

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

June 16, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on June 16, 2020, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairperson Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. the Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. Clerk, Nora Matuszewski, read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Berg, Black, Burl, Campbell, Chaney, Collins, Dehart, Goode, Gretzinger, Houle(phone, no audio), Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Matuszewski, Miller, Pethers, Stamper & Tauer (18); Vacant seats: (3).

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Black, second by Berg to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 19, 2020 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the May 19, 2020 minutes as presented, second by Tauer. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Berg apologized to the County Board Supervisors for being late and missing meetings in the past month. He had cancer and the treatments damaged his liver and he ended up in the hospital and was not doing very well for a while. He is home now and his liver is slowly getting better. He just wanted the Supervisors to know and to explain what was happening as he felt bad for missing meetings. He is doing better now; Gretzinger then told him she did not know he was sick and was happy to see him back and recovering.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file with the County Clerk's Office, second by Karl. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Chairperson Report: Gretzinger told the Supervisors and audience that Courthouse personnel are back to work; she thanked them for returning and told everyone Forest County is still working very hard to protect everyone in the courthouse and residents. She continued to say the businesses have also worked hard and there are many of them struggling now as well as residents out of work. Gretzinger conveyed her sympathy to Scott Goode on the loss of his mother. There is a lot of progress on projects that are moving forward with the Broadband being one of them. The budget is her next worry with it being right around the corner. She talked about the tragic closing of the Verso Mill and the impact it could have on the state's economy, and the struggle to have meetings by Zoom and not getting to meet people face to face, but, she felt it is working. She wanted to recognize Tammy Stroik on the great job she has been doing painting the inside of the building and how clean and sanitized the Maintenance department is keeping the building.

Introductions- Assistant District Attorney Alex Seifert: Alex and District Attorney Simono were both present and Alex introduced himself and told everyone a little about himself.

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Paul Osterman- Northwoods Connect: Paul was not available, but, Chris Kalata from Northwoods Connect was present to answer any questions that were raised about the project. As of right now the first tower the company is looking to get approval from the County on is a 300' tower in the Town of Hiles. She explained when a tower is put up and functional the internet service begins; project end date per the grant requirement has a deadline for all towers to be up and operational within two years.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Civil Service Appointment – Donna Pfeifer: Motion by Berg to appoint Donna Pfeifer to the Civil Service Commission, second by Collins. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

WCA Steering Committee – Judicial and Public Safety – Penny Carter: Motion by Pethers to appoint Penny Carter to the Judicial and Public Safety Committee, second by Black. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1); Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

WCA Steering Committee – Personnel, Finance and County Organization – Cindy Gretzinger: Motion by Berg to appoint Cindy Gretzinger to the Personnel, Finance and County Organization Committee, second by Collins. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 25-2020 Offered by Personnel and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Chief Deputy of the Forest County Sheriff's Office shall receive the compensation and benefits as referenced above.

Motion by Laabs, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

Resolution 26-2020 Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby approve per diem rates of \$50.00 for a County Board meeting, as well as any meetings that are over five (5) hours, \$40.00 for each and every Committee meeting attended regardless of whether the committee meeting is held on the same day or another day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other salaries and per diem established by the County Board and not otherwise amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

Motion by Collins, second by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (15); NAY (2), Burl & Pethers; No audio (1), Houle; Vacant Seats (3). Motion carried.

Resolution 27-2020 Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby provides the Forest County Finance Committee with the authorization to obtain the necessary funds upon the most advantageous terms available for the high-speed internet project and to pay Northwoods Connect the sum necessary to perform (begin) the project.

Motion by Laabs, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

Resolution Offered by COVID-19

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that pursuant to Wis. Stas. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that for an additional period of sixty (60) days from today's date unless sooner terminated or extended by the further Resolution of the Board the COVID-19 Virus Committee is hereby authorized and directed to continue to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response.

Motion by Miller, second by Collins to approve the resolution as presented. Discussion followed.

Motion by Pethers to table to the resolution, second by Goode. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Resolution failed, motion carried.

Resolution 28-2020 Offered by Building and Public Property

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS hereby approves the purchase of voting machines with a sum of money not to exceed \$58,000.00 and said payment for the machines shall be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Motion by Laabs, second by Black to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

Resolution 29-2020 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

that the Forestry and Recreation Committee is hereby authorized to utilize County Forest Project Loan funding from the Department of Natural Resources to purchase the Section 9 Block of forestland within Forest County for the purpose of adding to the Forest County Forest.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee is hereby authorized to apply for and utilize Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant funding, if available, to reimburse Forest County up to 50% of the cost of acquiring the Section 9 Block of forestland; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee and the Forest County Forest Administrator is hereby authorized to sign and complete any and all loans, grants and documents to complete the land acquisition and enrollment of the land into the County Forest Program pursuant to Section 28.11(4) Wis. Stats.

Motion by Chaney, second by Karl to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

Resolution 30-2020 Offered by County Board Chairperson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF

SUPERVISORS hereby approves the separation of the Sheriff/Jail and the 911 Dispatch Center at a cost not to exceed \$290,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approves updating the 911 Dispatch radio/computer system at a cost not to exceed \$290,000.00; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the borrowing of money upon the most advantageous terms available in order to complete the above-mentioned projects.

Motion by Stamper, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

Ordinance 02-2020 Offered by Zoning

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

SECTION I. The Sanitary Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

1. Sanitary Ordinance:

A. In Section 24.14.1(a), "Soil Application rates as specified in Table 383.44.1 shall only be recognized where the percolation results have been filed with the governmental unit before July 2, 1994." This section will be deleted.

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B. In Section 24.09(4)(b) "That the structure is not a permanent residence." This section will be deleted.

SECTION II. The Shoreland Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

1. Shoreland Zoning Ordinance:

A. In Section 19.1, Penalty for Violations: "A. Except as provided in (c) and (D), any person who violates this ordinance may be subject to a fine of \$500.00 plus cost of prosecution. A charge of \$50.00 will be added to the fine for every day the fine is not paid after it becomes due. The county may also seek injunctive relief from the circuit court to cause violation to be ceased, moved or removed." This section will be changed to:

Section 19.1 Penalty for Violations: "A. Any person who violates this ordinance shall, upon conviction, pay a forfeiture of not less than \$600.00 nor more than \$10,000.00 plus cost per day for each day the violation continues Forfeitures for second or subsequent offenses shall be not less than \$1,000.00 nor more than \$20,000.00 plus cost per day for each day a violation continues. The county may also seek injunctive relief from the circuit court to cause violation to be ceased, moved or removed."

B. In Section 19.1 Penalty for Violations, "D. Failure to comply with or follow instructions or restrictions as directed by the Board of Adjustment after securing a variance or a conditional use to any portion of this ordinance may be subject to the issuance of fine up to \$20,000.00, injunctive relief by order of the court or both." This section will be changed to:

Section 19.1 Penalty for Violations: "D. Failure to comply with or follow instructions or restrictions as directed by the Board of Adjustment or the Zoning Committee after securing a variance or a conditional use to any portion of this ordinance may be subject to the issuance of a fine up to \$20,000.00, injunctive relief by order of the court or both."

SECTION III. The General Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

1. General Zoning Ordinance:

A. In Section 14.04 Table 3: Communication Towers in the General

Zoning District will be changed to read "Communication Tower >200 feet in height are conditional use. <200 feet in height are permitted."

SECTION IV. That all other provisions of the Forest County Zoning Ordinance adopted by the Forest County Board of Supervisors and which may have been amended from time to time, shall continue to remain in full force and effect, except as specifically modified herein.

SECTION V. That the provisions of the current Forest County Zoning Ordinance, as amended from time to time, are hereby repealed insofar as any term, provision, or condition conflicts with the provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION VI. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect upon its adoption and publication pursuant to law.

Dated this 16 day of June, 2020.

Motion by Tauer, second by Miller to approve the Ordinance as presented. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.

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ANNUAL REPORTS

Health Department: Motion by Black, second by Laabs to place Health Department Annual Report on file in Clerk's office. All present voting AYE (17); No Audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

WCA- Actuarial: Motion by Dehart, second by Tauer to place the WCA Actuarial report on file in Clerk's office. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Lukas to adjourn, second by Berg. All present voting AYE (17); No audio (1), Houle; Vacant seats (3). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the August 18, 2020 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk