

# **FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS**

**March 15, 2022**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on March 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 FEBRUARY 15, 2022 MEETING**

Motion by Dailey to approve the minutes from the February 15, 2022 meeting as presented, second by Matuszewski. 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 (NCWRPC) on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Berg. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2); Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

Motion by Berg to place all communications (Ukrainian Flag) on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Dehart. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2); Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

There was a raise of hands to fly the Ukrainian Flag in support of the country and forward to Sheriff & Highway Committees for consideration and places to fly the flag.

Motion by Laabs to place all communications (other county resolutions) on file with the County Clerk's Office, and forward the resolutions on to the committees of jurisdiction for consideration, second by Lukas. All present voting (AYE) (17); Absent (2); Ackley & Houle. Motion carried.

## **PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Chairperson Report:

Gretzinger asked for a moment of silence and prayer for all impacted by the war. She wanted all to be aware of the requirement of employees not entering the building before it opens at 6:50 a.m. The question was asked as to if this was going to continue into the summer hours and the answer was yes, no one is allowed before 6:50 a.m. unless there is an emergency situation.

Highway – Campbell informed the committee road limits are set to be imposed on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

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Forestry – Chaney informed the committee the snowmobile trails are closed.

Zoning – Karl said it is pretty quiet right now, but, will be getting busy in the next few weeks.

Sheriff & Justice – Stamper says the department is having problems with employees leaving, so there is a lot of overtime right now. Chairperson and others thanked Stamper for his service on the board as he is not running in April.

Health – Black told the board everything is going pretty well, they have a new director starting soon, and Holli has agreed to stay on for a little while to help with COVID.

Social Services – Anderson told the board they filled the secretary position with Carly Allred and they are down to hiring of two Social Worker positions.

Building – Lukas told everyone the building remodel is very close to being completed. There are still a few little issues, one was with the elevator and new panels, but that has been taken care of. There is new flooring being installed at the Highway.

Finance – Lukas told the board not much is happening in Finance other than the reason for the meeting tonight.

Economic Development – Lukas told the board Northwoods Water Department is being picked on by the State. R.T. Krueger is asking the board for support against what is happening, which involves the jobs of thirty (30) employees. The State is coming in and going to compete against his employees.

NewCap – Berg just wanted to remind everyone of all of the CDBG grants and money available to help those in need.

Aging – Miller told the board Queen is working with the Health & Wellness for a “My Health My Way” on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The new bus driver is working out well and there should be interviews for another one in the near future.

Fair – Dehart told the board there is not much going on right now and the committee probably will not need to meet until the end of April.

Sheriff Skallerud shared with everyone, he is trying to work out a health provider issue and is working on hiring for the overturn in employees.

### **APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS**

None

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## RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution – Offered by Finance**

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, that there shall be issued, pursuant to Section 67.12(12), Wisconsin Statutes, general obligation promissory notes in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 for the public purpose of paying for the cost of constructing a secure facility, and updating of the Law Enforcement Center that complies with the recommendations of the Marshal's Report, upon review of Corporation Counsel.

Motion by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented, second by Dailey.

(Laabs) There was discussion on the resolution as to whether it should be held off for a couple years and the cost/safety figured out. (Gretzinger) Is this the best thing to do right now with only just a preliminary cost of \$10 million. (Lukas) Musson gave him a cheat sheet that showed a cost for \$9.5 million. There were other questions such as what happens if the county borrows \$10 million and does not need it all, how much money will have to be paid back, does the county still pay the interest, and what happens? Ask the auditor if the county can safely handle borrowing that much money. The board would also like the Financial Advisor at the next meeting to answer questions.

Motion by Chaney to table the resolution, hold over until the next meeting for more information, second by Campbell. All present voting (AYE) (9); Black, Campbell, Chaney, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Laabs, Matuszewski, Piasini. (NAY) (8); Berg, Collins, Dehart, Lukas, Miller, Stamper, Anderson, Dailey. Absent (2); Ackley, Houle. Motion carried. Resolution tabled.

### **Resolution – 12-2022 Offered by County Board Chair**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Rules and Regulations Handbook be modified to have meetings of the Board of Supervisors on a monthly basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the monthly meetings shall continue to be on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 P.M. with the exception of the meeting in April which will commence at 1:00 P.M.

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

### **Resolution 13-2022 Offered by Social Services and Finance**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the 2022 budget shall be amended to reflect that the funding for a Lead Social Worker shall not exceed \$85,000.00.

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

### **Resolution 14-2022 Offered by County Board Chairperson**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that monetary transfers from the unreserved accounts in the General Fund, Health Fund and Social Services fund shall occur in the amounts set forth above.

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

## **Resolution 15-2022 Offered by County Board Chair**

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 11th through April 15th, 2022 be designated as “Work Zone Safety Awareness Week” in Forest County.

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

## **Resolution 16-2022 Offered by Emergency Management**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the County to enter into a Mutual Aid Compact consistent with the terms of the proposed Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact, a copy of which is attached hereto. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors, hereby authorizes the County Board Chairperson, the County Emergency Management Director and the County Clerk to enter into the Wisconsin Statewide Mutual Aid Compact for local Emergency Management Assistance.

Motion by Anderson, second by Piasini 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 7:43 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the April 19, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski  
Forest County Clerk