

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

October 18, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on October 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, Black, Campbell, Chaney, Dailey, Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Landru, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Weber

Absent: Berg, Tallier

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, second by Weber to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Berg, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Chaney, second by Dailey to approve the September 21, 2022 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Berg, Tallier. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Bug Tussel – Broadband information flyer, resolutions from other counties, State of Wisconsin Easement, DOT – project updates and the LATCF Funding.

Motion by Dehart, second by Goode to place all communications on file with the County Clerk's office. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Berg, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Board of Health:

Resignation – Rebecca Perry

Motion by Weber to accept the resignation, second by Anderson. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Berg, Tallier. Motion carried.

Appointment – Kathleen Kautz

Motion by Black to appoint Kathleen Kautz, second by Campbell. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Berg, Tallier. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Michelle Gobert was present to inform the board of a revitalization project underway on the Vet Memorial Park on the Courthouse square. She told the board background on the memorial and all of the volunteers working to clean it up and get it more Forest County oriented.

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She also wanted to speak to the committee about a 2022 Wisconsin Council Grant she received through UW-Extension to digitize historical photos.

Jeff Musson was not available as there were still items not ready for discussion.

Chairperson Report: The County Board Chair spoke about the Finance finishing the budget process and about the news about the Treasury (LATCF) funds available to the county over the next two years. (\$1,942,112.46)

Highway – Campbell

The Seasons are changing and the Highway is getting ready for fall.

Forestry – Chaney

The guys are marking timber and just finished closing the park. He is hoping they have internet by next spring. The department is advertising for trees and with the trees the ability to put a memorial with them. They are dealing with a lot of mapping.

Health – Black

The cases are 6 to 7 a week and leveling out. Next week they will be interviewing for a new director.

Zoning- Karl

The department is still busy, people are closing stuff out. They did well with permits this year again.

Social Services – Anderson

There was just a new fiscal employee hired and they have more interviews for CPS workers in the near future, which will leave them only one short, so they are making progress. Tony Crum will be starting in the Youth Justice if approved by the board, which will be a great help. Beth Ferdon, the new director is doing a great job. There is a worry about some high cost placements, but they have no control over that.

Personnel – Always busy.

Building/Property – Lukas

Musson has not been able to hone down the pricing for the Dome yet, but the estimates for repair could be about \$1 million. The committee made a motion to take the money from the Dome (\$300,000) and put it toward the Sheriff/Jail residence because the cost will be well over the money set aside for the dome. They will use the money for plumbing, furnace, bathroom, kitchenette, etc. and then be able to hold meetings there in the area it could hold 50 people. The committee still does not have prices yet for the security fence around the LEC complex. The S. Annex windows will go out to bid, with an initial estimate of around \$37,000-\$40,000. The windows being covered by this would be the Forestry, Child Support, UW-Extension and District Attorney. The windows in the old jail will be bid with the bars left intact. They will just clean them up and repaint them. Karl asked if the building was fixed up, could it be used to move the ADRC employees over and sell the other building. The N. Annex bathrooms will have to be re-bid in the spring because there was no interest the first bidding.

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Finance –

The Budget has been finalized, with the County needing to take \$477,000 from the General Fund. The Treasury funds will cover another \$490,000 of capital outlay items. The budget was approved with a \$1 an hour increase for all employees.

Economic Development –

Shafer is doing a great job and shaking things up. Lukas wanted to recognize him for all his work.

Commission on Aging – Miller

The old bus has been decommissioned and they are in the process of replacing it. The department contracts out for people who have medical appointments. The committee is hoping with the new van they are looking at they can change this. They are also looking at the By-laws.

Fair – Dehart

There is a Fair meeting tomorrow night, he will have more for the next meeting.

Payant – He wanted to let the board know Chelsea checked into the room tax and found that is not an option for the county.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 46-2022 Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS in session this 18th, day of October, 2022 that an application be made to the State of Wisconsin for aid as provided for in Wis. Stats. 20.455(kt), (ku) and (kw) and law enforcement duties of the Sheriff arising by reason of federal legislation transferring jurisdiction over Indian criminal matters to the State of Wisconsin. Said expenses are anticipated to be incurred as a result of providing law enforcement and protection to the two (2) federally recognized Indian Reservations located within the corporate boundaries of Forest County, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application be for the year beginning January 1, 2023 through and including December 31, 2023, and that the agreements of the Sheriff and Forest County be incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Motion by Chaney, second by Campbell to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 47-2022 Offered by Land Sales and Delinquent Tax

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Forest County Treasurer shall have the authority to request the preparation of the necessary paperwork to Tax Deed the properties listed above.

Motion by Dailey, second by Black to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 48-2022 Offered by Emergency Government and 911

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors does hereby adopt the changes to the Forest County Road Naming and Uniform Addressing 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 Emergency Management Office.

Motion by Karl, second by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 49-2022 Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS insists upon the prohibition of the use of private donations from special interest groups, people, or other private entities by government, for the purpose of election administration.

Motion by Black, second by Goode to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 50-2022 Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Forestry/Recreation LTE with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

Motion by Weber, second by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 51-2022 Offered by Personnel and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Dispatch and Executive Administrative Assistant with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

Motion by Piasini, second by Dailey to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 52-2022 Offered by Personnel and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Dispatch Sergeant with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

Motion by Peterson, second by Anderson to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 53-2022 Offered by Personnel and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Jail/Dispatch Captain with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

Motion by Weber, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

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Resolution 54-2022 Offered by Personnel and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Sergeant of Youth Services with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

Motion by Campbell, second by Goode to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 55-2022 Offered by Personnel and Broadband

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Project Manager with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County, provided grant funding for the position is available.

Motion by Weber, second by Peterson to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 56-2022 Offered by Personnel and Broadband

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Data Manager with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County, provided grant funding for the position is available.

Motion by Dehart, second by Dailey to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 57-2022 Offered by Personnel and Broadband

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Digital Navigator with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County, provided grant funding for the position is available.

Motion by Landru, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg and Tallier. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Chaney, second by Goode to adjourn. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg, Tallier. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the November 8, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski, County Clerk
Forest County Clerk