

Buffalo County Minutes
Committee/Board: Economic Development Committee

Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 2nd, 2018 Chair David Danzinger called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Buffalo County 3rd Floor Board Room

Board Members Present: Mr. David Danzinger, Mr. James Ziegeweid, Mr. Don Black and Ms. Nettie Rosenow.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. David Schmidt,

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Minutes: Mr. Ziegeweid made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. Carried.

Review/ Update on CDBG - 2019 Budget - Administrator Hansen and Staff person Schmidt discussed the 2019 budget process and there was a discussion concerning the staff position for Economic Development. After some discussion there was a MOTION by Commissioner Black and Seconded by Commissioner Rosenow to move the current budget forward and recommend using a portion of the cap-X funds for the position.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ County Tourism Booklet - There was a discussion lead by Commissioner Danzinger and Administrator Hansen concerning the distribution of the brochures and the timing of the next process. Kathy Goodman has offered to continue running this process for the next brochure.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ Entrepreneurism Discussion - The discussion centered on the report completed by UWEC and Dr. Kemp's class. They are scheduled to present their findings and answer questions at the next Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Danzinger asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for additional discussion.

Review/Discussion/Action ~ 2018-2019 goals - The Committee reviewed the proposed attached goals and there was limited discussion and no final action taken.

Short Term Goals

- *Finalize a monitoring system for the Buffalo County Revolving Loan CDBG program and specifically for the Together Farms project.*
- *Work with the County Board and administration on the conversion of the CDBG program funds into a qualified project to benefit the county infrastructure.*
- *Work with the Broadband Committee and the County Elected Officials to secure additional funding for the deeper penetration of Broadband Services for Buffalo County Residents.*
- *Work with the Elected Officials and Administration on projects as assigned to increase the capacity of work product.*

Longer Term Goals

- *Work with the Owners of Old Home products to ensure maximum utilization of funding opportunities that would increase full time staffing levels for Buffalo County. This might include some of the following sources:*
 - *State Funding*
 - *Federal Value Added funding sources*
 - *Federal Community Development Block Grant Funding*
- *Work with Buffalo County Committees and Community Efforts to increase the economic vitality and to promote partnerships throughout our County.*
 - *Special Projects*
 - *Flyway Trail efforts*
 - *Regional Economic Development - 7 Rivers*
- *To work with the Elected Officials and Administration on designated "Special Projects" and "Funding" to meet Buffalo County Objectives.*
 - *There is a need to have a discussion on priorities for the County Board and then research opportunities for funding sources to achieve these goals*
 - *Work with the Elected Officials and Administration on specific issue related projects as assigned.*
 - *Development of a departmental wish list for funding - this might include:*
 - *Police radios, body cameras, equipment*
 - *Possible program funding*
- *Identify a partner County to share the position of Economic Development Coordinator*

Next Meeting Date and Time: The next meeting will be September 13 at 2:00 p.m. Adjournment: Mr. David Danzinger called for adjournment at 4:15 p.m.