

FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS
January 21, 2025

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on January 21, 2025, in the County Board Room at the Courthouse in Crandon, Wisconsin. Chairperson Skallerud 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: Augustin, Chaney, Decorah, Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Lukas, Marvin, Miller, Piasini, Skallerud, Tallier, Weber, Wirtz

Absent: Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson; Vacant - Districts #7 & #14

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Gretzinger, second by Goode to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (5); Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 17, 2024 MEETING

Motion by Chaney, second by Piasini to approve the December 17, 2024 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (5); Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, 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 Wirtz. All present voting AYE (14); Absent (5); Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS

Letter of interest for County Board Supervisory District #7 – Lloyd Fulcer

Clerk read the letter of interest of Lloyd Fulcer; he was not present for the County Board meeting.

Motion by Goode to suspend the topic until the next County Board meeting because of Lloyd Fulcer's absence, second by Chaney. All present voting AYE (14); Absent: (5) Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Chairperson Report:

Chaney – Forestry – The department is marking timber. Miller told the board the committee has sent in an open records request for the National Forest Land in Forest County and the Old Growth Initiative has been dropped.

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Decorah – Health – A PH Nurse has resigned and they will not be filling the position right now and covering the gap with part-time employees.

Karl – Zoning – The Zoning had a record year with 322 Land use permits and 125 Sanitary permits. The revenue for the year is \$66,688 above what was budgeted for the year. There are already permits coming in for the new year.

Marvin – Sheriff – The department is down one deputy and two dispatchers. He talked about a road project with the State of Wisconsin and them asking to cover additional deputies with a grant that will cover \$22,000 from the State and \$5,000 from the County. The committee declined any additional costs for the department but, the State came back and told them they can use the existing time for patrol with the department wages, so, that it will not cost the County any additional money that is already budgeted.

Highway – The department is down three employees. They currently have one applicant right now and they will start doing employee evaluations. They talked about the cost for the CDL at the Highway Convention.

Lukas – Building – They are still short the light fixtures for the dome. The committee just had a bid opening for the Security Doors project and the bid was awarded to KSW, with a bid of around \$130,000.

The Parking Lot/Sidewalk bid also had a bid opening and the lowest responsible bidder was David Tenor Corp. in the amount of \$664,404.25. This project will start as soon as the entranceway project is done and that project should be bid out in the first part of February.

Skallerud – Finance – There was discussion about the Bug Tussel draw and that they have assigned a new person; he was a County Supervisor and in administration. Skallerud explained the projects and told everyone that Bug Tussel submitted a 2.5 million dollar draw on the project to pay Michaels. The invoices only showed miles in certain areas and did not show maps of exactly where they were putting in conduit line in the ground. This was not enough information for the Committee which is now Finance. Stephanie Montgomery, point of contact appointed by the committee for these draws was given maps but, they looked like project two. They want a clear delineation of the projects and will not let them draw until they have the proof they are asking for. Lukas, Decorah and Goode will be working with Montgomery on the maps and will approve the dispersal of funds if they see proof of each project.

Gretzinger – Human Services - They had their first meeting and appointed a Chair (Gretzinger) and Vice Chair (Augustin) of the committee and the meeting went well. All meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

Gretzinger wanted to comment that the Highway Conference was a good conference.

Miller – ADRC/COA – The advisory committee had its first meeting and they met with all employees. They have hired two new bus drivers.

Child Support – No meeting since last they met.

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Skallerud – Augustin and Skallerud will be attending the legislative meeting tomorrow with the County representatives in Madison. Hoping they can move WCA projects forward with the money for Court costs. Ron played the video that was made from room tax money.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution – 01-2025 Offered by Forest County Chair

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Forest County Board of Supervisors hereby appoints those individuals as Emergency Fire Wardens as indicated on the attached list.

2025 ACTIVE EFWS-FOREST COUNTY				
TOWNSHIP	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY, STATE	ZIP CODE
ARGONNE	Kathy Deaton KATHY'S INN BAR & GRILL	7915 MAIN STREET	ARGONNE, WI	54511
LINCOLN	John Schaefer GAS DEPOT	600 E. PIONEER STREET	CRANDON, WI	54520
NASHVILLE	Tina Vanzile MOLE LAKE EPA	3051 SAND LAKE ROAD	CRANDON, WI	54520

Motion by Tallier, second by Goode to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent: (5) Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

Resolution 02-2025 – Offered by Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective January 1, 2025, the Medical Examiner's Office fees are authorized as follows:

1. Cremation and disinterment's permit: \$135.00; and
2. Signing a death certificate: \$54.00.

Motion by Weber, second by Wirtz to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent: (5) Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

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Resolution 03-2025 Offered by Broadband and Finance

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that \$22,000.00 be removed from the general fund and placed in a 2025 Contingency Fund.

Motion by Goode, second by Lukas to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent: (5) Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

Resolution 04-2025 Offered by Rules and Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rules of order governing the Forest County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, be and the same, are hereby adopted as set forth on the attached document heretofore known as Exhibit "A" containing Rules Section 1 through 6, said rules to take effect upon their adoption and publication as provided for by the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the document entitled "Structures and Responsibilities of the Standing Committees of the Forest County Board," formerly designated as Exhibit "B", a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, is also adopted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any previous Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with this Resolution is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution is judged unconstitutional, in violation of established Wisconsin law, or invalid by the County of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected.

Motion by Chaney, second by Tallier to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent: (5) Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

Resolution 05-2025 Offered by Rules and Regulations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rules of governing the Forest County Board of Supervisors of Forest County, Wisconsin, be and the same, are hereby amended to adopt the following language:

Any current employment positions within the County that becomes vacant or will in the near future become vacant shall be forwarded with a recommendation regarding the position to the Personnel and Finance Committees. The Personnel and Finance Committees shall determine whether the position should be filled, modified, eliminated, or combined with other positions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any previous Ordinance or Resolution in conflict with this Resolution is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Resolution is judged unconstitutional, in violation of established Wisconsin law, or invalid by the County of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Resolution shall not be affected.

Motion by Karl, second by Chaney to approve the resolution as presented. All present voting AYE (14); Absent: (5) Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

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ANNUAL REPORTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Chaney, second by Piasini to adjourn. All present voting (AYE) (14); Absent (5), Dailey, Dehart, Dewing, Landru, Peterson. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the February 18, 2025 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski
Forest County Clerk