

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

April 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Annual meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on April 19, 2022, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chair, Cindy Gretzinger called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. Clerk, Nora Matuszewski, read the agenda.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION

The County Clerk read the Certification of Election to all board members and public.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anderson, Berg (phone 1:15pm), Black, Campbell, Chaney, Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Landru, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Tallier, Weber.
Absent: Cleereman. Vacant Seats: (1).

OATH OF OFFICE

Paul J. Payant, Corporation Counsel, Administered the Oath of Office to the members present. Let the record show, the oath has been accepted by all supervisors present and they are hereby verified to hold office. (Berg was read the Oath via Teams later in the meeting. Robert Cleereman was not in attendance and did not respond when the Clerk reached out after the election was certified; from this point forward, he will not be included as absent or as vacant until he can be reached for a response on his intentions for the position.)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Chair, Gretzinger asked new members and old members to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dailey to approve the agenda, second by Black. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1); Berg; Vacant (1). Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 15, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Miller to approve the March 15, 2022 minutes as presented, second by Anderson. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1); Berg; Vacant (1). Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Karl to place all communications on file with the County Clerk's Office, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1); Berg; Vacant (1). Motion carried.

Motion by Chaney to proclaim May 8-14, as National Prevention Week, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1); Berg; Vacant (1). Motion carried.

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APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

CHAIRMAN

The Clerk read one (1) letter of application from Cindy Gretzinger. Current Chair, Gretzinger called three (3) times for any other nominations from the floor. None were given. Motion by Chaney to close the nominations and name Gretzinger as Chair, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1); Berg; Vacant (1). Motion carried. Gretzinger is elected to Chair, and thanked all for their support.

1ST VICE CHAIR

The Clerk read one (1) letter of application from Terry Lukas. Chair, Gretzinger called three (3) times for any other nominations from the floor. None were given. Motion by Dailey to close the nominations and name Lukas as 1st Vice Chair, second by Landru. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1); Berg; Vacant (1).

Motion carried. Lukas is elected to 1st Vice Chair.

2ND VICE CHAIR

The Clerk read one (1) letter of application from William Chaney. Chair, Gretzinger called three (3) times for any other nominations from the floor. None were given. Motion by Weber to close the nominations and name Chaney as 2nd Vice Chair, second by Dailey. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1) Berg; Vacant (1).

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE – THREE (3) MEMBERS

The Clerk read (4) letters of application from David Campbell, Mike Miller, Ron Karl and Scott Goode. Gretzinger called three (3) times for any other nominations from the floor. None were given. Paul Payant explained there were two ways the vote could take place; the first being, the top three (3) with the most votes would be placed in the positions; or he explained there would have to be two separate votes taken, the first would eliminate the lowest tally and then the second would do the same, which would leave the remaining three for the positions. It was mutually agreed to just take one vote, and the top three (3) with the most votes would be on the Highway Committee. Tellers, Payant and Matuszewski collected all votes. Karl received fifteen (15), Miller received ten (10), Goode received thirteen (13) and Campbell received (18). Miller was eliminated. Motion by Dailey to approve/close nominations, second by Berg. All present voting AYE (19); Vacant (1). Karl, Goode and Campbell are elected to the Highway Committee.

APPOINTMENT FOR NCWRPC – CINDY GRETZINGER

Motion by Karl to appoint Gretzinger to the NCWRPC, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE (19); Vacant (1). Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO ITBEC & TOURISM

Gretzinger is on the committees and appoints Chaney.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT – HARRY THURIN, CASEY SPONABLE, BILL LESTER (NEW), LEE LAMERS & ROGER STREGE (ALTERNATE)

Motion by Karl to appoint above names Board of Adjustment members, second by Black. All present voting AYE (19); Vacant (1). Motion carried.

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APPOINTMENT TO HUMAN SERVICE BOARD – CINDY GRETZINGER

Motion by Dehart to appoint Cindy Gretzinger to the Human Service Board, second by Black. All present voting AYE (19); Vacant (1). Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR: SAMANTHA HOFFMAN

Cindy Gretzinger made the official appointment of Samantha Hoffman to the Public Health Director.

Samantha was available for introductions.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

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Cindy welcomed all new and old board members and told them she was very happy with all that has been accomplished.

Highway-Campbell

The department is doing well right now and he is very proud of the department, they would be starting to hot mixing soon.

Forestry-Chaney

The weather has been bad, which is making it difficult to get the work under way to get the park opened up by June. The department is starting to mark timber.

Health-Black

Sammi Hoffman is the new director and Covid cases are down.

Zoning-Karl

Permits are flying in, Sandy is going a great job.

Social Services-Anderson

The department is currently still looking for three (3) social workers. Things are looking up compared to where the department was.

Building/Finance/Economic Development-Lukas

The Building/Courthouse has been remodeled with about \$1,000,000,000 remaining; spending \$750,000 for Broadband Expansion along with grant funding, with another project on the verge of beginning in the amount of \$7,000,000 of fiber (Grant/ARPA funds). The next board meeting there will be discussion with Bug Tussel. Mark Ferris is leaving as FCEDP Director.

Aging-Miller

The Aging is filling in behind Tammy. Heidi is the new acting contact, in a few weeks the committee will meet to decide what to do to keep going and keep moving forward to fill the position.

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Fair-Dehart

He will be scheduling a meeting in the near future. Nothing new.

Gretzinger told everyone they would be working on committee assignments on Thursday. If there is a committee anyone is interested in shoot her an email.

Payant wanted to introduce to the board members Chelsea Payant and let the board know the ½% sales tax is not something the county can do.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 17-2022 Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, *Cindy Gretzinger, County Board Chairperson*, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

Motion by Dehart, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1). Motion carried.

Resolution – 18-2022 Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Department of Social Services budget shall be amended to reflect the office furniture and computer equipment purchase in a sum not to exceed \$4,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above-mentioned expenses shall be paid from the Social Services Fund.

Motion by Anderson, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1). Motion carried.

Resolution – 19-2022 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Forestry budget shall be amended to reflect the \$12,400.00 donated by the Lake Metonga Association shall be transferred from the General Fund to the Forestry Department Reserve Account to help pay for the improvements at the Veteran's Memorial Park.

Motion by Chaney, second by Campbell to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1). Motion carried.

Resolution- 20-2022 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Lumberjack Memorial Trails, Inc. shall be allowed to construct a building on the Wolf River State Trail provided the above-mentioned conditions are met, including the long-term lease requiring lessee be responsible for any and all costs associated with the building.

Motion by Black, second by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1). Motion carried.

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Resolution - 21-2022 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Forest County Forestry Department shall have the authority to sell gates and the free span bridges; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proceeds from the above-mentioned sales shall be placed in a Forestry Reserve Account and used for future Forestry projects and/or expenses.

Motion by Karl, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1). Motion carried.

Resolution 22-2022 Offered by Veteran's

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forest County Veteran Service Commission Assistance Policy attached hereto shall be approved in its entirety.

Motion by Landru, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1). Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Dehart, second by Karl to adjourn. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (1), Berg; Vacant (1). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the May 17, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk