

**MARCH ATV/UTV ORDINANCE PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.**

Chair Bork called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Notice of the Public Hearing was read.

ATV/UTV Ordinance was discussed and public testimony was heard. Correspondence that was received by March 18<sup>th</sup> was reviewed. Safety concerns and municipality input were discussed.

Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to adjourn the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

**MARCH COUNTY BOARD SESSION  
Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

The Board met. Mr. Dennis Bork in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called, and all members were present, except Mr. David Danzinger (who attended via TEAMS). Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. Lee Engfer, Sheriff Mike Schmidtknecht, Mr. Dale Klopp, Mr. Steve Schiffl, Ms. Polly Glentz, Mr. Rick Diermeier, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, and other citizens.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Diermeier spoke regarding the Flyway Trail. He read a letter from Ms. Jean Galasinski who is in support of completing the next phase of the bike trail. Mr. Diermeier also pledged matching funds to begin the engineering study for the next phase.

Ms. Rosenow spoke regarding the trail and the work and fundraising that has been completed. She would like to see the project move forward.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Previous Meeting Minutes:** Mr. Schmidtknecht made a motion to approve the minutes by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Taylor. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Ordinance #21-03-01 An Ordinance Designating All-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulating the Operation of All-Terrain Vehicles:** A discussion was held regarding use of ATV's and UTV's on roadways. The Buffalo County Trail Riders will be paying for the signs and installation and the routes will not open until all signs are installed. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to amend the ordinance to change the end time of operation to one hour after sunset, seconded by Mr. Bruegger. All in favor. Carried. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to amend the ordinance to add in language to follow state statutes as may be amended, seconded by Mr. Weiss. All in favor. Carried. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the amended ordinance,

seconded by Mr. Taylor. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Sendelbach, Mr. Bruegger, and Mr. Bork voting no. Ordinance enacted.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-01 A Resolution**

**Recognizing and Honoring the Retirement of Pauline Glentz:** Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried. Sheriff Schmidtknecht presented Ms. Glentz with a certificate in honor of her retirement.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-02 A Resolution to Amend Salary Classification and Compensation System for Non-Represented Employees to Add Economic Development Coordinator/Grant Writer:**

Ms. Hansen explained the Economic Development Coordinator was previously a contracted position and was not part of the scales. With the combining of the two positions, it is necessary to add it to the wage scales. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-03 A Resolution to Add Addendum to Policy No. 206 of the Buffalo County Employee Handbook – Leaves: Family, Medical, Military and Emergency Health Leave – Coronavirus Response Policy:**

The federal government program for leave has expired and this is a way to cover employees that may be affected. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-04 A Resolution to Amend Buffalo County Budget to Include Expenditures for Economic Development Coordinator/Grant Writer Department:**

An amendment to the budget is needed as this position is no longer contracted. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Schmidtknecht. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-05 A Resolution in Support of Increased Adult Protective Services:**

Mr. Rynders explained this resolution is to urge the state to increase the funding for adult protective services. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ruff. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-06 A Resolution to Designate Funding for Unbudgeted Intercom System:**

The intercom system in the Sheriff's Department entrance has broken and no parts are available due to the age of the system. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. McDonough. All voted in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-07 A Resolution to Approve Limited Term Public Health Care Worker Position to Support COVID-19 Response:**

Mr. Rynders explained this resolution will allow a limited term part-time position to be added to the department to assist with vaccination clinics. The position would be 600 hours and only through December 31, 2021. The position would be funded by federal and state COVID funds. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-08 A Resolution to Merge Buffalo County WIC Program with the Trempealeau County WIC Program:** Mr. Rynders explained this resolution will allow Buffalo and Trempealeau to combine the WIC programs and save money. The state has approved and is encouraging mergers like this. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-09 A Resolution to Approve 2021 Wage Increase for Administrative Coordinator:** Chair Bork indicated this resolution would approve a 3% wage increase for the Administrative Coordinator. Mr. Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Ms. McDonough. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #21-03-10 A Resolution to Support the Great River State Trail – Winona Connector Phase II:** Mr. Schiffli explained this resolution would allow the engineering study to be performed on the next phase of the project. There have been pledges of matching funds and fundraisers held for completing the project. Grants will be applied for. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Steve Nelson. All in favor. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Rule 24 of the Rules of Government to County Board Attendance:** Chair Bork discussed attendance and issues members have been having with the tablets. Ms. Halverson advised everyone to go to our website and sign up for alerts when agendas are posted to ensure they are notified of upcoming meetings. Ms. Hansen will look into further training on the tablets to be held before the April meeting.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Modification to Buffalo County Employee Return to Workplace Guidelines:** The changes were reviewed. The state is still recommending masks being worn. The state mask mandate is set to expire April 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Ruff made a motion to approve the guidelines, seconded by Ms. McMillan Urell. Carried.

**Review/Discussion/Action regarding Appointment of Kimberly A. Beseler to Department of Health & Human Services and Veterans Services Committee:** Ms. Beseler would replace a citizen appointment on the DHHS Committee. Ms. McMillan Urell made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Schmidtkecht. Carried.

**Committee Chair Reports:** Law Enforcement is looking for a Communications/Corrections Officer and a Deputy. DHHS has approval for a current employee to be hired as the Public Health Officer. Land Conservation is working with some ongoing issues regarding Buffalo White Sands. The bond company allowed Buffalo White Sands to drop the bond without any reclamation being done and did not inform the county. This may very well end up in court. There are 42 acres that need to be reclaimed. Land Use has sent the ordinance amendments to the towns. Economic Development has been working on broadband. Highway had a recent accident with an employee that passed away.

**Administrative Coordinator Report:** Ms. Hansen gave her report.

- The GIS Technician position has been posted. Mr. Ebert and Ms. Poser have been coming in to assist with some projects.

- A Community Health Study has been completed by UW Extension on the effects COVID has had in the community.
- Buffalo County will be receiving some American Rescue Act funds. The first half will come within 60 days of the passage of the bill and the rest at a later date. WCA is working on things the money can be used for.
- Public Health is working on large gathering guidelines.
- There are some issues with the brick wall in front of the courthouse. There will be someone coming to look at how it can be repaired.
- Redistricting is being held off due to a delay in census numbers.
- The annual WCA conference in September will be held. Watch for info to come out on that soon.

**County Board Chair Report:** Chair Bork reported on the CVTC meeting he attended.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** Ms. McDonough made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bruegger. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson  
Buffalo County Clerk