

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
JULY 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on July 18, 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, Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Miller, Piasini, Skallerud, Tallier, Weber.

Absent: Dailey, Landru, Peterson; Vacant District #3, #12, & #20

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Anderson, second by Black to approve the agenda as presented. All presented voting AYE (15); Absent (3) Dailey, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 20, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Goode, second by Chaney to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (15); Absent (3) Dailey, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Weber, to place all communications on file with the County Clerk's office, second by Skallerud. All presented voting AYE (15); Absent (3) Dailey, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Highway Commissioner – Bill Anderson Recognition

Interim Highway Commission – Mark Chrisman

Social Service Director – Tracy Schumacher

Chairman Gretzinger and the board recognized Bill Anderson for his many years of dedication to the Forest County Highway department. A plaque was accepted in his absence by Danielle McLaughlin (Highway Office Manager). The new interim Highway Commission (Mark Chrisman) introduced himself to everyone as well as the new Social Services director, Tracy Schumacher; they were both welcomed by all in attendance.

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

Chairperson Report –

Goode – Child Support - Everything is going well and the department received an award about a month ago.

Campbell – Highway – New interim commissioner and he was happy to say they are fully staffed, with a new person starting this week. All three (3) new hires had CDL's.

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Chaney – Forestry – Everything is going well as the staff is getting ready for next year. The Park has already surpassed last year's income and the playground equipment is all installed.

Chaney – Veteran- Everything is good and Koplien does a really good job with the veterans.

Black – Health – The department is doing well, there are different job descriptions to move positions around; trying a part-time PH Nurse. The department purchased a red Tahoe with grant money that can hook to their utility trailer and transport all staff in one trip.

Karl- Zoning – They are busy in the department with permits way up for the year; they have a good committee and staff.

Anderson- Social Services – Tracy is doing a very good job and a thank you goes out to Paul and Chelsea Payant for all of their help with everything as well as job descriptions.

Anderson – Personnel – Job descriptions have been updated and they are still working with Carlson Dettmann on the wage study, just waiting for final category changes.

Tallier – Land & Water meeting went well.

Lukas – Building/Property – Recently the committee brought in three bids for the North Annex roof, the low bidder did not have a certification. Musson is not going to be able to work on the campus which includes the parking lot, fencing, surveying, etc. so the committee is going to have to look into a new engineer for it. Musson will continue his work on the dome project.

Lukas – Economic Development/Broadband – Shafer will be bringing in Bertram Communications to talk to the committees.

Lukas – Finance – The County needs money and will be starting work on budgets.

Miller -Aging- The committee is working on an MOU with Emergency Government to use their bus services for Emergency Services to help with transports. They are working on MOU's with Lakeland and Inclusa to use their buses also, they need to set prices to have them do that. They have finished the final draft of the Aging plan.

Dehart – Fair – The Fair is set for the first weekend in September and everything is a go. The committee will meet probably a week before the Fair.

Gretzinger – Forest County Board Supervisors do the best they know how and are always entitled to each own's opinion. This month everyone needs to get back working together as a team. So much to be proud of in the County and fortunate to have it. The County is busy with tourists, so she asked everyone to keep their heads up and work hard as we are all proud of our County. She admitted to being as guilty as anyone to saying things but, hopes everyone works to stay calm and have a good rest of the summer.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

ORDINANCES

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby adopt a \$10.00 charge for real estate searches done by County personnel in the Register of Deeds office as set forth herein;

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BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the clerk shall immediately publish this ordinance either in its entirety, as a class 1 notice under Wis. Stat. §985, or as a notice described in Wis. Stat. §59.14 (1m) (b).

Motion by Anderson to adopt the ordinance as presented, second by Fulcer. All present voting (AYE) (15); Absent (3), Dailey, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.

ANNUAL REPORTS

2022 Highway Department Operations Report

Motion by Dehart to place the 2022 Highway Department Operations Report on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE (15); Absent (3) Dailey, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, second by Fulcer to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (18); Absent (3), Dailey, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the August 15, 2023 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk