

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

July 19, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on July 19, 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, Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Landru, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Tallier, Weber.

Absent: Dailey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weber, second by Chaney to approve the agenda as presented. All presented voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Dailey. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 21, 2022 MEETING

Motion by Anderson, second by Black to approve the June 21, 2022 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Dailey. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Jerry Gilligan, the Chair of Popple River was in and had a complaint about someone who was hauling overloads during the posted roads in the middle of the day when it was 50 degrees. He told the board he turned in a complaint and the person did not get a ticket; the officers said they could not do anything because they had no way to weigh them to see if the truck was overloaded. He was referred to the Sheriff & Justice committee.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Karl, to place all communications on file with the County Clerk's office, second by Berg. All presented voting AYE (17); Absent (1); Dailey. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

William Anderson, Highway Commissioner went to Washington and he met with the staffers from the senator's offices on money available for projects. He said the problem is there is a lot of money, but a lot has to be spent to get it, such as the designs for projects and that is a huge expense. He was invited to go with Trout's Unlimited who did a project with Forest County and they wrote a grant for a project which was \$360,000, the County only paid \$36,000, the state paid 10% and Trout's Unlimited paid as well as wrote the grant. Trout's Unlimited wanted to show FEMA they could do the project and it went very well. Anderson told the Board it was an honor to be invited to go.

Anderson also spoke with Mike Garrity from the House of Representatives – they talked about the watershed from Forest County emptying into the Oconto. He will bring in more information from the trip when the office staff from the trip finishes writing up something for everyone that attended.

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Jeff Musson gave a presentation on the Forest County Courtroom & LEC Addition and the Marshals report. He addressed issues with the existing complex and the design he came up with the staff, with an estimated cost of \$8,193,894. There were several questions and statements from board members pertaining to the project and cost to the taxpayers. Lukas asked for a show of hands in support or against the project. Yes (13) No (5)

He told everyone the building committee will try to get to a point of moving forward. The architect designs will take 6-8 months and they thought would be to borrow the money right away.

Chairperson Report –

Gretzinger was happy to see many tourists enjoying our county and the campground is busy. There are a lot of family events taking place and the county projects are moving forward.

Goode- Child Support is running smoothly with a meeting coming in September.

Campbell – Highway is good and running slow.

Chaney – Forestry has about 300 acres marked, they are pretty busy and most people think the new system at the park is working out well. They have the new sign up; he was not sure if it is lit up yet or not.

Black – Health – The director has resigned and the position is posted. There is an MOU in place with Florence County for an Interim Director. There were 114 cases of COVID in June, so far in July there were 65.

Karl – Zoning is pretty busy and violations have backed off quite a bit.

Anderson – Social Services is going to be able to fill one of the CPS Social Worker positions with a licensed one. The reception resigned on Friday the 22nd, so they are working on filling that as soon as possible. The main concerns are wage increases.

Lukas – Building/Finance – Almost all of the windows in the Old Jail are in. There are still issues with a musty smell in the courtroom on the 3rd floor. Finance will start working on the budget. Economic Development is interviewing for a coordinator and have many good applicants.

Berg- Newcap has a CDBG Block Grant for a 10-county group which received another \$3 million. This is a great program and you could have a lot of work done on your house if you qualify; you only have to pay the money back if you sell your home.

Miller – Aging is still serving meals and still afloat. The committee is interviewing on Monday the 28th for the Aging Director position.

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Dehart – Fair has not much to report. The next meeting is the upcoming Wednesday. The Fair this year and future fairs will not have carnival. The carnivals wanted \$30,000 up front to come this year.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 34-2022 – Offered by Land Conservation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board does approve and authorize the Public Participation Plan as attached to this resolution.

Motion by Dehart, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Dailey. Motion carried.

Resolution 35-2022 - Offered by Sheriff & Justice

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Dispatch Center at the Forest County Sheriff's Department is hereby selected as the designated public safety answering point for Forest County.

Motion by Tallier, second by Black to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Dailey. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

2021 Health Department Annual Report

Motion by Karl to place the annual report on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Berg. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Dailey. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Dehart, second by Weber to adjourn. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Dailey. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the August 16, 2022 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk