

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

June 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on June 20, 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, Huettl, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Marvin, Matuszewski, Millan, Otto, Shaffer, Tauer (20); absent, Stamper (1).

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM APRIL 18, 2017 MEETING

Motion by Chaney, seconded by Matuszewski to approve the April 18, 2017 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH BOARD

County Board members were provided with letters of support for Dave Ziolkowski.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Lukas to convene into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” and Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(g) “conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with specific personnel matters and conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation which the County is likely to be involved in regarding such personnel, seconded by Connors. Roll call vote, Berg(AYE), Bunda(AYE), Campbell(AYE), Chaney(AYE), Collins(AYE), Connors, Jr.(AYE), Dailey(AYE), Dehart(AYE), Gallion(AYE), Houle(AYE), Huettl(AYE), Karl(AYE), Laabs(AYE), Lukas(AYE), Marvin(AYE), Matuszewski(AYE), Millan(AYE), Otto(AYE), Shaffer(AYE), Tauer(AYE), (20) Absent, Stamper(1). Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION TO TAKE ACTION, IF APPROPRIATE, ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Tauer to reconvene to open session, seconded by Connors. All present voting AYE (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried.

No Action

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman shared with the committee that Steve Nelson (UWEX) has been promoted to District Administrator for the four counties and three tribes. The Finance purchased Forest County cups for the employees from a dividend for Workman's Comp and distributed them to all employees, he notified everyone the Brush Run is this weekend, and the businesses Home Town Trolley and Affinity are doing well. Jeff Anderson-Wisconsin Department of Tourism did a presentation on the impact on tourism in Wisconsin and Forest County.

Judy Savard was in to voice her opinions on issues she thinks the county has.

Samuels Group did a presentation on the information they put together for the preliminary costs and three (3) different plans of construction and updates to the courthouse and jail facilities. The information will be looked over by all county board members and brought back to the August meeting.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 20-2017 – Presented by Forest County Executive Committee:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS calls upon the State Legislature, before the start of the next redistricting process following the 2020 federal census, to pass legislation that creates a fair, nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans, that promotes more accountability and transparency, prohibits the consideration of voting patterns, party information, and incumbents' residence information or demographic information in drawing the maps, except as necessary to ensure minority participation as requested by the U.S. Constitution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Forest County Board of Supervisors advocates for an amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution giving the responsibility of legislative redistricting to a nonpartisan commission; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, the Wisconsin Towns Association, the Wisconsin League of Municipalities, all members of the state legislature, and to each Wisconsin County.

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

Resolution 21-2017 – Presented by Finance Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That WHEREAS, Federal lawmakers will be considering a proposal to remove funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)- Housing Program from the Federal Budget,

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WHEREAS, the counties of Langlade, Lincoln, Menominee, Forest, Florence, Oconto, Oneida, Shawano, and Vilas have partnered together in the Northwoods Region for the distribution of the CDBG funds within these counties; and,

WHEREAS, the CDBG program has helped over 155 low income individuals receive much needed funding for home repairs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of this program could be detrimental to being able to keep low income individuals in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by a majority of the Forest County Board of Supervisors to hereby encourage Federal lawmakers to continue funding for the Community Development Block Grant program, and to have a copy of this resolution be sent to all Wisconsin Senators and members of Congress representing the State of Wisconsin.

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

Resolution 22-2017- Presented by Executive Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That
WHEREAS, certain county board members of the Forest County Board of Supervisors are also members of various long-standing committees that have been established to assist in the operation of Forest County Government; and

WHEREAS, Sec. 59.13(2)(a) Wis. Stats. identifies that supervisors in counties with a population of less than 25,000 should not have meetings and/or receive pay for attending meetings which occur more than 20 times in a calendar year or have more than 10 meetings for any one committee during a calendar year; and

WHEREAS, certain supervisors serve on committees which require attendance in excess of the total meeting of 20 times per year and in excess of 10 meetings for any particular committee during a given calendar year; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that supervisors serving on various committees may attend meetings in excess of the total of 20 meetings per year and/or more than 10 meetings per year for any one committee; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the committee members shall continue to receive the per diem for each meeting and the mileage expense which were previously established by the Forest County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Tauer, seconded by Collins to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

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Resolution 23-2017 Presented by Executive Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That WHEREAS, Forest County and in particular certain departments which operate within the County are the recipients of various Federal financial and non-financial assistance and benefits; and

WHEREAS, certain individuals, companies, organizations or other legal entities are debarred (prohibited from receiving), ineligible, excluded and/or not able to participate in federal assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, it is in Forest County's best interest to establish a policy to refrain from employing or contracting with individuals, companies, organizations or other legal entities which would cause the County to be excluded from Federal programs providing assistance and/or benefits to the County; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee recommends the Debarment Monitoring Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A be approved by a Resolution adopted by the Forest County Board of Supervisors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby approve the Debarment Monitoring Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A which, among other things, prohibits the employment or contracting with individuals, companies, organizations or other legal entities which are excluded from participating in Federal assistance programs.

Motion by Shaffer, seconded by Otto to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

Resolution 24-2017- Presented by Executive Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That WHEREAS, the Forest County Board of Supervisors in 2016 approved the sum of \$100,000.00 for funding the support, maintenance and repair of the courthouse, jail and courthouse security; and

WHEREAS, said money was taken from the General Fund and approximately \$50,000.00 remains outstanding and available for additional support, maintenance and repair of the courthouse, jail and courthouse security; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 Forest County Budget should be amended to request the carry-over of the sum of approximately \$50,000.00 for the above mentioned expenses and that said monies continue to carry over until the funds are no longer available;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby approve the carry-over of the sum of approximately \$50,000.00 from the funds established in 2016 and which sums shall continue to be used in 2017 for the support, maintenance and repair of the courthouse, jail, and/or courthouse security and such money continue to carry over until the funds are no longer available.

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Motion by Dailey, seconded by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

Resolution 25-2017- Presented by the Forestry Committee:

WHEREAS, the Forestation State Tax (mill tax) was enacted in the 1930's for the purpose of acquiring, preserving and developing the forests of the state and has served as a segregated funding source for the Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and for grants and assistance to county forests and other programs that support, enhance and protect forest management, forest health and the timber industry; and

WHEREAS, the Mill Tax has served to support the state's \$24 billion forest products industry and helped support the state's \$20 billion tourism industry; and
WHEREAS, the 2017-2019 Wisconsin State Budget proposal includes a provision to eliminate the Mill Tax and replace this forestry funding source with state general purpose revenues; and

WHEREAS, forestry interests will likely be unable to compete with education, transportation, health care and other high priority services for general purpose revenues in future budgets; and

WHEREAS, revenues to the mill tax program have increased significantly in recent years and it appears as if numerous expenditures from this account do not meet the intent of this segregated funding program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Forest County Board of Supervisors request a full audit of the State of Wisconsin Forestry Mill Tax Account to determine expenditures that are appropriate to the forestry intent of the program;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors supports retaining the Forestation State Tax but at a level more appropriate to funding Wisconsin's core forestry services as identified in S.S. 70.58 (1). The Forest County Board of Supervisors would support alternatives to the mill tax that are a segregated, permanent revenue source to help fund Wisconsin's vitally important forestry and timber industries;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Assemblyman Rob Swearingen, State Representative Jeffrey Mursau, Senator Tom Tiffany, and Governor Scott Walker.

Motion by Connors, seconded by Matuszewski to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

Resolution 26-2017 Presented by the Forestry Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That
Whereas, Forest County is interested in maintaining, acquiring and insuring lands for public snowmobile and ATV trail use; and

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Whereas, said public snowmobile and ATV trails are eligible for funds under Section 23.09 (26) of the Wisconsin Statutes; and

Whereas, public snowmobile and ATV trail funds are available to rehabilitate bridges; and

Whereas, one Forest County Snowmobile Club, the Black Bear Sportsmen's Club and one Forest County ATV Club, the Forest County ATV Association, have a bridge in need of rehabilitation that will qualify for grant funding; and

Whereas, eligibility for these funds requires that an application and Resolution must be filed; and

Whereas, the Forestry and Recreation Committee shall have the authority to authorize the Forestry Department Staff to apply for grants, sign contracts and complete grant reimbursements; and

Whereas, the estimated cost of this bridge is \$210,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby delegate to the Forestry Department Staff, authority to make applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for funds appropriated for Snowmobile and ATV bridge rehabilitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry Department is hereby authorized to expend the

funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for eligible rehabilitation costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry Department is authorized to apply for grants, sign the contracts and complete grant reimbursement as necessary.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Huettl to approve the resolution as presented.

All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

Resolution 27-2017- Presented by the Forest County Land And Water Resources Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That WHEREAS, the Forest County Land and Water Resources Committee believes that the master list for the fees charged by the Land and Water Resources office should be amended; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments to the attached Master List of Fees are as follows:

LAND USE FEES

Increase "Accessory Structures" fee to \$0.20 per square foot.

Add "Commercial Structures" with a fee of \$0.20 per square foot.

Amend "Temporary Structures" to "Temporary Structures after 31 days" with a unit (monthly) fee of "\$25.00".

Amend the "Late Fees" from \$300 to "Double Fee"

OTHER ZONING PERMITS

1. Amend "Recreational Vehicle placement" to "Recreational Vehicle placement after 31 days" with a fee of \$100.

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2. Amend "Shore yard Alteration Permit" to "Shore yard Alteration Permit within 300 feet of the OHWM" with a fee of \$150.
3. Increase "Conditional Use Application" fee to \$575.
4. Amend "Planned Unit Development Petition" to \$300 and \$50 per lot.
5. Add "Appeal to the Board of Adjustment" with a fee of \$300.
6. Remove "Board of Adjustment Application"
7. Add "Variance Application" with a fee of \$575.
8. Add "Special Exception" with a fee of \$300.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the amendments to the Master List of Fees as stated above are hereby approved.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Huettl to approve the resolution as presented.

All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried. Resolution adopted as read.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

Motion by Collins, seconded by Shaffer to lay over Child Support, Highway Operations Reports, WCA Actuarial, and Health Department Reports for the August 15, 2017 County Board meeting. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Stamper (1). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, seconded by Campbell to adjourn. All present voting AYE, (20); absent, Marvin, (1). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

The foregoing is a condensed version of the minutes from the June 20, 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 August 15, 2017 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk