## CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on February 21, 2017, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairman Millan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. The Clerk, Nora Matuszewski, read the agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Berg, Bunda, Campbell, Chaney, Collins, Connors, Jr., Dailey, Dehart, Gallion, Houle, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Marvin, Matuszewski, Millan, Otto, Shaffer, Stamper, Tauer (20); absent, Huettl (1).

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA**

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Stamper to approve the amended agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (20); absent, Huettl (1). Motion carried. Amended Agenda approved as presented.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2016 MEETING**

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Berg to approve the November 16, 2016 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl (1). Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH BOARD**

None

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Chairman’s Report: The Chairman made all of the Board Members aware of a harassment training that is taking place on March 2nd, and encouraged all to try to attend.

John Hochkammer from WCA was present to do a presentation on County Government Authority, Administration Structure Options, Roles and Responsibilities of County Board Members and Running Effective Meetings.

**APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS**

Forest County Library Board-2 Appointments

Motion by Tauer, seconded by Dehart to approve Theresa Novak & Tina Wilson to the Forest County Library Board for the term of 3 years with a start date of January 2017 to December 3, 2019. All in favor voting AYE (20); absent, Huettl (1). Motion carried.

Motion by Stamper, seconded by Dailey to create an Elected Officials committee to be chaired by Collins, with Otto and Gallion as the other committee members. All present voting AYE (20); absent, Huettl (1). Motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 1-2017 – Presented by Forestry and Recreation Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forest County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forestry and Recreation Committee and hereby accepts and approves the 2017 Forest County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Chapter 2000 of the 15 Year Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2006-2020 be amended as set forth in Chapter 2000, paragraph 2100.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Forestry and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

Motion by Karl, seconded by Connors to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution 2-2017 – Presented by Forestry and Recreation Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** does hereby delegate to the Forestry and Recreation Committee, authority to make application to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for funds appropriated for the improvement of fish and wildlife habitat as well as operate and maintain eligible projects for its intended purpose.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to expend the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for County fish and Game projects which have been approved by the Department of Natural Resources.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee shall have this authority, from year to year, without the necessity of a County Board Resolution, provided however this authority shall extend only to submitting for funds to the State of Wisconsin, as set forth above.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee may authorize the Forestry Department Staff to apply for grants, sign the contracts and complete grant reimbursement as necessary.

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Laabs to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution 3-2017- Presented by Forestry and Recreation Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forestry Committee and the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby expresses their desire to participate in the County Forest Administrator Program for calendar year 2017 and years subsequent as it pertains to the position of County Forest Administrator.

Motion by Berg, seconded by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution 4-2017– Presented by Forestry & Recreation Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we the Forest County Board of Supervisors in consideration of meeting the needs identified in our County Forest 15 Year Plan hereby request the Department of Natural Resources to provide the 2017 payment to the County under ss 28.11(8)(b)1 on the basis of 50 cents for each acre of our County Forest Lands;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the clerk is hereby authorized and directed to file this request with the Department of Natural Resources prior to December 31 preceding the year in which said payment is being requested to be made.

Motion by Stamper, seconded by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 5-2017 – Presented by Forestry & Recreation Committee**

**Resolved** BY THE Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin**,**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Forest does hereby resolve that the County requests that the legislature restore the County Forest Administration Grant Program to its previous funding level in the next State Biennial Budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the proper County officials, including the Forest Administrator, are authorized to contact the State legislators for Forest County requesting their support for restoration of this grant;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, the state legislators for Forest County, the Wisconsin Counties Association and WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

Motion by Collins, seconded by Dailey to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 6-2017 – Presented by County Board Chairman**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints those individuals as Emergency Fire Wardens as indicated on the attached list.

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Gallion to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 7-2017 – Presented by Forest County Board Chairman**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE,** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Forest County Finance and Property Committee purchase the land and building located at 300 A. South Lake Avenue, in the City of Crandon, Forest County, for the sum of $120,000.00 and said money shall be taken from the general fund.

Motion by Tauer, seconded by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 8-2017- Presented by the Highway Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Forest County Highway Chairman and Committee are hereby authorized and delegated the authority to purchase one fully equipped patrol truck for a total purchase price not to exceed Two Hundred and Thirty Thousand dollars ($230,000.00).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that payment for this truck shall be drawn from the Highway Maintenance account.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Forest County Highway Committee Chairman is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents that may be necessary in order to accomplish this purchase. Further, that said Highway Committee shall comply with all statutory requirements regarding the purchase of equipment of this sort.

Motion by Lukas, seconded by Connors to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 9-2017- Presented by Highway Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Forest County Highway Committee Chairman is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to purchase one fully equipped loader for a purchase price (after trading in a used loader) not to exceed One Hundred Thousand Five Hundred dollars ($100,500.00) with a loan for the full amount at an interest rate not greater than 2.95% per annum.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 10-2017- Presented by the Forestry and Recreation Committee**

**RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS** that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the above-mentioned amendments to the Fifteen-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan, which is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Motion by Berg, seconded by Tauer to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

**Ordinance No. 01-2017- Presented by the Land Sales and Delinquent Tax Committee**

WHEREAS, on occasion personal property, to include titled vehicles, becomes abandoned in Forest County, and

WHEREAS, the Forest County Land Sales and Delinquent Tax recommends the following ordinance be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS as follows:

Section I: Definitions

1. Personal Property: all tangible property that is neither real property nor subject to a title.
2. Vehicle: any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer or mobile home subject to a title.
3. Abandoned Personal Property: Any Personal Property which is seized by an officer of Forest County under the belief that it has been abandoned and has remained unclaimed for a period of thirty days from the date of seizure.
4. Abandoned Vehicle: Any Vehicle which remains unattended without the permission of the property owner for 72 hours or upon a public highway or property under such circumstances as to cause the vehicle to reasonably appear to have been abandoned.

Section II: Treatment of Abandoned Personal Property

1. Any Abandoned Personal Property shall be disposed of in one of the following ways as determined by the County Board or a committee selected by the County Board:
2. Sold at public auction, which may be conducted on the County’s website;
3. Donated to a non-profit organization selected by the County Board; or
4. Scrapped at a junk yard or landfill.
5. Any Abandoned Personal Property disposed of according (a)(2) or (3) shall be noted in a record in the following manner, which shall be maintained for a period of 2 years:
6. An inventory of the Personal Property;
7. Date and method of disposal;
8. Consideration received, if any; and
9. Name and address of the person taking possession of the Personal Property.
10. If the disposal is in the form of a sale, all receipts from the sale after deducting the necessary expenses of keeping the property and conducting the sale shall be paid into the treasury of the County.

Section III: Treatment of Abandoned Vehicles

1. Any officer appointed under Wis. Stat. § 16.84(2), sheriff’s deputy, county traffic patrolperson, state traffic officer or conservation warder who discovers an Abandoned Vehicle shall cause the Vehicle to be removed to a suitable place of impoundment and notify the towing service within 24 hours of the name and last-known address of the registered owner and all lienholders of record of the Vehicle’s impoundment. The registered owner, unless the Vehicle was stolen, is responsible for all the costs associated with impounding and disposing of the Vehicle.
2. If it is determined that the Abandoned Vehicle is worth less than the cost of towing and storage, the Vehicle may be junked, donated to a nonprofit organization, or sold by the County prior to the expiration period under Sub (c) upon determination by the Chief of Police or Sheriff having jurisdiction that the Vehicle is not stolen or otherwise wanted for evidence or other reason. All substantially complete vehicles in excess of 19 model years of age shall be disposed of in accordance with Sub (c).
3. Any Vehicle deemed abandoned by the County Sheriff and not disposed of under Sub (b), shall be retained in storage for period of 14 days after certified mail notice has been sent to the owner and lienholders of record to permit reclamation of the Vehicle after payment of any accrued charges relating to towing and storage.
4. Notice under Sub (c) shall include the year, make, model and serial number of the Abandoned Vehicle, the location where the Vehicle is being held and shall inform the owner and any lienholders of their right to reclaim the Vehicle. The notice shall also state the failure of the owner or lienholder to exercise their rights to reclaim the Vehicle under this section is a waiver of all right, title, and interest in the vehicle and consent to the sale or donation of the Vehicle.
5. Each retained Vehicle not reclaimed by its owner or lienholder may be sold or donated to a nonprofit organization.
6. If the Vehicle is sold, the county may dispose of the Vehicle by either a sealed bid or Auction Sale, both of which may be done over the internet.
7. Any purchaser of the Vehicle shall have 10 days to remove the Vehicle or forfeit all interest in the Vehicle. Additionally, the purchaser shall pay a reasonable storage fee of $35.00 per day for each day the Vehicle remains in storage after the 2nd business day subsequent to the sale date.

Section VI: Severability.

If any section, clause provision or portion of this Ordinance is judged unconstitutional or invalid by the County of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Ordinance shall not be forfeited.

Section VII: Publication.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and adoption.

Dated this \_21st\_\_ day of \_\_February\_, 2017.

\_\_\_/s/ Paul Millan\_\_\_\_\_

Paul Millan

Forest County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

\_/s/ Nora Matuszewski\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nora Matuszewski

Forest County Clerk

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Dailey to approve the ordinance as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried.

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

Sheriff- John Dennee to discuss Drug increase and inmate increase.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion by Berg, seconded by Shaffer to adjourn. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Huettl, (1). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The foregoing is a condensed version of the minutes from the February 21, 2017 meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors. The complete proceedings are on file and available for inspection in the office of the Forest County Clerk.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the April 18, 2017 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski

Forest County Clerk