

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on August 15, 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: Black, Campbell, Chaney, Dailey, Dehart, Fulcer, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Skallerud, Tallier, Weber.

Absent: Anderson, Landru; Vacant District #3, #12 & #20.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 18, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Chaney, second by Dailey to approve the July 18, 2023 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (16); Absent (2); Anderson, Landru. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Karl thanked Gretzinger and Anderson for all of their hard work on the employee luncheon, which was well received. Cindy thanked Karl and Skallerud for their help cooking. The courthouse employees sent a thank you card to the board for the luncheon.

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

There were resolutions and a letter that was received from the Florence County Board Chair, Jeanette Bomberg, which talked about their willingness to help Forest County while in the process of hiring a Public Health Director. She explained shortages are everywhere and counties working together during this time is very important.

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

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Gretzinger gave her chairperson report space to a representative from Tom Tiffany's office (Maggie Cronin) to speak to the board.

Ms. Cronin explained that Tiffany's office can help with the grant application process, which included grant writing, applications and checking on the status of the progress. They can also write letters of support and told the board there are two (2) key areas that help in getting grants, being safety and economic impact. They can help with IRS problems, VA, Security and passports. If there is any need they can help and have reached the \$1 million mark in helping give back to the communities.

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Gretzinger told the board about a possible change coming with the mental health services here in Forest County. The counties are not happy with the services they are getting from the Human Services Center and the mental health they are supposed to be giving to those in need. Chelsea Payant explained the Human Service Center is comprised of three (3) counties, which are Forest, Oneida and Vilas. They are working under an agreement that is from 1984; the consensus is it is outdated and is not working for the counties right now. The group has filed a letter of intent with the Human Service Center to come up with a solution and begin discussions or there will not be a Human Service Center as of December 31, 2024. Right now, every county, sheriff department, social services, corporation counsels and county board chairs of all three counties are in agreement they are not receiving the services they should be from the Center.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 60-2023 – Offered by Land and Water Conservation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that Forest County shall retain the services of Cardinal North, LLC to create a US Public Land Survey Monument record for Forest County and GPS Coordinates in the Forest C BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the payment for the above project will be paid from the Strategic Initiative Grant Fund.

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

Resolution – Offered by Forestry and Recreation – (Pelican River Forest)

No action.

Resolution 61-2023 – Offered by Zoning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that a permit for the installation of a communication tower will be required and the fee for said permit will be \$300.00

Motion by Dailey, second by Karl to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (15); NAY (1), Lukas; Absent (2), Anderson, Landru. Motion carried.

Resolution 62-2023 – Offered by Personnel and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Jail Administrator with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

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

Resolution 63-2023 – Offered by Personnel

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that a Lead Case Worker with the duties and pay structure as set forth in the job description shall be employed by Forest County.

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

Resolution 64-2023 – Offered by Emergency Management

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS approves Forest County entering into a memorandum of agreement pertaining to Wisconsin Credentialling and Asset Management System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the expenses associated with the Wisconsin Credentialling and Asset Management System will be paid by the ECPRA State Computer and Hazmat Response Equipment Grant.

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

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Skallerud, second by Chaney to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (16); Absent (2), Anderson, Landru. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the September 12, 2023 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk