

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

August 17, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on August 17, 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: Ackley, Anderson, Berg, Black, Campbell, Chaney, Collins, Dehart, Gretzinger, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Matuszewski, Miller, Piasini, Stamper, & Dailey.

Absent: Goode, Houle, Tauer – Vacant: District (7)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Berg to amend the agenda to add an additional resolution brought forth by the Chair, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

Motion by Piasini to approve the amended agenda as presented, second by Black. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 29, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2021 Special Meeting, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Resolutions from other counties

The Green Book

Letter from the Historical Society

Lukas was disappointed in the decision by the Historical Society's decision to move on and look for another location to store their records.

Gretzinger told members if there are ever resolutions coming forth from other counties and it is felt they should be considered by Forest County, they should bring them to a committee for discussion.

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Dailey. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Mark Ferris from the Forest County Tourism presented a \$500 award to the Forest County ATV Association. Lyle Weyers was in attendance to accept the award. Ferris told everyone present the Forest County ATV association brings in a lot of revenue for the county.

Tamara Feest was present to go through the Human Service Center's annual reports. She told all present since COVID-19 there were a lot of changes with the center. There were many people who could work from home and they gained from the telehealth.

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Bill Korrer was available to explain to those present the Human Service Center had a good year with a surplus of over \$752,000. They were using some of the surplus money for needed projects, but wanted to return some of the money to the three (3) partner counties that support the center. Forest County is charged 15% of the gross, so they presented Chair Cindy Gretzinger with a check for \$55,772.73. Gretzinger thanked the Human Service Center.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Gretzinger started by informing everyone of the progress of the renovations, which is moving along very well. Steve Kircher will be helping head up the redistricting process for Forest County.

The census is in and the county lost 125 people. The county will also be working on the Comprehensive Plan, also with the help of Steve Kircher.

There are a few vacancies within our building and COVID is in our community again.

Sheriff John Dennee's resignation came as a surprise, but, Alex Walrath will be filling in as interim and is very capable of handling the position and has good staff.

Highway -Campbell- The Highway Department is doing well and getting paving done on the county roads. The state has designated three (3) major projects that will be good for the county.

Forestry - Chaney – The park is coming along with the electrical in. There is a building that will need to get torn down or fixed before the paving can be done. Wollenberg was present and he said the buildings will be raised up, they are just waiting on the WPSC; the fill is in and ready to grade.

Sheriff & Justice – Stamper – Sheriff John Dennee is resigning on September 5th, he wanted to wish him the best of luck. A letter of thank you for his service will be drafted for him from the county board.

Health – Black – There are 24 positive cases of COVID-19 in Forest County right now, 3 in the hospital. She told everyone the Delta Variant is very contagious, it spreads like the common cold. The DHS is recommending booster shots. The office will be moving to the ADRC building on August 23-25.

Social Services – Anderson – The department is in the process of replacing Shampo who took a position with the school district of Crandon.

Finance– Lukas – The sales tax report is showing an increase every month. The Committee will be bringing forth a resolution to move funds from within the capital projects to ensure continued maintenance. The budget process is starting and the Economic Development is still waiting on word for the grant.

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Building & Property – Lukas – The committee toured the north annex and everything looks nice. Tom Hoffman (project manager) has done a good job, as well as Musson on all of the projects. There was elevator trouble and OTIS came in and fixed the problem.

Advertising – Collins – The committee is on hiatus right now.

Newcap – Berg – Newcap's budget was raised from \$7 to \$12 million. He will bring in new brochures.

Aging – Miller – Queen has finished the Aging plan and is having five (5) separate hearings on it in September. They are still searching for a bus driver. The meal sites are all open except Alvin. They are all practicing social distancing and asking for masks to be worn. Future of the meal sites will wait for future direction from the state or health department.

Fair – Dehart – Nothing new, there is a Fair meeting next week to discuss location.

Payant – He would like to attest to Tamara and the Human Service Center doing a great job.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Forest County Library Board – Three (3) Appointments – January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.

Linda Harter – Peter Davison – Christine Janczewski

Motion by Miller to approve the appointments, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE COVID SSL POLICY UNTIL THE OCTOBER 19, 2021 FULL COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Motion by Lukas to extend the policy until the October 19, 2021 full county board meeting, second by Collins. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution -Offered by Personnel and Sheriff & Justice

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Motion by Dailey to approve the resolution as presented, second by Laabs. Discussion followed about the uniform allowance and education pay, which resulted in an amended motion:

Motion by Anderson to table the resolution for further review by committees, second by Black. All present voting (AYE), (12) Black, Campbell, Chaney, Collins, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Matuszewski, Piasini, Ackley, Anderson, Dailey; (NAY) (5), Berg, Dehart, Laabs, Miller, Stamper; Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried. Resolution tabled.

Resolution 75-2021 – Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the sum of \$200,000.00 shall be removed from the Forest County Revolving Loan Fund and

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transferred to a fund designated by the Forest County Economic Development Partnership as a Revolving Loan Fund with said fund administered by the newly created Revolving Loan Fund Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Economic Development Partnership will provide an annual report to the Forest County Board of Supervisors with regard to activity of the Revolving Loan Fund.

Motion by Lukas to approve the resolution as amended, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE)(17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

Resolution 76-2021 Offered by Highway

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors is requesting that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation commence the road repair and improvements on Highway 52 between Wabeno and the Langlade County Line as soon as possible.

Motion by Miller to approve the resolution as presented, second by Karl. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

Resolution 77-2021 – Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a Fifteen-Year Comprehensive Land Use Plan as adopted by the Forestry Committee and which is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Motion by Campbell to approve the resolution as presented, second by Chaney All present voting (AYE)(17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

Resolution 78-2021 – Offered by Aging

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Department on Aging submit a Section 5304 grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for \$16,000.00 to be matched with \$4,000.00 from the Section 85.21 Trust Funds for the purposes of conducting a countywide specialized transportation needs assessment

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tammy Queen, Department on Aging Director, is authorized to execute all required documents for the Section 5304 grant application with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as well as the Section 85.21 Trust Funds.

Motion by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented, second by Miller. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

Resolution 79-2021 – Offered by Forest County Board Chairperson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors be responsible for contracting the services for inmate meals effective the day after the Sheriff's resignation.

Motion by Collins to approve the resolution as amended, second by Anderson. All present voting (AYE)(17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

2020 Human Service Center Annual Report

Motion by Collins to accept the annual report and place it on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode Houle, Tauer. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, second by Piasini to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (3); Goode, Houle, Tauer. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the October 19, 2021 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk