

**FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on September 17, 2024, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chair, Ron Skallerud called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all present. Clerk, Nora Matuszewski, read the agenda.

ROLL CALL

Present (14): Augustin, Chaney, Dailey, Decorah, Dehart, Dewing (Teams), Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Marvin, Piasini, Skallerud, Weber, Wirtz.

Absent (6); Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Vacant Seats: (1).

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Lukas to approve amending the agenda to add an additional resolution dealing with CDL requirements for the Highway Department employees, then approve the agenda with amendment, second by Weber. All present voting AYE (14). Absent (6); Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 20, 2024 MEETING

Motion by Chaney to approve the August 20, 2024 meeting minutes, second by Augustin. All present voting AYE (14). Absent (6); Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's office, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE (14). Absent (6); Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

None

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Visit Forest County – Chris Shafer (CEO) Shafer reminded everyone of the Art in the Square Fall Fest coming up. He told all present that Charlie Ingram, a fishing expert will be coming to Forest County to do some fishing on our lakes, which will result in a 90-second tourism promotion for Forest County. There was an announcement about the Healthcare Clinic in Mole Lake. He updated everyone that Michel's is burying cable for Broadband. The grant for Broadband expansion on Mole Lake is around 17.6 million and it is looking very promising for them to get the grant because they scored so high for it. If that happens it will take the project to the next step, where they will need letters of intent and BEAD funding. Mole Lake has the

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opportunity to get the money to match grants. He reported on different businesses that could start up and do the last mile work for the Broadband.

Chairpersons Report

Tom Hoffman, General Manager of the County projects was present and gave an update of progress to date. Scaffolding is still up and the clocks were shipped this previous Monday. The roofers will be back; he commented the project on the dome is built better than the original build. The electricians will be starting tomorrow for the lighting and the clocks. The masons will be back next week to start on the repair on the north corner of the courthouse and the majority of the painting has been completed on the inside; he found someone to touch up and repair the murals on the inside of the dome, which will begin work next week. The HVAC at the Jail is underway, with the boilers scheduled for delivery in 4-5 weeks. There were some historic maps that were found with a possibility for restoration; this will be brought back to the next County Board meeting for viewing by the Board.

Social Services – Gretzinger

The transition is taking place and going well.

Fair – Dehart

He reported not a lot is going on but, the Fair went well this year.

Finance – Lukas

The committee is working on the budget right now with some very big decisions ahead. There was a new broker for the health insurance chosen at the meeting held today.

Sheriff – Marvin

The Sheriff/Jail budgets are being worked on and cutting down on costs. Highway – The Highway Office Manager position is being advertised out to the public right now and they are mostly working on budget items.

Zoning – Karl

The department is still busy; they have resolutions on the agenda tonight, one for increasing fees.

Forestry – Chaney

The Forestry Department is working on 2-3 jobs right now and the park is winding down; the year was up in revenues.

Transition – Skallerud

They are working on the HSC and ADRC transition to Forest County, which has consumed a lot of the Chairman's time of late. The public hearing has been posted for 3-weeks and is coming up on Friday; there are three items on the public hearing, which include the HSC, ADRC and the 2025-2027 Aging Plan. The first year of the Human Service transition will have the County subcontracting with Oneida County for services.

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RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 59-2024 Offered by Zoning

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the attached list of permits and applications as well as the associated fees charged by the Forest County Zoning office with the revisions is hereby approved.

Motion by Karl to approve the resolution as presented, second by Weber. All present voting AYE (14). Absent (6); Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 60-2024 Offered by Zoning

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that shooting ranges within Forest County must be located within Forestry/Ag Districts provided a conditional use permit for said purpose is granted.

Motion by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE (13). Absent (7); Dewing, Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

Resolution 61-2024 Offered by County Board Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS request that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation allow employees working for various County Highway Departments to be exempt from CDL requirements. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Evers, Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson, State Representative Tom Tiffany, Assemblyman Rob Swearingen, Wisconsin Counties Association, and Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Motion by Weber to approve the resolution as presented, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE (13). NAY (1) Dewing. Absent (6); Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

ANNUAL REPORTS

2023 Child Support Annual Report

Motion by Lukas to place the 2023 Child Support Annual Report on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Wirtz. All present voting AYE (14). Absent (6) Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Dehart to adjourn, second by Augustin. All present voting AYE (14). Absent (6) Goode, Landru, Miller, Moravec, Peterson, Tallier. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the October 15, 2024 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk