

2019 FINANCIAL BUDGET HEARING
November 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

The Buffalo County Board of Supervisors met for the purpose of holding a public hearing regarding the 2019 Financial Budget. Mr. Gary Schlosstein spoke regarding the contribution to the Historical Society. He reviewed the work that is done by the employees of the Historical Society, the location of the office, and the expenses of the office. He indicated that by not contributing to the \$7,000 to the Historical Society there would be a negative impact on the services they provide.

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

NOVEMBER COUNTY BOARD SESSION
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:13 p.m.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The roll was called and all members were present except for Mr. Nathan Nelson and Mr. David Danzinger, who were excused. Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were Ms. Roxann Halverson, Mr. Gary Schlosstein, Mr. Dave Brommerich, and Sheriff Mike Schmidt knecht.

Public Comments: None.

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

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-11-01 A Resolution to Amend Resolution #18-10-01 County Aid for Town Bridges and Culverts – Section 82.08 of the Statues: The resolution is being amended to add a bridge petition that was not included in the last resolution. Mr. Grisen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Taylor. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-11-02 A Resolution to Approve 2019 Highway Department Road Construction Projects to be financed with Short-Term Debt: The 2019 budget is approximately \$602,000 short and this resolution would approve a short-term loan to help with highway projects. It is a short-term loan of approximately 6-9 months. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding the 2019 Budget Presentation: Mr. Hillert reviewed the budget and the positions that were included in the budget. There are a few things that need to be decided yet before it is approved.

1. The Sheriff received notice that jail meals will be increasing in cost by \$.70 per meal. This could be sent out for bids, but in past experience has showed the cost would increase more than the \$.70.
2. The Historical Society Contribution and remodeling for the District Attorney's Office needs to be decided. There are three options: 1) reinstate the \$7,000 contribution and take any remodeling costs from the general fund. This would increase the overall budget. 2) Adopt the proposed budget with no changes. This would mean no contribution to the Historical Society and the

remodeling costs would come from the courthouse improvement budget. Recommend that Judge Schlosstein give any contribution he would have given for remodeling directly to the Historical Society. 3) Move forward with the resolution to rescind office space for the Historical Society and return that space to County use. The \$7,000 could be reallocated to the Historical Society if the board wishes. This space would then be used by the Veteran's Office and the Coroner. No remodeling would need to be done.

Mr. Brunkow made a motion to include the increase cost of jail meals into the 2019 budget, seconded by Mr. Smith. Carried.

A discussion was held on using the \$7,000 contribution towards remodeling needed on first floor to house both the Veteran's Office and the District Attorney's Office. Finance had previously chosen option #2. Mr. Seipel made a motion to create option #4 and use the \$7,000 to remodel the office space and give whatever funds are left to the Historical Society, seconded by Mr. Brunkow. Mr. Kriesel voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-11-03 A Resolution to Approve 2019 Tax Levy and Budget: Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve the resolution with changes to the budget as voted on above, seconded by Mr. Weiss. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-11-04 A Resolution to Approve Buffalo County Rustic Roads Application: There was a slight change to the second route due to safety concerns. If approved this recommendation will go to the state for final approval. Mr. Bork would like to have a traffic count on these roads to see if there would be any traffic concerns. He would also like to hear input from the landowners this will affect. Mr. Grisen explained there will be a public hearing for citizen input if the state agrees with this recommendation. Ms. Rosenow made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mr. Kriesel. Mr. Bork voting no. Carried.

Review/Discussion/Action regarding Resolution #18-11-05 A Resolution to Support Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program for Land Acquisition: Mr. Hillert explained the resolution is to acquire land in the floodplain to be used as a nature area. The City of Mondovi will have final say on moving forward with this whether the County approves it or not. Mr. Hillert made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Black. Carried.

Committee Chair Reports: Mr. Brunkow reported for the Law Enforcement Committee. There will be a new deputy on staff once the final evaluation is complete. There are still open positions for a male and female Communications/Corrections Officer positions. Ford has cancelled the lease for the fleet of cars. The Sheriff is working on this with Enterprise.

Mr. Kriesel explained there is still a high demand for foster care. Employees in DHHS are doing their best but are stretched.

Mr. Black reported on the work that the UW Extension employees are doing working with grants, schools, and other County offices.

Mr. Taylor reported on Zoning work being done on the addressing signs.

Mr. Grisen reported that Highway will be bringing a five year plan to the Finance Committee. He also reported that HR would like Committee Chairs be involved in the Department Manager evaluations.

Mr. Weiss reported that Recycling is working on collaborating with Pepin County and the City of Mondovi for recycling. They have approved the use of part-time help for this department while Mr. Schiffli is on active military duty.

Written Administrative Coordinator Report: Chair McMillan Urell read Ms. Hansen's written report.

County Board Chair Report: Chair McMillan Urell urged everyone to read the WI Counties Association report about the Ambassador program that was sent out by County Clerk Roxann Halverson.

Adjournment: Mr. Seipel made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Bork. Carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Roxann M. Halverson
Buffalo County Clerk