

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
February 15, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on February 15, 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(audio), Dehart, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Laabs, Lukas, Matuszewski, Miller, Piasini, Stamper, & Dailey.

Absent: Ackley, Houle, District #1 & #7 – Vacant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dailey, second by Anderson to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (2); Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 18, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes from the January 18, 2022 meeting as presented, second by Miller. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (2); Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Lukas to place all communications (Tiffany-Wolf Population Control) on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Dehart. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2); Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

New Maintenance Supervisor – Craig Balfanz:

Craig introduced himself to the board and updated them on the water damage and the progress of projects.

Jeff Belongia (Financial Advisor):

Jeff spoke to the board about a new borrowing, which included costs per thousand to the tax payers, how re-payments could be made to keep the costs steady to the tax payers without increases. He told the board he cannot get them the rate they were lucky to get 18 months ago, but, he could get them a decent rate, but, the feds are increasing rates, so, the sooner the better if the board is serious about borrowing to address the Marshall's report.

Chairperson Report:

Highway – Campbell reported not much is going on, things are winding down. They are starting to think about paving projects.

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Forestry – Chaney told the board the second guy started working the beginning of this week and he has marked timber before and they will start marking timber and hopefully get that park done.

Zoning – Karl let the board know they have been working on updating ordinances and they are coming up later in the meeting.

Sheriff/Justice – Stamper told the board they are still short-staffed and unfortunately a lot of overtime is happening.

Health – Black told the board they are in the process of hiring an interim public health director (Sami Hoffman) until she can finish her five (5) months of the required three (3) years, experience in Public Health. The department is having booster clinics for the COVID vaccine.

Social Services – Anderson is very happy with the way the department is running currently and right now they have more staff than they have had in a long time. She is very happy with the way the Sheriff is working with the Director with On-call time.

Finance – Lukas told everyone Belongia explained what they have been working on in Finance with the possibility of borrowing money.

Building – Lukas reported the elevator will be done in a couple weeks, the economic development has another \$7 million to work with concerning the Broadband and he is not sure who should be administering the money for the fiber. He feels they need a Broadband committee or Finance or someone to watch over this money closely. He discussed the possible need for County Board meetings to be monthly. Everyone seemed receptive, but, it is a change that would need to be done by the Rules committee then forwarded to full County Board for approval.

It was asked for a show of hands to move forward with Jail security and the court system. Every board member raised their hands in a show of support.

It was asked for a show of hands for support of the monthly County board meetings. Every board member raised their hands in a show of support.

It was also asked for support for a County Board meeting on March 15th, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. A letter for signatures was circulated for the meeting.

Newcap – Berg told the members it was decided that all new appointments to the Newcap board be done fiscally. He had all good things to say about the new director and the job she is doing for the community.

Aging – Miller told the board there has not been any meetings lately, but, there would be one the next day, and they recently hired a new bus driver.

Fair – Dehart had nothing new to report.

Payant told the members the new faces working for the county are doing a good job. He also brought up the concern of committees having meetings at the end of the month and getting

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resolutions to the Clerk so late, that this is not a good idea. He will be discussing this more at the annual meeting.

Chairperson Report:

Gretzinger told the members she was in Madison for the legislative assembly and it was a very good gathering. She told all board members her door is always open and she is willing to talk anytime with any concerns they have.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

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

Motion by Miller to follow through with the Personnel's recommendation to discontinue the policy as of this coming Friday, second by Dailey. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 03-2022 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, second by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution – 04-2022 Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the excess funds from the Referendum budget for 2021 be carried over to pay for necessary expenses in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, excess funds from the 2021 budget be placed in the established reserve account for future necessary expenses and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, on an annual basis if needed excess funds will be placed in the established Reserve Account for future necessary expenses.

Motion by Chaney, second by Stamper to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-2022 Offered by Zoning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the amendments to the Forest County Shoreland Ordinance as set forth herein; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk shall immediately publish this Resolution either in its entirety, as a class 1 notice under Wis. Stat. §985, or as a notice described in Wis. Stat. §59.14 (1m) (b).

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this ordinance immediately be made available to the public on the County's website and at the Forest County Zoning Office.

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Motion by Karl, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 06-2022 Offered by Zoning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the changes to the Forest County General Ordinance as set forth herein; and BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this ordinance immediately be made available to the public on the County's website and at the Forest County Zoning Office.

Motion by Karl, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 07-2022 Offered Finance and Sheriff & Justice

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve the purchase of a full body scanner at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the payment of the aforementioned fully body scanner shall be taken from the General Fund.

Motion by Stamper, second by Campbell to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 08-2022 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources shall create a master plan for the Wolf River State Trail within Forest County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources, for their information and consideration.

Motion by Chaney, second by Dailey to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 09-2022 Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the creation of a new account referred to as the Sheriff's Department Reserve Equipment Account to be used for any unused funds from insurance payments and/or salvage accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that excess funds in the future that are not used during the calendar year may be placed into the above mentioned reserve account.

Motion by Laabs, second by Anderson to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 10-2022 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.

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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 Chaney, second by Miller to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Resolution 11-2022 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 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 Dehart, second by Berg to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Collins, second by Black to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2), Ackley & 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 March 15, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk