

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
January 16, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on January 19, 2024, 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 (6:25p.m.), Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Marvin (sworn in under appointments or elections), Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Skallerud, Weber

Absent: Landru, Fulcer, Tallier; Vacant - Districts #3, #12 & #20

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Weber, second by Skallerud to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (3); Landru, Fulcer, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 19, 2023 MEETING

Motion by Chaney, second by Goode to approve the December 19, 2023 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (3); Landru, Fulcer, Tallier. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Accept Resignation of Tina Anderson

Motion by Goode to accept the resignation and place all communications on file with the County Clerk's Office, second by Dehart. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (3); Landru, Fulcer, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Letter of Interest for District #19 – Al Marvin – Possible appointment to the County Board

Motion by Skallerud to appoint Al Marvin to fill the vacancy for District #19, second by Black. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (3); Landru, Fulcer, Tallier. Motion carried. Marvin was sworn in by Paul Payant, Corporation Counsel.

Appointment to the Human Service Center – Ron Skallerud

Motion by Dailey to appoint Ron Skallerud to the Human Service Center Board, second by Weber. All present voting AYE (15); Abstain (1); Skallerud; Absent (3); Landru, Fulcer, Tallier. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Recognition of Health Department – Level II Health Department – 140 Review

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Angela Nimsgern was available from the State to deliver the plaque and talk about the department renewing the Level II Health Department. The Board thanked Angela for coming and expressed the great job of the department in achieving this accomplishment.

Recognition of Emergency Management Director for her completion and passing of the Wisconsin Basic Certified Emergency Management Exam. Montgomery was present and the board congratulated her and recognized the importance of her and the position she has filled for the County.

Chairperson Report:

Gretzinger – She met with the Sokaogon Chippewa and was presented with the money awarded to local organizations from the Tribe. The County will in turn distribute the money to the organizations, which amounted to \$58,000.00. Gretzinger told the Board that there were other organizations awarded money as well, close to \$100,000.00 to Lake Associations and Trails. She expressed her gratitude to have such great relationships with both Tribes and all of the support they give to our community.

Last week the Finance committee met with a marketing firm to get out to the media the referendum. They also met with the Sheriff Department about the whole process and the committee's commitment to do the best they can. The referendum question to raise the tax levy will be on the April 2, 2024 ballot. She also talked about all of the accomplishments this board has done and has many to go. The Dome project is a big hurdle that needs to be completed because it will fall down if not repaired.

Lukas- Building – The committee is working on connecting the N. Annex to the Courthouse generator because the generator that services the building is junk and with the Jail and the Courthouse having generators that are able to handle the N. Annex it was the thought connection to the Courthouse would be most cost effective. In February an RFP will be going out to put in a dry suppression system in the Jail because of all of the new equipment that would be damaged by conventional water systems. This needs to be taken care as soon as possible because the new system put in the Jail was close to half a million dollars. Ayres is working on the parking lot and security of it and the doors in the courthouse as well.

Lukas wanted everyone to know that FCEDP and the Chamber have merged now to become Visit Forest County. The merger and record high memberships are because Shafer has worked very hard to get it where it is. They are working with the Tribes and Mole Lake has received a grant for Broadband. He also noted there is support coming from the Governor of Wisconsin. The next meeting of Broadband will be on the 23rd of January, with Charter/Spectrum being in attendance. Bug Tussel will also be available to give updates on the projects currently being completed for Forest County. The new Laona rescue squad building that was put up is having issues getting internet. Shafer met with a company, Tekniam that he was very impressed with, as they had a fix for the rescue unit and demonstrated it.

Paul Payant is meeting on the Human Service Center and has been updated.

Forest County Potawatomi has been approved for a huge project on County T for around \$625,000.00, which the County would not have been able to fund without their help.

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The County will have to pay a little but, nothing compared to what would have been paid without their help. There is another project they are working on funding for on County W for painting the striping on the road.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 01-2024 Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Text to Talk 911 system including maintenance shall be purchased for the Dispatch Center at a price not to exceed the sum of \$3,025.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the above cost shall be taken from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency fund.

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

Resolution – 02-2024 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the existing OHM riding trails be open to the general public during the months of May through October with weather permitting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Dual Sports Club be allowed at their expense to develop An OHM Trail Head and trail network located in Forest County Forest located off of Jungle Lake Road and Spring Lake Road.

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

Resolution - 03-2024 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby delegate to the Forest and Recreation Committee, authority to make applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for funds appropriated for ATV trail maintenance.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to expend the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for eligible maintenance and development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee may authorize the Forestry Department Staff to apply for grants, sign the contracts and complete grant reimbursement as necessary.

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

Resolution 04-2024 Offered by Forestry and Recreation

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby delegate to the Forest and Recreation Committee, authority to

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make applications to the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for funds appropriated for snowmobile trail maintenance.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee of the Forest County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to expend the funds to be received from the State of Wisconsin for eligible maintenance and development costs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Forestry and Recreation Committee may authorize the Forestry Department Staff to apply for grants, sign the contracts and complete grant reimbursement as necessary.

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

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Fulcer, second by Black to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (16); Absent (2), Landru, Tallier. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the February 20, 2024 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk