

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

April 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on April 20, 2021, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairperson Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. The Clerk, Nora Matuszewski, read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anderson, Berg, Black, Campbell, Chaney, Collins, Dehart, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Matuszewski, Miller, Piasini, Stamper, Tauer, & Dailey.

Absent: Ackley, District #7 – Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dehart to amend the agenda to add Northwood Connect to the agenda, second by Berg. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley.

Motion by Stamper, second by Laabs to approve the amended agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

APPROVE CORRECTED MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 19, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Anderson to approve the corrected minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting, second by Black. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting, second by Miller. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO ALLOW VOTING TO SUSPEND AND OR AMEND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE RULE X OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PERS WIS. STATS §59.11 (2) SUB (A) TO HAVE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MAY 18, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M. TO APPROVE POSSIBLE CHANGES TO THE FOREST COUNTY EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Motion by Goode to suspend the rules and hold a special meeting on May 18, 2021, second by Karl. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Kathy Gibbs from the Snoop Shop asked for an “affirmative” for the approval of the expansion of the Snoop Shop. She told the board they have limited space for the sale of items that are created by senior citizens from Forest County. She also told the board the expansion would come from donations, grants and would not be a cost to the county.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

None

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PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Matt Osterman-Northwoods Connect was present to update the board and all present on the progress of the project. He showed the committee a map of finished towers, suggested sites, and sites still in progress. He answered questions from the board and told them the project will be finished by October 2022. He was asked how far the towers will reach and he explained 2-5 miles based on topography. He was asked about running cable and he told the person who asked the question that the first 200 feet is free, beyond that they charge \$1.00 per foot. The estimated cost for internet would be \$50 per month for 50 megs. They will be holding a town hall on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The place to be announced as soon as secured. Ferris (FCEDP Director) also told everyone present that a Forest County map of the project will be placed in the entranceway to the courthouse that will be updated as the project progresses.

Prevention Week Proclamation-Community Coalition

The Clerk read the proclamation and the Chair proclaimed the week of May 9, 2021- May 15, 2021 as National Prevention Week.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

The Chair gave the floor to committee members to update the board on what is going on for projects with their committees.

Finance/Building – Lukas

There are maps that are in the board room showing a timeline for projects left there for all to see from Musson. He told everyone there will be a new elevator, updated floors (removing asbestos and replacing), and new boilers put in for the big projects. The committee is working hard to get the timeline firmed up because there will be a need to close down the courthouse to get the work done in a shorter period of time. He told everyone they will have to find a place for everyone to work when the project begins.

Forestry- Chaney

The committee met with the engineers and there were some changes made from berms to a gradual sloping for run-off. There is a delineation that has to be done by the DNR before they can get going, but they figure it will be by May 15th.

There are timber sales that are starting to be cut and that will start to bring in some revenue.

There is a new Forest Administrator and job interviews for the Assistant Forester on Wednesday April 21st, so they are hoping to get a full crew up and running again.

Highway-Campbell

He told everyone that not much is going, but a lot of patching of roads and the road limits will be coming off county roads on Monday, April 26th.

Jail- Stamper

The 911 dispatch should be up and running in about 3-weeks to a month. The tower bid for behind the Law Enforcement Center just came in.

Land & Water/LCC/GIS/UWEX & Zoning– Tauer

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Beauchaine passed her POWTS Inspector test, which will be very helpful to Fannin. There are several applications for the GIS Tech position and Jamie Anderson is doing a great job with the maps and the new copy machine came in, so the departments are able to print the big maps needed for the projects.

Health- Black

Black explained the Health Director (Shepard) will be leaving at the end of this month. Denton is filling in as the interim for now. She would like to thank Shepard for a great job. She told everyone there have been 3,271 Forest County residents with at least one dose of the vaccine, and 2,640 with 2-doses. She also wanted to thank the rescue units for helping with the shot clinics and thank the Health department for their hard work.

Social Services – Advertising – Collins

Collins explained there is not much going on in Social Services, other than they lost one person and will be doing interviews for a position coming up.

The Advertising committee is in the final stages of the QR Code project and hopefully the finished product will be available for the May meeting.

Commission on Aging- Miller

Not much going other than Queen working on updating the Aging plan.

Fair – Dehart

He explained there is nothing new right now.

CDBG-NEWCAP- Berg

Berg spoke on the CDBG and the home improvement money available to eligible recipients based on income. This is an interest free loan that only has to be paid back when and if the home is sold. He also told the committee that NEWCAP works very hard to help anyone in need, from insulating homes to getting homes. He spoke on the Aging as well on senior meals and that right now they are delivery for \$3.00 and now only carry-out because of COVID.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE COVID SSL POLICY UNTIL JUNE 15, 2021 ON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Motion by Chaney to extend the policy until June 15, 2021, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE(19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 20-2021 – Offered by County Board Chairperson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Senior Snoop Shop is allowed to construct an addition not greater than 16' x 20' to be attached to the existing structure on the courthouse grounds.

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Motion by Berg, second by Black to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (13); NAY (6); Chaney, Collins, Karl, Lukas, Piasini, & Tauer; Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 21-2021 – Offered by County Board Chairperson

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 Tauer, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 22-2021 – Offered by Zoning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services provide locations in Northern Wisconsin to conduct tests for individuals interested in the trades. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Assemblyman Rob Swearingen, State Representative Jeffrey Mursau, State Representative Tom Tiffany, Senator Mary Felzkowski, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson and Governor Tony Evers. This resolution will also be forwarded to Florence, Vilas, Oneida, Menominee, Lincoln, Oconto, Langlade and Marinette Counties.

Motion by Miller, second by Goode to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 23-2021 – Offered by Sheriff & Justice

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the purchase of a repeater by the Forest County Sheriff's Department in an amount not to exceed \$121,500.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the payment for the repeaters referred to above shall be taken from the Capital Budget.

Motion by Piasini, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 24-2021 – Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a sum of money estimated at \$6,821.70 shall be taken from the General Fund and used to pay employees of the Courthouse/Jail as approved by the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Anderson, second by Collins to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 25-2021 – Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a full-time Emergency Management Director shall be hired with a starting salary of \$23.00 per hour. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above position would have all the usual and ordinary employment benefits associated with other county employees.

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Motion by Miller, second by Dehart to amend the resolution to read, “starting salary of not less than \$23.00 per hour”. All present voting (AYE) (19); Absent (1), Ackley. Motion carried.
Motion by Karl, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 26-2021 – Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the wage rate and job description for the Health Director/Officer shall be revised as set forth in the attached Health Director/Officer Position Description.

Motion by Collins, second by Black to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 27-2021 – Offered by Forestry & Recreation

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

2021 ACTIVE EFWS-FOREST COUNTY				
TOWNSHIP	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	ZIP CODE
ARGONNE	Kathy Deaton KATHY’S INN BAR & GRILL	7915 MAIN STREET	ARGONNE, WI	54511
LINCOLN	John Schaefer GAS DEPOT	600 E. PIONEER STREET	CRANDON, WI	54520
CRANDON	William May MAY'S BAR	11696 Hwy 8 W	CRANDON, WI	54520
NASHVILLE	Tina Vanzile MOLE LAKE EPA	3051 SAND LAKE ROAD	CRANDON, WI	54520

Motion by Anderson, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 28-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Front-end Loader	\$57,855.00
2. Snowblower	\$5,875.00
3. Snow Blade	\$3,125.00
4. Bucket	\$1,375.00
5. Fork	\$868.00
6. Forklift Cage	\$219.98

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to purchase the above items at a purchase price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Chaney, second by Campbell to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 29-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Elevator	\$175,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to purchase the above items at a purchase price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Collins, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 30-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. HVAC Split Unit Condensing Unit	\$69,827.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to purchase the above items at a purchase price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Dailey, second by Black to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

Resolution – 31-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Courthouse Generator-Electrical Upgrades	\$169,475.00
2. Electrical Design	\$ 1,800.00
3. Cost of meetings for Design	\$ 1,320.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to purchase the above items at a purchase price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (19); Absent (1); Ackley. Motion carried.

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Resolution – 32-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Highway Hot Patch Machine	\$ 32,100.00

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Anderson, second by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried.

Resolution – 33-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Generator Design/meetings	\$ 3,250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to pay for the above items at a price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Dailey, second by Laabs to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried.

Resolution – 34-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Concrete Sidewalk Replacement	\$ 9,550.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to pay for the above items at a price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Chaney, second by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried.

Resolution – 35-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. 3-Mitsubishi Heat Pumps	\$35,100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to purchase the above items at a purchase price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

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Motion by Black, second by Laabs to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried.

Resolution – 36-2021 – Offered by Finance

Items	Cost
1. Courthouse Boilers	\$831,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall have the authority to purchase the above items at a purchase price not to exceed the amount set forth herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above purchases shall be made from the General Obligation Debt-Capital Projects fund.

Motion by Tauer, second by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

Motion by Karl, second by Black to accept Zoning annual report and place it on file in the County Clerk's Office. All present voting (AYE) (18); Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Berg, second by Piasini to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (18). Absent (2); Ackley & Stamper. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the May 18, 2021 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk