

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Economic Development
Date of Meeting: Wednesday, November 16, 2016
Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2016

Mr. David Danzinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. David Danzinger, Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, Mr. Douglas Kane, Mr. Dennis Bork, and Mr. Don Black.

OTHERS PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, and Mr. Carl Duley.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Buffalo County Promotional Materials: Chair Danzinger gave an update on the promotional materials. He showed an example of what was being given to the businesses asking them to advertise in the guide. At this time there is over \$5,000.00 in pledges for advertising. The City of Mondovi businesses have not yet been approached. Content will need to be reviewed as well as choosing a cover photo. Ms. Rosenow suggested putting something on the website to have people send in pictures for the brochure.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding EPA Brownfield Grant: This item was presented at the last meeting and at this time there are not enough projects to justify spending the \$6,000-\$8,000 to apply for the grant.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Economic Development Administration Grant: Mr. Duley discussed the results from the survey conducted at the last meeting. Economic Development was the overall agreed upon focus of the survey, with county promotion and entrepreneurship close behind. Mr. Duley also reviewed a survey that was given to high school seniors about their plans to stay in Buffalo County or what would be reasons they would leave. Most like the small town atmosphere, but needed broadband to work and did not feel diversity was as welcoming here.

Review/Discussion regarding the Next Meeting Date: December 21st at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items: Ms. Hansen indicated that she is working on the Revolving Loan Fund as she has an individual that is interested. Chair Danzinger would like to form a subcommittee to work on fiber optics and broadband. He has some individuals interested in serving on that subcommittee.

Adjournment: Mr. Bork made a motion to adjourn at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Mr. Kane.
Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk