

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

November 14, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on November 14, 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, Huettl, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Matuszewski, Millan, Otto, Shaffer, Stamper, Tauer

Absent:

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Shaffer, seconded by Otto to approve the amended agenda. All present voting AYE (21). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 17, 2017 MEETING

Motion by Connors, seconded by Berg to approve the October 17, 2017 meeting minutes. All present voting AYE (21). Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING-2018 BUDGET

Motion by Lukas to open up the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE (21). Motion carried.

Motion by Dailey to close the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget, seconded by Connors. All present voting AYE (21). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Chairman Millan explained the Opioid Epidemic litigation and that the County is not responsible for paying anything unless the case is won by the attorneys.

Chairman Millan explained what the Wisconsin Counties Utility Tax Association and asked for a show of hands to pay the State Utility Payment and all hands everyone was in support of it. The Clerk will pay the membership dues for 2018.

Chairman Millan explained what the Municipal Vehicle Registration Fee is and what it can be used for. The Board recommended this be taken up with a committee and brought back after more investigation.

There are two more land acquisitions taking place within the County that will remove the land from the tax roll. The Board recommended this be taken up with a committee to contact legislation against these land acquisitions.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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Chairman's Report: Chairman Millan told the Board that Hometown Trolley moved the fence to the south & will start putting up the building soon. There is a prospective buyer for the Crandon Nursing Home, and that it can no longer be a nursing home.

The Sheriff Department did a presentation about the drug problem that Forest County is facing and how they are dealing with it. They brought in many examples of drug paraphernalia and showed videos of before and after pictures of drug users of meth. The presentation was an eye opener for many individuals who did not realize the drug epidemic this County is facing and what our officers are dealing with every day. They want to get out the word that they are willing to do this presentation for organizations through-out the County to keep the residents informed

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Highway Commissioner: 2-years January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2019

The Clerk read a letter of interest from the current Highway Commissioner, William Anderson.

Motion by Dailey to close the nomination, seconded by Campbell. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

Motion by Connors to appoint William Anderson, seconded by Dehart. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 40-2017- Offered by the Commission on Aging 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 Commission on Aging by the Commission Chair enter into a contract with the ADRC of the Northwoods, serving Forest County residents to provide an Elderly Benefits Specialist for services in Forest County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funding for the Elderly Benefits Specialist be paid by various grants and through funding from the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources.

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

Resolution 41-2017- Offered by the Finance/Public Property 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 County Board hereby accepts the recommended budget of the Finance Committee, a true and correct copy of which has been received by the members of the Forest County Board of Supervisors and which is on file in the County Clerk's office and which shall be published in the Forest Republican pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 59.60.

Motion by Collins, seconded by Tauer to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (20); Absent, Gallion (1). Motion carried.

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Resolution 42-2017- Offered by the Commission on Aging Committee

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors in session this 14th day of November, 2017, that the Coordinator for the Office On Aging, namely Tammy Queen, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and submit to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, an application for assistance to provide transportation services to the elderly and handicapped during 2018, all pursuant to Sec. 85.21 of Wisconsin Statutes and further, in conformation with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest County Board hereby authorizes the obligation of county funds in the amount not to exceed 20% of that amount allocated to the county by the grant referred to above, in order to provide the required local matching funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the County Board Chairman and the County Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to execute a State Aid Contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, all pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sec. 85.21 in order to accomplish the foregoing.

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

Resolution 43-2017- Offered by Executive Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That WHEREAS, Forest County ("County") is concerned with the recent rapid rise in troubles NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS authorizes and agrees to be bound by, the Engagement Letter and hereby directs the appropriate officer of the County to execute the Engagement Letter on behalf of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, County shall endeavor to perform all actions required of County in relation to the claims contemplated herein and in the Engagement Letter and hereby directs all County personnel to cooperate with and assist the Law Firms in relation thereto; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution, together with the signed Engagement Letter, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, 22 E. Mifflin Street, Suite 900, Madison, Wisconsin, 53703.

Motion by Dehart, seconded by Matuszewski to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); NAY, Huettl, Laabs, (2); Absent, Gallion (1). Motion carried.

Resolution 44-2017- Offered 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 2018 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.

Motion by Karl, seconded by Bunda to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (20); Absent, Gallion (1). Motion carried.

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Resolution 45-2017- Offered by the Finance Committee:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that the 2017 Forest County Budget shall be amended to reflect the additional expenses of \$169,900.00 and that said amount taken from the general fund to pay for said expenditures.

Motion by Stamper, seconded by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (20); Absent, Gallion (1). Motion carried.

Resolution 46-2017- Offered by the County Board Chairman:

RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, That NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, approves the sum of money not to exceed \$200,000.00 to be taken from the general fund to be paid to architects, engineers, financial advisors and the Samuels Group for providing a plan on repairing the existing courthouse and the possibility of constructing a new courthouse.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Executive Committees shall oversee and approve any and all expenditures for preparing a building plan for repairing the existing courthouse and the preliminary costs referred to above to provide the necessary information for the possibility of constructing a new courthouse.

Motion by Dailey, seconded by Tauer to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); NAY, Bunda, Laabs, (2); Absent, Gallion (1). Motion carried.

Resolution 47-2017- Offered by the 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 in session this 14th, day of November, 2017 that an application be made to the State of Wisconsin for aid as provided for in Wis. Stats. 20.455(kt), (ku) and (kw) and law enforcement duties of the Sheriff arising by reason of federal legislation transferring jurisdiction over Indian criminal matters to the State of Wisconsin. Said expenses are anticipated to be incurred as a result of providing law enforcement and protection to the two (2) federally recognized Indian Reservations located within the corporate boundaries of Forest County, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application be for the year beginning January 1, 2018 through and including December 31, 2018, and that the agreements of the Sheriff and Forest County be incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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

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ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Annual Investment Report

Motion by Lukas to place the Treasurer's Annual Investment Report on file in the County Clerk's Office, seconded by Huettl. All present voting AYE (20); Absent, Gallion (1).

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Motion by Berg, seconded by Dehart to adjourn. All present voting AYE, (20); Absent (1). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

The foregoing is a condensed version of the minutes from the November 14, 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 February 20, 2018 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk