

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

May 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on May 17, 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(Teams), Berg(Teams), Campbell, Chaney, Dailey, Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Landru, Lukas, Peterson, Piasini, Weber.

Absent: Black, Miller, Tallier

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Campbell, second by Chaney to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Dailey, second by Dehart to approve the April 19, 2022 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Nicolet Hardwoods-Letter of Support for Biomass Energy Project

Motion by Landru to send the letter of support on County letterhead, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE) (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

WDOT-Paving Project

Wolf Control Letter

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Piasini. All present voting (AYE) (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Volunteer Medical Advisor to the Board of Health Committee – Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren
Samantha Hoffman – Public Health Director wanted to thank Dr. Susan Moore for her serving in this position and also thanked Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren for stepping up as this is a hard position to fill.

Motion by Weber to appoint Dr. Khrystyne Lindgren to the position, second by Dailey. All present voting (AYE) (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Lukas wanted to update the Supervisors about Bug Tussel and the Broadband project that had been proposed. There are some issues trying to get them to get an agreement to the County. Payant explained he feels before the County would even consider a guarantee with this company in the amount of 8.5 million, he would need an agreement that stated what is going to be done, when it would be completed, where the locations are and progress payments. He told the

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Supervisors there is a risk if the County would agree to a guarantee, even if the payments would be the responsibility of Bug Tussel. If they do not pay the County would be responsible. He was told he would get an agreement, but, has not received one yet.

Lukas also spoke of a new position for a FCEDP/Chamber director and the need for an MOU for this to happen. Payant has not received anything from Ferris on that either.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Presentation – Representative from the CAP program:

Jake Wojciechowski from Upper Iowa University handed out literature and information on a program from the university that would benefit the county employees, their spouses and dependents. He told the Supervisors the program gave those enrolled flexibility and decreased costs in the tuition just for the County participating in the program. There was no cost to the County, only benefits for those enrolled, which is tailored to the working individual.

This will be moved forward to Personnel and Finance and brought back to the next County Board in resolution form.

Chairperson's Report:

Gretzinger updated everyone on the County Park. She told everyone the park opening will be pushed back to June 24th, a decision made by the Forestry Committee due to weather and setbacks because of it. She spoke to the Broadband as well. She informed the committee of the resignation of the Maintenance Supervisor and the Personnel's decision to move up the maintenance worker that has been working here for several months. She told everyone he has been doing a great job and the others who work with him are very impressed with his work.

Highway – Campbell

He told everyone the Highway is working on pot holes and the next step would be preparing the plan. The employees built some very nice bins for the department.

Forestry/Park – Chaney

Chaney followed up on Gretzinger's remarks about the Park and added that it is going forward a lot better than he thought it would. He also told everyone the Forestry staff is marking timber and getting jobs out.

Zoning – Karl

The permitting has slowed down right now, as most people did their permitting early. He told the Supervisors the committee will be bringing forth resolutions next month pertaining to fees. He also told the Supervisors of his concern with contractors not following the rules and the need to crack down on them, because it is not fair to the contractors who do.

Building/Finance/FCEDP – Lukas

The Building renovations are going well, just tying up some loose ends. He spoke of the dome and the need to get it repaired. He said the drone pictures Musson had from The Land Information were impressive.

The Finance is working on the Broadband projects.

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The committee is working on an MOU for a position at the Chamber/FCEDP. There have been some issues with a possible candidate, which may have an effect on the position going forward.

Fair – Dehart

He told the committee there is not much to report, but, there is a meeting at the end of the month.

Chaney forgot to update the Supervisors on a grant the Aging had obtained that would allow the purchase of 4-recumbant bicycles for the handicapped at the Park, as well as the cost of material for a building to store them in; Forestry will have to come up with the labor to build it. The grant is for \$80,000.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 23-2022 – Offered by Forest County Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the County Park budget shall be amended to reflect the \$12,400.00 donated by the Lake Metonga Association to help pay for the improvements at the Veteran’s Memorial Park.

Motion by Goode, second by Peterson to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution – 24-2022 – Offered by Land Information

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the attached Land Conservation/Land Information/GIS Drone Policy is adopted in its entirety, and to be reviewed by said Committee yearly.

Motion by Karl, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

Child Support Annual Report

Motion by Dehart to place the annual report on file in the County Clerk’s Office, second by Dailey. All present voting (AYE) (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Karl, second by Fulcer to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (15); Absent (3); Black, Miller, Tallier. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:59 pm.

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

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk