

**FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 18, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on January 18, 2022, 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: Anderson, Berg, Black, Campbell, Chaney, Collins (phone), Dehart, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Matuszewski, Miller, Piasini, Stamper.

Absent: Ackley, Dailey, Houle; Vacant, District #1 & #7.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Stamper, second by Laabs to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (3); Ackley, Dailey, Houle. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 21, 2021 MEETING

Motion by Miller, second by Campbell to approve the December 21, 2021 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (3); Ackley, Dailey, Houle. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Black. All present voting (AYE); (16). Absent (3); Ackley, Dailey, Houle. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Introductions of the new Social Services Director – Heidi Blaszczyk

Campbell – Highway department is just working on keeping the roads snowplowed.

Chaney – Forestry department has a new person and the committee is meeting on the 25th to finish up the park.

Karl – Zoning department had a lot of permits this year and is starting to slow down. Next year there will be a lot of updating they will need to do.

Stamper – Sheriff department is going as well as can be because of the shortage of staff.

Black – The Health department is losing their director in March, she agreed to stay on until then. The position will be hard to fill, the employees are getting burned out from COVID.

Anderson – The Social Services has a new director, who everyone met. They have hired around 4 new staff and are close to the fullest staff they have had in a while. She thanked Heidi for coming to work for the department.

Lukas – Building committee is working on completing projects, with the 3rd floor still being a mess. There were some upgrades to make the 3rd floor more modern that will take a lot longer. They will know more about the elevator by the end of the week.

Finance – The committee is having a meeting this week with Jeff Belongia, the financial advisor on the rising interest rates and look into the possible building of a new courtroom. Lukas

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reported joining the P.A.C.E. has given Nicolet Hardwoods the opportunity to be awarded 1.5 million to put in a state of the art boiler system.

Felzkowski will be meeting with the Finance committee on February 8th to discuss questions the committee has on legislative for the assessed value levy and the ½% sales tax. He is hoping to have some updates from Belongia and Felzkowski by the February meeting.

Advertising- The RV show is next week and there are openings on Saturday from 8:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. and 3:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and told everyone if there is a Packer game it will be canceled anyway.

Berg- He has been on the Newcap committee for 10-years now and told the committee the new director of the last 5-years has increased the size and income of the entity. He explained the make-up of the committee and assistance they offer. He also spoke about the CDBG program and the many benefits it offers to recipients.

Miller – Aging committee can report a new bus driver has been hired.

Chairperson's Report: Gretzinger wished everyone a happy new year and reflected on the accomplishments of the past year. She also thanked everyone for working so well with each other with everything going on as well as COVID.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

NCWRPC – Cindy Gretzinger appointment and alternate

Motion by Anderson to re-appoint Cindy Gretzinger, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE).

Motion carried.

Motion by Dehart to appoint William Chaney as the alternate, second by Laabs. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Cindy suggested following up with NCWRPC on the appointment because she thought it may be a Governor appointment.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF EXTENDING THE COVID SSL POLICY
UNTIL THE FEBRUARY 15, 2022 FULL COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Chaney to extend the policy until the February 15, 2022 county board meeting, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The committee may consider a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(c) “considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility,” This closed session relates to:

- Clerk of Courts annual compensation 2023-2026

Motion by Chaney to convene in closed session, second by Anderson. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (3); Ackley, Dailey, Houle. Motion carried.

Reconvene to open session to take action, if appropriate, on matters discussed in closed session

Motion by Anderson to reconvene to open session, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried. No Action.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the Financial Management Policy attached hereto.

Motion by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented, second by Karl. The Clerk explained the account name that was suggested in December would not be appropriate because this was not an insurance recovery, it was a sale of salvage.

Motion by Dehart to table the resolution until the February county board meeting, second by Miller. All present voting (AYE). Motion carried.

Resolution – 01-2022 Offered by Personnel

the annual salary for these offices is hereby recommended to be as follows for the 2023-2026 term.

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
15%	3%	3%	3%	
Sheriff	\$84,633.02	\$87,172.01	\$89,787.17	\$92,480.79
	6%	3%	3%	3%
Clerk of Court	\$53,661.64	\$55,271.49	\$56,929.63	\$58,637.52

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the salary attributable to the elected offices of Forest County Sheriff and Clerk of Court for the term of 2023-2026 shall be as set forth above.

Motion by Chaney, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (14); (NAY) (2), Dehart, Stamper; Absent (3) Ackley, Dailey, Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 02-2022 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

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

2022 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

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Motion by Campbell, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (16); Absent (3), Ackley, Dailey, Houle. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, second by Berg to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (16). Absent (3); Ackley, Dailey, Houle. 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 February 18, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk