

**FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS  
DECEMBER 20, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on December 20, 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, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Tallier, Weber.

Absent: Berg, Landru

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING**

Motion by Chaney, second by Campbell to approve the November 8, 2022 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg, Landru. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD**

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

**APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS**

Amy Gatton – Public Health Officer

Motion by Dailey to appoint Amy Gatton as the Public Health Officer, second by Goode. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg, Landru. Motion carried.

Forest County Library Resignation/Appointments:

Resignation of Theresa Novak

Appointment of Barbara Barker 2022-2024

Appointments of Stacy Chrisman and Re-appointment of Karen McMillion 2023-2025

Motion by Black to accept the resignation of Theresa Novak, the appointments of Barbara Barker, Stacy Chrisman and Karen McMillion, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg, Landru. Motion carried.

Commission on Aging Commission Member Appointments:

Re-appointments – Terms – August 2022-2025

Jean Jungwirth, Wendy Abney, Larry Sommers

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Motion by Miller to approve the appointments of Jean Jungwirth, Wendy Abney, Larry Sommers, second by Peterson. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg, Landru. Motion carried.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Recognition – Penny Carter – WCA Board – Not available

Introduction of new Sheriff for 2023 – Jeff Marvin  
Jeff introduced himself to the Board.

**Chairperson Report:**

Gretzinger told everyone 2022 was a good year, with many accomplishments and working their way through problems. She is looking forward to 2023 and the Broadband projects. The Dome project does not have a lot of information yet. She thinks the board is a very good board and she will be reviewing committees at the beginning of 2023 because some committees have board members not showing up, causing committees to not make quorum. She asked if anyone felt they have too many committees to let her know. The wage study is being worked on.

Goode: Child Support is good, there is a resolution to get more funding.

Campbell: Highway is just plowing because it is snowing every day.

Chaney: Forestry had money donated to the park to install playground equipment. The department has 500-acres of hardwood to put out to bid in the spring and 100-acres of aspen. The reservation line for the park will open up on January 3, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The DNR has asked for use of the staff (GNA) for marking trees.

Black- Amy Gatton, the new Health Director updated with her introduction. Health is happy to have a full crew.

Karl – Zoning has finally calmed down; they will be working on new fees for the coming year.

Anderson – Personnel is always busy. The Social Services has more staff now than ever, but working through training issues.

Lukas – Building committee is having a hard time getting the budget on the metal work on the dome, but they know the scaffolding will cost \$50,000. Conway's put in a bid for the ADRC flooring and will be doing the project. The windows in the south annex will go out to bid on December 30<sup>th</sup>. The roof on the North Annex is in poor condition and will have to be bid out in the new year. The new garage doors are in. The claim for the water damage is still not completed, Professional told Maintenance the warranty for the boilers is up and the county is out of their service area so they will not be coming back. Gretzinger thanked Lukas for all of his hard work on all of these projects. He puts in a lot of extra time on them.

Finance – Lukas is hopeful the county will receive the second half of the LATCF money. After the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year, they will be making several purchases. The sales tax is up again, so the

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committee will be sending a resolution to full county board to take half of the excess and put it into the Maintenance fund Capital Outlay fund.

Economic Development is doing well with Chris Shafer and he has things rolling with Bug Tussel.

Digital Navigator has two good candidates that would both be good for the position. They are in the process of reference checking.

Miller – Aging had a public hearing for the 8521 grants and at it they went over all of the funding. They have purchased a bus the Aging Director found. They are also advertising for a dietician.

Dehart – Nothing new to report on the Fair.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 65-2022 Offered by UW-Extension**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the excess funds available from the FY2022 UW-Extension Budget be placed in a reserve account to be used for a Forest County UW-Extension Limited Term Employee for FY2023.

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

**Resolution 66-2022 Offered by Forestry and Recreation**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forest County Board of Supervisors accept the recommendation of the Forestry and Recreation Committee and hereby accepts and approves the 2023 Forest County Forestry Department Annual Work Plan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chapter 2000 of the 15 Year Comprehensive Land-Use Plan 2021-2035 be amended as set forth in Chapter 2000, paragraph 2100.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forestry and Recreation Committee is directed to forward said amendment to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for their approval.

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

**Resolution 67-2022 Offered by Child Support**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests that state funding for our county child support agencies be increased by \$5 million GPR in each fiscal year of the 2023-25 Wisconsin state budget, which will generate approximately \$9.7 million in additional federal funding each year. This investment will ensure that Wisconsin counties can continue to effectively provide economic support to our children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, State Senators, and State Representatives representing Forest County, the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Administration and the Wisconsin Counties Association for consideration.

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

**Resolution 68-2022 Offered by Finance**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Finance Committee shall use the trust fund money from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in the amount of not more than \$60,000.00 to be used to purchase a vehicle for the Commission on Aging.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kathy Fohrman, Commission on Aging Director, is authorized to execute all required documents for the purchase of the vehicle.

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

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business; Motion by Dehart, second by Weber to adjourn. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2) Berg, Landru. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the January 17, 2023 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski, County Clerk  
Forest County Clerk