

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 20, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on June 20, 2023, 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 (present at 6:30p.m.), Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Landru, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Skallerud, Tallier.
Absent: Weber; Vacant, District #3, #12 & #20.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE MAY 16, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Skallerud, second by Chaney to approve the May 16, 2023 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Dailey, Weber. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

A person wanted to speak about the Pelican Lake Project and Gretzinger allowed him to speak for a minute but, then realized he has spoken to Forestry and the committee will be taking this up at committee level with a possible resolution coming forth.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Chaney. All present voting (AYE); (16). Absent (2); Dailey, Weber. Motion carried.

**POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A MOTION TO ALLOW VOTING TO SUSPEND AND OR AMEND THE
RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO RULE X OF THE FOREST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISOR, PER WIS. STATS §59.11 (2) SUB (A): CHANGE DATE OF
THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 COUNTY BOARD MEETING**

Motion by Black to approve suspending the rules and move the meeting to September 12, 2023, because of a conflict with the WCA Convention, second by Miller. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Dailey, Weber. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Brian Della – PMA Financial Advisors -Bug Tussel Financials, Cash Flow
Brian had a handout of Hilbert Communications/Bug Tussel's finances. He went through everything with the Board and then went through risks of partnering with them. Mitch Olson (Bug Tussel) talked about the County co-signing for the \$11 million in bonding and that the middle mile they intend to put in set up the County for future grants to put more fiber in the ground. There was discussion about the need for a part-time person to oversee the project. It

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was brought up that Oneida County has passed a Broadband resolution for bonding with Bug Tussel today. Gretzinger told the Board she was at a Workforce Development meeting and they are very pleased with Bug Tussel.

Recognize Child Support for - 2022 Certificate of Outstanding Achievement Award
Gretzinger recognized the Child Support on the award the department received and Shannon Boney (Child Support Director) talked about what they did to receive this outstanding award.

Recognition of individuals who worked on the improvements to the Veterans Memorial Building and Veteran Memorial Day Service in the Courtyard

Gretzinger wanted to thank all who worked so hard on this project on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors.

Chairperson Report –

Gretzinger wanted to let everyone know the Highway Commissioner, Bill Anderson was retiring and that everyone should wish him well and an interim will be appointed for the remainder of his term. Joshua Bradley, Jail Administrator will be resigning after 18 years and moving on to the Blackwell Job Corps. The Carlson Dettmann wage study is almost complete, finance was hoping to be able to go to referendum this year but, the Clerk found out that cannot be accomplished until April 2024. Down the road there will be decisions that have to be made pertaining to the Human Service Center and the partnership the three counties involved share in. Oneida County is not happy with the services they are receiving and are working on intent to not continue services with them. Corporation Counsel, the Sheriff's and the Social Services directors all met to discuss issues with them. She also wanted the board to know that she expects them to look and approve all budgets within their jurisdiction before it comes to Finance. Social Services is at full staff right now. The Laona Rescue Squad is breaking ground on a new facility. KISS is coming to the track for the fall race and thank you to the Potawatomi for all their support.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

County Representative for the Pickerel/Crane, Pine and Lily Lake Districts:

Representative – Steve Kircher

Alternate - Kayla Littleton

Motion by Dehart to appoint Steve Kircher as the representative and Kayla Littleton as the alternate, second by Black. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Weber. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution - Offered by Finance

The Resolution was for bonding with Bug Tussel for \$11 million for Broadband expansion in Forest County.

Motion by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented, second by Skallerud. All present voting AYE (12); NAY (5) Fulcer, Goode, Karl, Piasini, Tallier; Absent (1) Weber. Motion failed to meet the required $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to adopt.

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Resolution 57-2023 - Offered by Sheriff and Justice

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that Forest County Sheriff's Department shall be allowed to enter into a contract to implement an Electronic Monitoring Program for inmates.

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

Resolution 58-2023 - Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the total sum of \$2,500.00 shall be set aside each year from the County Board budget for reimbursement of the delegates for Conservation Congress meetings.

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

Resolution 59-2023- Offered by Personnel

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that Forest County Sheriff's Department shall pay \$3,000.00 for a sign-on bonus for new employees payable \$1,500.00 upon the initial hire and another \$1,500.00 in 12 months; with signed agreement stating if the new employee does not stay two (2) full years they will be required to pay the County back \$750 of the second payment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bonuses would be paid from the existing 2023 Sheriff's Department Budget.

Motion by Chaney, second by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented. There was discussion as to the resolution and retention bonuses and what-if the employee gets the second \$1,500 and then quits. There are other departments that have had similar issues with retention and it was the thought of the board this portion should be taken back to committee for discussion.

Motion by Landru to amend the resolution – remove the retention bonuses, change the sign-on bonus 2nd half to be after 12 months, add the condition of an agreement that needs to be signed by the employee agreeing to stay two (2) full years or he/she will have to pay the county back \$750 of the last payment of \$1,500, second by Fulcer. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1), Weber. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

Wisconsin Valley Library Service – Annual Reports

Motion by Peterson to place the Wisconsin Valley Library Service – Annual Report on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Skallerud. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (1) Weber. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, second by Black to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (17.); Absent (1), Weber. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the July 18, 2023 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk