

MARCH SPECIAL COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 19, 2018, 7:00 P.M.

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

The roll was called and all members were present. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. David Brommerich, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Diane Prenot, Mr. Kelly Johnston, Ms. Tina Anibas, Ms. Michelle Wiberg, and other members of the community.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Presentation by the Highway Commissioner: Mr. Bob Platteter was unable to be at the meeting. Ms. Prenot and Mr. Johnston gave the presentation on behalf of the Highway Department. A review of the conditions of the roads was done, how many miles need to be completed each year to keep on a 30-year rotation, and the number of miles Buffalo County is currently behind. A discussion was held on the roads that would be brought up-to-date if a bond was taken out and the cost if county workers do the work versus having private industry do the work.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Presentation by PMA: Ms. Wiberg gave a presentation on the different bonding options. The Bank of Alma would have an option of allowing three draws, a 2.82% interest rate, and repayment over 10 years. The cost to taxpayers for the \$4,000,000 bond would be approximately \$.50 per \$100,000 home. The Bank of Alma would need a decision by April 16th to keep the proposed interest rate.

Public Comments: Questions were asked if the County would be able to keep up after the roads were brought up-to-date or would we be in the same position and need further bonding. Concerns were expressed about raising taxes for citizens and municipalities that are already strapped to pay taxes. Not bonding but rather working within current budgets and making cuts in other areas was discussed. Going back to gravel roads and doing more chip sealing and patching to get by was also discussed.

This item will be placed on the County Board Agenda on March 26th for a vote.

Mr. Kriesel made a motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m., seconded by Ms. Roby. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk