

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTE

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2018
TIME: 5:00 PM
PLACE: COUNTY BOARD ROOM

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Millan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chaney, Collins, Connors, Lukas, & Millan

Absent:

Others present: Nora Matuszewski, Stephen Bunda, Lance Laabs, Jack Matuszewski, Larry Berg, Sara Guild (Representative from Duffy's Office), Judy Savard, Dick Krawze, Bonnie Evans, Mike Monte, Richard Ackley, Lyndon Drescher, & Bekah Drescher.

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Connors to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Collins. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 24, 2018, EXECUTIVE MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2018, Executive meeting, seconded by Collins. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. (Note): The meeting minutes presented to be approved at the meeting were from the January 24, 2018 meeting, the Agenda noted the January 22, 2018, which was a typo, as that meeting was canceled due to weather.

DISCUSSION WITH SARA GUILD FROM CONGRESSMAN DUFFY'S OFFICE ON THE FINANCIAL CHALLENGES FACING FOREST COUNTY

The discussion was opened up by Chairman Millan introducing Sara Guild, Outreach Director from Duffy's Office and to let everyone know that he had talked to her previously and the discussion would be targeted toward the problems the County is facing because of the amount of non-taxable lands in our County, causing a very low tax base, and the communication issues facing our rescue services.

There was discussion about the PILT payment the County receives in the \$700,000 range and the fact that all of that money goes to the municipalities but, around \$4900. There was discussion about the lands around lakes that are closed to development because of the lands being owned by the Federal or State, which also is a huge revenue loss. It was mentioned that the State should compensate the County on these lands for the loss of revenue from the construction of buildings on lake lots. Could some of the parks that the Federal and State are not maintaining anymore be given to the County to maintain to bring in revenue? The County has less revenue because of the Federal and State lands, but, the County is still responsible for providing the same services as other counties.

Sara also brought up the proposed renovations to the Courthouse Campus and that she thought there might be some funding options for the County in the areas of; USDA Rural

Development Area, Community Facility grants and loans, CDBG, low income grants that involve the population and median income ranges, & possibly historical preservation grants. There is no guarantee on any of these, but, they can be explored to see if they could be utilized.

There was also discussion about the broadband problem that Forest County has.

Sara will give the Clerk some contacts for all of the grants that are known that are available to apply for, and added that sometimes colleges will help out organizations in writing grants because currently the County does not have any grant writers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Collins to adjourn, seconded by Connors. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

- These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the next scheduled Executive meeting.