

# FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

February 18, 2020

## CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on February 18, 2020, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairman Tallier 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, Dehart, Gallion, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Matuszewski, Miller, Shaffer, Stamper, Tallier & Tauer.

Absent: Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers

## APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Goode, second by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

## APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Tauer, second by Stamper to approve the January 21, 2020 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

## PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Ed Quade from the Highway Department was in to inquire about the old generator that is currently at the LEC. The Highway would be interested in it if a new one is purchased. This will be brought to committee. Lukas explained the idea was brought up at a Building/Property meeting already and suggested that some in kind work be done in exchange for it.

Cortney Britten-Cleereman thanked the Personnel and Finance Committees for meeting with the Elected Officials on the wage increase and told them she appreciated their support.

## COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Chairman Tallier commented on the National Prevention Week as he became very involved with the event last year and felt it was a very good thing for Forest County.

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE); (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Josh Dirske- Dirske explained the Law Enforcement Challenge the WCA has been holding since 2012 when it was created. He spoke of how the WCA was created and told those in attendance that Forest County was one of the first Counties to help create the WCA to help Counties better insure themselves.

Walrath has competed in this challenge every year since it was started and in all he has placed in the competition in 4 of those years and has won a total of \$14,500 for the County. Walrath explained his goal is to win this competition so he will continue to compete. Through the

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competition he has learned his strengths and weaknesses. He was presented with a check for \$6,000 for Forest County.

Michelle Gobert- Gobert explained who she is as well as who she represents. She spoke in length about the Historical Society and the preservation of documents, and had a power point of documents as well. The Historical Society has interest in the Old Jail/Sheriff Residence, but, not ownership. They are hoping the County Board will commit something to fix up the building for use to store documents and have them accessible to view. There are many documents within the County that are in jeopardy and need preserving.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- 1) Chairman discussed back awhile he went to Madison to try and get more money into the County with the Gaming Compact. He received a call two weeks ago and there is a possibility of more money coming to Forest County.
- (2) There still is no official word on the Broadband Grant and he explained there is a lot of competition for the money.
- (3) Dan Elam was recognized for his 39-years of service with the Highway Department in the County. He will be retiring soon. Dan thanked everyone and explained how appreciated the recognition was and that he enjoyed working with Forest County.

### APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Crandon Public Library-Kadie VanCleve

Motion by Tauer to appoint Kadie VanCleve, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE); (16). Absent; (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 04-2020 Offered by Rules & Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Risk Management Committee be established as set forth above and the Rules and Regulations Handbook be amended accordingly.

Motion by Campbell, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 05-2020 Offered by Rules & Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby establish that the Rules and Regulations Committee shall have seven (7) committee members.

Motion by Gretzinger, second by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 06-2020 Offered by Rules & Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the above-mentioned changes to the existing Rules and Regulations Handbook. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the existing Rules and Regulations of the Forest County

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Board of Supervisors not otherwise affected by the above-mentioned changes shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion by Tauer, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 07-2020 Offered by Rules & Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the above-mentioned changes to the existing Rules and Regulations Handbook. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the existing Rules and Regulations of the Forest County Board of Supervisors not otherwise affected by the above-mentioned changes shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion by Miller, second by Karl to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution-Policy – 08-2020 Offered by Building/Property

Motion by Dehart, second by Berg to approve the policy as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution -09-2020 Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors, that the total annual compensation for county elected officers under Wis. Stat. § 59.22(1) shall be as follows,

<u>OFFICIALS</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Treasurer	\$55,972.31	\$57,651.47	\$59,381.02	\$61,162.45
Register of Deeds	\$55,972.31	\$57,651.47	\$59,381.02	\$61,162.45
County Clerk	\$55,972.31	\$57,651.47	\$59,381.02	\$61,162.45

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the Wisconsin Retirement System in accordance with law and the County shall pay only its share of contributions required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned county elected officials are entitled to participate in the County’s health insurance program subject to the terms and conditions of the program, which may be modified from time to time, under the same terms and conditions as the health insurance coverage offered to non-represented managerial county employees who are not law enforcement managerial employees or non-represented managerial employees described in Wis. Stat. § 111.70(1)(mm)2.

Motion by Tauer, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 10-2020 Offered by Forestry/Finance

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 2020 and years subsequent as it pertains to the position of County Forest Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the sum of \$13,914.00 be transferred from the general fund to be used toward the Forest County Forest Administrator’s salary and benefits.

Motion by Chaney, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting

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(AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 11-2020 Offered by Land Sales & Delinquent Tax

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS agrees to exchange the parcel of land described above owned by Forest County for the parcel of land described above owned by the City of Crandon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest County Board Chairman shall sign any and all documents to effectuate the exchange of property between Forest County and the City of Crandon.

Motion by Dehart, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE); (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs, & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 12-2020 Offered by Finance & Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that monetary transfers from the unreserved accounts in the General Fund, Health Fund and Social Services fund shall occur in the amounts set forth above.

Motion by Gretzinger, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 13-2020 Offered by Finance & Building/Property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that a replacement generator shall be purchased from Krueger Electric at a price not to exceed \$232,893.00 for use at the Forest County Law Enforcement Center.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the money used to purchase said generator for the Forest County Law Enforcement Center shall be taken from the General Fund.

Motion by Shaffer, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

Resolution – 14-2020 Offered by Commission on Aging

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the sum of \$47,418.00 shall be taken from the unreserved account in the Department on Aging Fund to pay over budgeted expenses.

Motion by Tauer, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

The discussion on the Forestry committee evolved around #6 – The question came up from Lukas as to who should be supervising the other employees in Forestry, he felt it should be the Forest Administrator not the committee. This was referred back to the Forestry committee to look at again.

Land & Water-GIS-UW-Extension- not much discussion.

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ORDINANCES

No Action

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Shaffer, second by Bunda to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (4); Burl, Houle, Laabs & Pethers. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the April 21, 2020 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski  
Forest County Clerk