

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

August 16, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on August 16, 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, Dailey, Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Tallier, Weber

Absent: Landru

APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, second by Dailey to approve the amended agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 19, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Dehart, second by Campbell to approve the July 19, 2022 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Herbert Hoover, Chair from the Town of Alvin wanted to thank Bill Anderson (Highway Commissioner) for fighting for them on the Spring project and the board members for coming and talking with them. He wanted to let everyone know it was appreciated.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

WCA- Meetings, UW-Extension – A Focus on Mental Health, Resolutions from other counties: Motion by Black, second by Weber to place all communications on file with the County Clerk's office. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried.

Department of Transportation – Road project US 8 between WIS 55 South and WIS 32 South: Bill Anderson (Highway Commissioner) wanted to talk to the board about a DOT project on US 8, which runs by Schaefer's grocery store and the Best Western. He told the board members the DOT is planning on taking out the fourth lane and putting in a turn lane in the center of the road by Schaefer's. The Potawatomi and the Highway were hoping they would extend the passing lane that runs past the Best Western all the way up the hill to the C-Store. When they met with the DOT, they were told they were taking that lane out totally. He told the members the DOT is supposed to leave the highway on new projects the same or better than before, but this is not the case and he would like everyone to contact their representatives to talk with them, so this does not happen.

Motion by Chaney, second by Berg to place the communication on file with the County Clerk's office. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried.

POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO ALLOW VOTING TO SUSPEND AND OR AMEND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE RULE X OF THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, PER WIS. STATS §59.11 (2) SUB (A) TO MOVE

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THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2022, DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT WITH THE WCA CONVENTION

Motion by Miller to suspend the rules and move the County Board meeting from September 20, 2022 to September 21, 2022, second by Berg. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Chairperson Report:

Gretzinger told all that Forest County is very busy and there is a lot of road Construction going on. The county park is pretty full and the Broadband project is going now.

Campbell – Highway

Spring project is fixed in Alvin and the crew is working on 2.5 miles of paving on Hwy 52. The next paving job is going to be in Popple River & County F is complete. They have mowed 550 miles on County roads.

Chaney – Forestry

The staff is taking care of the park; the Forestry Administrator just bought a house in Forest County and the 2nd in command is also looking for a house to buy in Forest County.

Veteran Service- He just wanted to say, Rob the Veteran Administrator is a good man.

Black – Health

COVID is running 15 to 20 cases a week. The vacant positions are posted, with nothing yet.

MOU is in place with Florence County for the Interim Director.

Karl-Zoning

The permits are slowing down and the staff is starting to catch up.

Anderson- Social Services

Some good news, there is a new director starting on August 29th. There have been two more resignations in the department and positions have been posted. The committee is interviewing Thursday for the front desk position and a new CPS Social worker is starting in September.

They had a meeting with DHS to get some help with the lack of workers. A lot of counties are having the same issues. Oneida County has agreed to help. The real issue with many employees is the on-call hours and no one is quite sure what to do. The committee is working with Ron Skallerud on some additional help. They need to raise salaries.

Lukas – Finance

There is bad news and good news. The health insurance company that carries the county's current policy will no longer be covering Wisconsin; the good news is the county has secured WCA once again for the health insurance with no increase from September 1, 2022 through December 31, 2023. The committee is starting to work on the 2023 budget.

Building – The committee is keeping in touch with Musson and is having a really hard time securing contractors. The windows in the sheriff/jail residence is pretty much complete. There is a possible bid for the annex bathrooms coming in.

FCEDP – The new director has been hired and he will be speaking with the board later in the meeting.

Broadband- Hopefully things are moving along there.

Berg- Newcap – Nothing new to report

Miller – Aging

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The new director has been hired (Kathy Fohrman), which is one of the vacancies in the Social Services department. The next meeting is on the 25th of August.

Dehart – Fair

The Fair will go on this year without a carnival. The horse barn has been repaired for an amount of \$3,000 under the supervision of Tony Weber, with the help of donations from the Home Town Trolley (\$2,000 lumber), Argonne Lumber (\$500), the rest from the county. Conway Tru-Value donated a post hole digger. Hopefully the carnival will be back next year. They committee is still looking for properties to move the fairgrounds.

Chris Shafer- Chamber/FCEDP Director

Chris introduced himself and gave a background on himself and told everyone that Mary Belland will also be starting on Monday. He is working on getting everything cleaned up and as a positive moving forward. He asked all to do Google reviews of businesses as they are very important for Forest County. He also told the board he took the job for a lot less than what he was offered, he said he is a “workaholic.”

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

WCA Steering Committee – Transportation and Public Works - William Chaney

Motion by Black, second by Karl to appoint Chaney to the Transportation and Public Works. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried.

Human Service Center – Tina Anderson, Cindy Gretzinger, Paul Millan, Nancy Tauer

Motion by Dehart, second by Berg to appoint to the Human Service Center until April 2024. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 36-2022 – 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.

Motion by Karl, second by Anderson to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Landru. Motion carried.

Resolution 37-2022 - Offered by County Board Chairperson

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that an additional County Board Member shall be appointed by the County Board Chair to serve as an additional member on the Broadband Committee.

Motion by Campbell, second by Weber to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Abstain (1); Black, Absent (1) Landru. Motion carried.

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Resolution 38-2022 – Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that Resolution No. 8 initially adopted by the Forest County Board of Supervisors on February 11, 1993 and amended from time to time, is now further amended, in part as follows: That the following meal reimbursement for County Employees, Forest County Board Supervisors, and other County elected officials, engaged in County business which requires approved overnight stays shall be the same reimbursement rate established by the State of Wisconsin with receipts being provided for said expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other provisions of Resolution No. 8, adopted by the Forest County Board of Supervisors on February 11, 1993 and any amendments thereto shall continue to remain in full force and effect except as specifically amended by the terms of this Resolution. Motion by Weber, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. A discussion followed to make sure the flat fee of \$41.00 apply for the overnight stays. Motion by Chaney, second by Dehart to amend the resolution to add the “flat fee of \$41.00 per day not to exceed the aggregate of breakfast, lunch and dinner established by the State of Wisconsin.” All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Landru. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Black, second by Berg to adjourn. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Dailey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the September 21, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk