

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

February 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on February 16, 2021, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairperson Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. The Clerk, Nora Matuszewski, read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Anderson & Houle, District #7 – Vacant

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Berg, second by Dailey to approve the amended agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Anderson & Houle. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 19, 2021 MEETING

Miller noticed the #6 and #7 Resolutions have the same number.

Motion by Dehart to approve the minutes with the change made, second by Stamper. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2); Anderson & Houle. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Laabs to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Goode. All present voting (AYE) (18); Absent (2); Anderson & Houle. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

A representative (DeAnn Haga) from the Senior Snoop Shop spoke for the organization on the need for an addition to their building, which is located on County property. They use the building to sell items made by senior citizens. They are running out of room and would like to add a 16' X 20' addition on to their building. The current building is on blocks and they would add on the addition the same way. There were several comments made for and against the addition. The Board told them this would have to be brought back to the April meeting in resolution form for a vote on the expansion. Karl asked for a schematic design as well.

Tammy Queen (Aging Director) was in to speak to the Board on the new Aging plan she is working on which requires input from many different outlets. The Aging plan is a requirement for the funding to support the Aging programs. She circulated an Engagement survey and asked for input. With the meal sites closed because of the pandemic she is finding it hard to get the proper input she needs to find out what residents want. She would like the Board members to ask for input from their town meetings, family members, and themselves for the future of the Aging programs. The board members will bring back what they find out to the next meeting in April.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Gretzinger spoke on the Park project and indicated when it is finished it will be a nice park, and everything that is happening at the Park has been done with good intentions. She told the Board about a grant Tammy Queen brought to her attention and she has enlisted the help of Chris Stark with it. The grant would be for courthouse renovations, and asked for the support of the Board as she looks into the possible grant funding. She asked committee chairs about what is going on in their committees and they all updated the board on what projects they are working on and how they are progressing. A few of the projects are as follows: Advertising is working on a new interactive map for Forest County with QR Codes and a new Welcome Sign coming into Forest County from the West. The Health committee told the Board the shot clinics are going well and they are actually starting the second shot for some individuals. Gretzinger asked for a thank you note sent to the Crandon and Laona Rescue Units for helping the Health Department throughout this process. The Dispatch Center is finished, but, still not operating because of telephone issues. Aging is working on updating their plan, and have a new bus coming in April. The Building and Finance committees are working on several projects throughout the courthouse and they are coming together nicely. Berg told the committee he attended his last meeting of Newcap. He was told he served on the committee for 10-years and that is the maximum time to be a member. He will need someone to take a ride with him to take over in his place. He feels this is a very great program that helps families in need.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Commission on Aging – Four(4) Community Representatives: Casey Sponable, Rhonda Roberts, Ann Koziol, and Laurie Vangrinsven

Motion by Black to appoint the four (4) candidates to the Aging committee, second by Miller.

All present voting AYE(18); Absent (2); Anderson & Houle. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 11-2021 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby delegate to the Forest and Recreation Committee, authority to make applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for funds appropriated for ATV trail maintenance.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to expend the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for eligible maintenance and development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee may authorize the Forestry Department Staff to apply for grants, sign the contracts and complete grant reimbursement as necessary.

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

Resolution 12-2021 - Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby delegate to the Forest and Recreation Committee, authority to

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make applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for funds appropriated for snowmobile trail maintenance.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to expend the funds to be

received from the State of Wisconsin for eligible maintenance and development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee may authorize the Forestry Department Staff to apply for grants, sign the contracts and complete grant reimbursement as necessary.

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

Resolution 13-2021 – Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the 2020 Budget shall be amended to reflect the payment from the Routes to Recovery Grant received by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.

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

Resolution 14-2021 - Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that several telecommunications dispatcher positions within the Forest County Sheriff's Department would be hired.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above positions would be a full-time employee within Forest County with an annual starting salary of \$18.54 per hour.

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

Resolution 15-2021 – Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Dispatch Administrator be hired within the Forest County Sheriff's Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above position would be a full-time employee within Forest County and receive an annual salary based upon \$27.00 per hour.

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

The position to begin as soon as the 911/Dispatch Center is up and running, until then Bailey will train under the current Jail Administrator beginning Sunday, February 21, 2021 and then assume full duties as the Jail Administrator when Bradley assumes the Dispatch Administrator position.

Resolution 16-2021 – Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a WIC Project Nutritionist within the Health Department would be hired and paid according to contract rates established by Forest County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above position would be as a limited term employee within Forest County.

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

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Resolution 17-2021 – Offered by County Board Chair

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

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

Resolution 18-2021 – Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Reserve Account for the dispatch center be established with the excess funds of \$357,432.20 to be used by the Finance Committee to cover future expenses.

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

Resolution 19-2021 – Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the proceeds remaining from the sale of seized property in 2020 be carried over and used for expenses in the Sheriff's Department in the calendar year 2021.

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

RESOLUTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY

None

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

Motion by Lukas, second by Dailey to place the 2021-2025 Forest County Libraries Plan on file in the County Clerk's Office. All present voting (AYE) (18); Absent (2); Anderson & Houle. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, second by Berg to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (18). Absent (2); Anderson & Houle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the April 20, 2021 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk