeted for in 2018. This put into effect that increase on April 1, 2018 for the Chief Deputy/Deputy Coroners and

January 1, 2019 for the Coroner. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. Roby. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-11 “A Resolution to Establish the Elected Official Compensation Level for 2019-2022 for Clerk of Court, Coroner, and Sheriff”: Mr. Grisen explained how the wage increases were compiled for the Elected Officials. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-12 “A Resolution to Amend the Established Job Category and Pay Grade for Salary Schedule for Non-Represented Employees”: Mr. Grisen explained this Resolution is a results of the appeals process. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-03-13 “A Resolution to Purchase 2015 Used Self-Propelled Broom”: Mr. Grisen indicated this unit is being purchased and will be used in conjunction with the unit currently owned by the Highway Department to clean off the roads. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action- Committee Reports: Ms. McMillan Urell reported on the Law Enforcement Committee. There has been some changes with the Chief Deputy resigning. There may be a need to retire the K-9 dog as he is reaching the end of his career.

Mr. Taylor reported the City of Alma has joined the Recycling program.

Ms. Rosenow reported on the Land Conservation Committee. The Rose Valley Pond is now filling up and will be stocked with fish this summer.

Review/Discussion - Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen gave the Administrative Coordinator Report.

- There is still being work done in Recycling to open up two facilities to all residents of the County. BBC is up and running to accept materials from anyone within Buffalo County. The City of Mondovi still has some details that are being worked out.
- The Land Information Committee held their first meetings. They will be meeting monthly.
- The Auditors will be here from April 30th thru May 7th.
- The Elk Creek project is complete except for some seeding that will be done shortly.
- The County signed a contract to begin leasing vehicles from Enterprise. The Sheriff’s Department, DHHS, and Administration Office will be participating in this. This not only saves money but give the County newer vehicles for employees to use.

- WCA has trainings coming up for newly election Supervisors. The cost is \$75 and will be held in Eau Claire on May 22nd.
- More funds have been requested from the CDBG EAP Grant as there are still a few projects to finish from the flooding.
- The Mitigation Grant is just about complete. One property has already been closed on and one other property is in the process.
- The Economic Development Committee has agreed to produce a 2018 brochure. They will only publish 15,000 copies at a cost of \$6,000, which should be covered by advertising fees.

Review/Discussion – Chair Report: None.

Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items: None.

Mr. Kriesel made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Smith. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk