

MAY SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 21 AT 7:00 P.M.

The Board met. Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell in the Chair.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except Mr. Dennis Bork, who was excused. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Sonya Hansen, Mr. David Brommerich, Mr. Dave Rynders, Mr. Reggie Franz, Ms. Jeannie Franz, Ms. Carrie Olson, and Mr. Mike Owecke.

Public Comments regarding Agenda items: Ms. Franz spoke regarding the Zoning Ordinance. She attended the Town of Waumandee meeting where they talked about the ordinance. It was discussed that if passed there would be three towns (Montana, Waumandee and Glencoe) that would pull out of county zoning. Ms. Franz indicated that Mr. Bork is the one pushing for this and does not believe this is right, especially since he is on the Zoning Committee and a County Board Supervisor. Ms. Franz does not want to live in a town that has no zoning and feels the citizens do not have a voice in this. She wondered if maybe this could be placed on a ballot for the citizens to have input.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Previous Meeting Minutes: Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding the Zoning Comprehensive Revision: Chair McMillan Urell wants to find unity with the towns regarding zoning. She will contact the towns and see what the deal breaker is for the ordinance. There will be a special meeting on July 9th at 6:30 p.m. to further discuss this. There will be other county officials at the meeting to share their experience with having towns opt out of zoning. It will be round table discussion to ask them questions. The towns will be invited as well as interested citizens. The Wisconsin Towns Association Buffalo County Chapter will be having a meeting July 16th where they will discuss the zoning ordinance. Ms. Rosenow explained the Zoning Ordinance has been in effect since 1965 without any major revision. She has gone through the current ordinance and the proposed ordinance to make notes of any changes. She explained there are very few changes, mostly renumbering so that things can be found easier for the Zoning staff and citizens. Chair McMillan Urell urges the Supervisors to send the comparison sheets to their towns for review and to make a list of questions they have. She would like the questions sent to Ms. Sonya Hansen prior to the July meeting so that she can present them to the individuals that are coming to make the meeting more effective.

Review/Discussion regarding the Department of Health and Human Services Annual Report: Mr. Rynders presented the annual report for the Department of Health and Human Services. He reviewed grants that were received to help expand services. He explained how the ADRC program had changed from the larger consortium to a consortium between Buffalo and Pepin Counties. Mr. Rynders explained the challenge of finding funding for cases involving children. The telecommuting program that was just approved on a trial basis was reviewed.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Appointment of Mr. Richard Mueller and Reappointment of Ms. Linda Smith as Citizen Members to the DHHS & Veterans Services Committee: Mr. Mueller is a veteran with business management and computer background. He was recommended by Mr. Elden Schlessler before his passing. Ms. Smith is a professor at Winona State. She supervises student nurses that intern for Buffalo County. Mr. Mueller's term would expire May of 2020 as he is filling a vacancy. Ms. Smith's term would expire May of 2021. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the appointments, seconded by Mr. Smith. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-05-01 "A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring the Retirement of Robin Secrist": Mr. Secrist was unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Grisen read the plaque that was to be presented. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-05-02 "A Resolution to Designate Public Depository and Authorizing Withdrawal of County Moneys": This resolution is required by the bank to designate who can sign to release funds and how many signatures are required. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-05-03 "A Resolution to Approve Transfer of \$49,790 Working Capital to Chippewa County to Support Western Region Recovery and Wellness Consortium Provider Reimbursement": Mr. Rynders explained how the nine county consortium works and how long it takes to get reimbursement for services. This will help the lead county, Chippewa County, alleviate the deficit they face from the reimbursement lag time. If Buffalo County were to leave the consortium this money would be reimbursed. Mr. Kriesel made a motion to approve the resolution by roll call vote, seconded by Ms. Rosenow. 13 voting yes, 1 excused. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-05-04 "A Resolution to Correct Typographical Error in Policy #103 Overtime & Compensatory Time of the Highway Department Overtime Section of the Buffalo County Handbook": This resolution is to correct an error caused by the previous resolution that affected how Highway overtime would be paid. Highway has the flexibility to pay overtime if working more than 10 hours per day in a 40 hour week. Mr. Brunkow made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Grisen. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-05-05 "A Resolution to Adopt Farmland Preservation Plan": This plan is to ensure, conserve and promote agriculture development. There are updated maps and a section that shows the challenges for Ag today. This update was required with a law change that was done back in 2009 and is necessary for people to be able to apply for the FPA program. This program is a volunteer program. Ms. Rosenow made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding a Loan to the Fair Association for the Purchase of Bleachers: Mr. Weiss approached the Finance Committee to request a loan of approximately

\$80,000.00 for the purchase of bleachers from the Durand High School and to buy out the portion of the bleachers they share with the Mondovi Schools. This will help with more seating for the fair and other events. Mr. Hillert made a motion for a roll call vote, seconded by Mr. Danzinger. 13 yes, 1 excused. Carried. A question was raised about where the money was coming from. The money will be loaned from CAPX funds and then repaid over a 10-year period. The interest rate will be adjusted annually to match what the county is paid for their CD's. A second roll call vote was taken to ensure everyone approved the funding source and payment plan. 13 voting yes, 1 excused. Carried.

Review/Discussion regarding Uniform Sign Replacement: Ms. Hansen showed the Board the sample signs she received and explained the numbers would not change, the landowner would get new signs. Current signs are faded, missing, and damaged making it hard for emergency responders to find the addresses. The blue signs are preferred over the red signs as they are more reflective making them easier to see at night. Cost was discussed. There are a few towns that would be willing to help pay for the replacement, some that wanted more information on costs, and some that are not willing to put any money forward. The Finance Committee did approve spending up to \$5,000.00 on hiring an intern to go out and GPS locate the address signs and make notes of any problem addresses. This will be placed on the next county board agenda.

Review/Discussion/Action- Committee Reports: Mr. Grisen reported the Highway Committee will be looking at language for a nonbinding referendum to bond for road work. The HR Committee will be meeting to work on wage scales and comparisons to six counties.

Mr. Danzinger reported that Economic Development is working on the second printing of the visitor guide. The hope is to have them available by Memorial Day. There were enough advertisements sold in this guide to cover the cost of printing. Economic Development is also looking at a couple of roads being designated as Rustic Roads. The Broadband Committee is still working on expanding broadband in Buffalo County. The Town of Milton received the grant and work has begun. HBC is still looking for ways to offer wireless internet to areas that are not receiving broadband service.

Mr. Brunkow reported that Law Enforcement should receive their fleet vehicles soon. The jail is full so some inmates are being housed in other counties. Interviews have been completed and background checks are being done to hire new staff.

Mr. Kriesel reported on the DHHS & Veterans Service Committee. Out of home placements are still high.

Review/Discussion - Administrative Coordinator Report: Ms. Hansen gave the Administrative Coordinator Report.

- The City of Mondovi Recycling contract starts June 1st. They will be open Thursday from 3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The cost of the contract is \$5,100.00 per year.
- The electronic recycling event went well.
- A report was placed on everyone's desk showing the county board/committee meetings attended by the Supervisors.

- A 2017 financial report was placed on the desks. This shows an unaudited review of expenses and revenues.

Review/Discussion – Chair Report: Chair McMillan Urell listed upcoming meetings for supervisors to attend.

- June 25th at 7:00 p.m. County Board
- July 9th at 6:30 p.m. special County Board meeting for the zoning ordinance.

She would also like each committee to discuss immediate needs, short term goals, and long term goals for their departments. This information then needs to be reported to the Administration office so it can be discussed at a future Committee of the Board.

Public Comments Not Regarding Agenda Items: None.

Adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk