

**FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS  
OCTOBER 15, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on October 15, 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 (17): Augustin, Chaney, Dailey, Decorah, Dehart, Dewing, Goode, Karl, Landru, Lukas, Marvin, Miller(phone), Peterson, Piasini, Skallerud, Tallier, Weber  
Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Vacant Seats: (2).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Weber to approve the agenda as presented, second by Peterson. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING**

Motion by Chaney to approve the September 17, 2024 meeting minutes, second by Marvin. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD**

Forward Analytics & Resolutions from other Counties

Motion by Dehart to place all communications on file in the County Clerk's office, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS**

Resignation – County Board Supervisor District #7 – Dan Moravec

Motion by Weber to accept the resignation of District #7 Supervisor, Dan Moravec, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**PERSONAL APPEARANCES**

Visit Forest County – Chris Shafer (CEO)

Shafer told those present that Lt. Governor Rodriguez helped Tom Cleereman with a project. Governor Evers was present last Friday to acknowledge those involved in writing the grant for the Sokaogon Chippewa. The BEAD funding requires matching funds for the grant which is not possible for Forest County but, Bug Tussel will be meeting with the Sokaogon Chippewa before it is due. The bass fishing team was here from September 21-24<sup>th</sup> and they are working on a 90-second tourism production out of the visit. Kwik Trip is considering coming into Forest County; the City of Crandon is having a public hearing on the matter at City Hall on October 23, 2024.

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**Chairpersons Report**

Skallerud discussed the Human Service Center and running the health piece of Community Services. He met with many people to get this set up. Next week they will be coming in to do backgrounds and work on policies; there is preliminary approval and the licensing is to be approved in November.

**Forestry – Chaney**

The Forestry is doing well and the Park had a lot of revenues this year.

**Health – Decorah**

The Health Department is doing good and will be charging fees for vaccinations this year.

**Zoning- Karl**

They will have final numbers as soon as it freezes, right now they are up.

**Highway – Marvin**

The County T project was funded at \$800,000 and the Potawatomi paid for \$500,000. There is a grant through them coming up that will blacktop County S. The Governments in the County are working together and there is a good relationship with them. The new vehicle lift at the County shop has been installed and they are considering doing the oil changes for the other departments in the County. It will be cheaper to have the County do these oil changes because they can charge for the cost of materials and shop time. They have a viable candidate for the Highway Office Manager. Right now, they need to advertise for two other positions at the Highway. Sheriff – Nothing new to report.

**Building/Property – Lukas**

Hoffman was present for a meeting today and the skylight was put in. Krueger is working on the dome and clocks. The dome looks like brand new. New boilers are being installed at the Law Enforcement Center; there will be a Jail inspection on Thursday. Flannery finally poured the slabs for the Gun Range. Wiebelhaus is almost finished with the seats.

Finance – The committee has accomplished a lot with the help of the Department heads; which deserve thanks.

Broadband – Just waiting to see what plays out in Mole Lake.

**Aging – Miller**

The 2025-2027 Aging plan has gone through public hearing and approved. The Aging Director (Fohrman) will be working on moving into the ADRC building.

**UW-Extension – Amber Rehberg**

Rehberg told everyone there will be a meeting this weekend with the Fair group. The Digital Navigator program will run through August 2025. A grant was written through the PSC and Human IT will pick up and run the program at that time. To present the program has served 230 clients and given out 120 devices, with 300 contacts for educational programs. The current Digital Navigator has taken a job with the Wabeno School district but, will stay on part-time until a new employee is hired. The new grant will run for 3-years and will service Forest, Vilas and Florence Counties.

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She explained what UW-Extension offers to Forest County; Karly Harrison works on healthy programs, working with the Aging to run the Bingocize and Strong Bodies programs and also work on Leadership programs. They work with the Health Department and the Community Coalition helping with healthy food, as this is a big issue for some in Forest County. They work with the 4-H program and have a new leader who is just getting started.

Treasurer – Conley reports her department is working on their annual report. She reports delinquent taxes sits around \$461,000.

Highway Commissioner, Chrisman reports they have all of the summer work finished and the crew is getting ready for the winter.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Resolution 59-2024-02 Offered by Transition**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the 2025-2027 Commission on Aging Plan attached hereto.

Motion by Augustin to approve the resolution as presented, second by Miller. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**Resolution 60-2024-02 Offered by Transition**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Application to Contract as an Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Motion by Weber to approve the resolution as presented, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**Resolution 61-2024-02 Offered by Transition**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the integration of the ADRC and COA as set forth in the Implementation Plan attached hereto.

Motion by Dehart to approve the resolution as presented, second by Piasini. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**Resolution 62-2024 Offered by Transition**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the Forest County Human Service Department Feasibility Study and Implementation Plan.

Motion by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented, second by Landru. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**Resolution 63-2024 Offered by County Board Chair**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS in session this 15th, day of October, 2024 that an application be made to the State of Wisconsin for aid as provided for in Wis. Stats. 20.455(k), (ku) and (kw) and law enforcement duties of the Sheriff arising by reason of federal legislation transferring jurisdiction

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over Native American criminal matters to the State of Wisconsin. Said expenses are anticipated to be incurred as a result of providing law enforcement and protection to the two (2) federally recognized Native American Reservations located within the corporate boundaries of Forest County, Wisconsin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the application be for the year beginning January 1, 2025 through and including December 31, 2025, and that the agreements of the Sheriff and Forest County be incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth herein.

Motion by Tallier to approve the resolution as presented, second by Karl. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**Resolution 64-2024 Offered by Highway**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the Forest County Highway Department shall be allowed to charge an administration fee of 4.3% on all work performed by said Department;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County may charge an administration fee allowed by the State of Wisconsin.

Motion by Weber to approve the resolution as presented, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE (16). NO (1); Karl. Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**Resolution 65-2024 Offered by Land Sales and Delinquent Tax**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Forest County Treasurer shall have the authority to request the preparation of the necessary paperwork to Tax Deed the properties listed above.

Motion by Tallier to approve the resolution as presented, second by Karl. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2); Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES**

None

**ANNUAL REPORTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney to adjourn, second by Dewing. All present voting AYE (17). Absent (2) Gretzinger, Wirtz. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the November 12, 2024 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski  
Forest County Clerk