

BUFFALO COUNTY MINUTES

Committee/Board: Committee of the Board

Date of Meeting: Friday, July 27, 2018

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The meeting of the Committee of the Board was called to order by Chair Mary Anne McMillan Urell at 10:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Don Black, Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. John Kriesel, Mr. Larry Grisen, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, Mr. Barry Drazkowski, Mr. Bernard Brunkow, Mr. Max Weiss, Mr. Michael Taylor, and Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell. Mr. Don Hillert was excused.

Others Present for All or Part of the Meeting: Ms. Roxann Halverson and Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Scott Smith, Mr. Carl Duley, Ms. Carol Burmeister, and Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Board Roles & Responsibilities: Chair McMillan Urell spoke regarding the importance of all members participating and attending committee and board meetings. She explained it is the supervisor's duty to read packets, keep informed of all committees not just the ones they serve on, to ask questions, and be proactive. It is important that supervisors stand together even if they voted differently. She asks that all chairs report on their department during the committee reports portion of the county board meeting.

Chairs of each committee should be setting the agenda for the meetings with the assistance of the department head. Agendas need to be completed at least one week prior to the meeting for proper notification. Chairs must also keep meetings running smoothly, maintain order and lead by example.

A discussion was held on how private sector boards operate differently than the county board does. Board members getting to know each other better was also discussed. It is to the advantage of the county to know each supervisor's strengths as those strengths are an asset to the county.

The supervisors had a discussion on updating technology both in the county board room and by getting tablets for the supervisors to use instead of all the paper copies of everything.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Strategic Planning Overview: Mr. Carl Duley explained he has 28 years of experience with strategic planning. There are goals that will need to be set on what needs to be done, who is going to do what, and what are the costs. Mandates and traditions need to be identified as there is flexibility with tradition, but not always with mandates. The board will need to decide if a mandate is worth continuing if there are only a few people served. Mr. Duley explained that the board needs to prioritize department requests, review the associated costs, and decide which needs will be granted.

The following items were discussed as to cost and need.

- Wage Scale and Salary Increases. Approximate cost \$100,000.00.
- Two new Sheriff Deputies, squads and equipment. New dispatch chairs. Additional Communications/Corrections Officer. Approximate cost \$250,000.00.
- DHHS Family Services. Approximate cost \$40,000.00.
- DHHS Financial System update.
- Funding of CJS when the TAD grant is no longer available.
- Broadband expansion. No cost estimate.
- RFP for Corporation Counsel and DHHS Legal Counsel.
- RFP for technology services.
- Update county board room technology.
- Remonumentation.
- Scanning in the Register of Deeds office.

Questions that need to be looked at and answered:

- What services would anyone be willing to do without?
- Can the department include budget requests or must there be no increase?
- Are employees shown what benefits actually cost?
- Do we give no wage increase or change the percentage of increase between steps?
- Is there a way to find more grants to fund things?
- Can the county do a wheel tax?

With tax levy being limited, new ideas and ways to pay for services needs to be discussed.

The committee did agree that Law Enforcement needs are one of the most important issues on the list with the wage scale another important issue. More discussion needs to be had on what and where to cut and what projects will receive funding in 2019.

The Committee of the Board will meet again on December 7, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. to continue strategic planning.

Public Comments Not Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Adjournment: Chair McMillan Urell called for the adjournment at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk