

Buffalo County Minutes

Committee/Board: Joint Economic Development
Committee & Finance Committee

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Electronic and Hard Copy Filing Date: Monday, October 22, 2018

Mr. Danzinger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. David Danzinger, Ms. Nettie Rosenow, Mr. Larry Grisen, Mr. James Ziegeweid, and Mr. Don Black. Mr. Don Hillert and Ms. Mary Anne McMillan Urell were excused.

Others Present for All or Parts of the Meeting: Ms. Sonya Hansen, Ms. Roxann Halverson, Ms. Amber Leininger, Mr. David Schmidt, Mr. Bob Platteter, Ms. Diane Prenot, Mr. Tom Marum, and Mr. Cameron Bump.

Public Comments Regarding Posted Agenda Items: None.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the Winona Connector Trail Project: A review of the history of the project was given. The original funds granted are not enough to cover costs. The ground is soft and will take extra materials to make into a bike trail. We have until June 2019 to expend the funds already received. Mr. Bump will be applying to use state park funds for the project as this money comes from the National Park Service and their permission is required to use the money for a project other than a state park project. There may need to be additional funds provided by the county for matching funds. The EDC would like to use up to \$50,000 of CAPX2020 funds if needed to complete the bike trail. Mr. Black made a motion to draft a resolution and send it to the Finance Committee for approval, seconded by Mr. Ziegeweid. Carried.

A discussion was held on the Flyway Trail. The Flyway Trail Committee would like to ask the county to put \$150,000 of CAPX2020 funds towards this segment of trail as seed money for a fundraising effort. The money should be reimbursed once fundraising is done. This portion of the trail will connect the Winona Connector Trail with a portion of trail in Buffalo County. It was discussed in the past to make the trail go north, but this has been found to be very difficult to accomplish. No action was taken at this time.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding an Update on Rustic Roads: A discussion was held on Rustic Roads. There were three roads originally reviewed, but it was found that one of the roads did not meet the criteria for a Rustic Road designation. Mr. Ziegeweid made a motion to approve the two routes for Rustic Road designation and forward them to the Highway Committee, seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding an Update on Community Development

Block Grant Funds: Mr. Schmidt explained the funding that has been loaned out in the past needs to be returned to the state. It was found that the state was not administering the program correctly and the federal government wants all money returned. The state will revamp the program and re-loan the money to counties. The new program will not have as many restrictions as the past program had.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding an Update on Broadband: Mr. Schmidt has been trying to work with HBCI to obtain maps of service coverage areas. There has been some change in management that has been causing delays. TDS has been rumored to be burying new cable in some areas. Cochrane Cooperative Telephone has been awarded a second grant to finish the work in the Town of Milton.

Review/Discussion Next Meeting Date for Economic Development Committee:

The next meeting date and time will be November 21st at 10:00 a.m.

Public Comments: None.

Adjournment: Mr. Ziegeweid made a motion to adjourn at 11:15 a.m., seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk