

# **FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS**

**March 18, 2025**

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Forest County Board of Supervisors was held on March 18, 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, Dehart (Teams), Goode, Gretzinger, Karl, Landru (Teams) Lukas, Marvin, Miller, Peterson, Piasini, Skallerud, Tallier, Weber, Wirtz

Absent: Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer; Vacant – District #14

Fulcer – Absent at the beginning of the meeting, he joined the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Gretzinger, second by Weber to approve the agenda as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (3) Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer. Motion carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING**

Motion by Chaney, second by Wirtz to approve the February 18, 2025 minutes as presented. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (3) Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer. Motion carried

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **COMMUNICATIONS ON FILE WITH THE BOARD**

Motion by Peterson to place the Sokaogon Chippewa Gaming Compact Assistance for Local Communities on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Marvin. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (3) Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer. Motion carried.

Motion by Goode to place all other communications brought forward on file in the County Clerk's Office, second by Tallier. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (3) Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer. Motion carried.

The board recognized Bill Chaney for his 17-years of service as a County Board member and he thanked the committee.

The board recognized a moment of silence for the passing of a former board member and current committee member of the ADRC/COA advisory committee (Larry Sommers).

## **APPOINTMENTS OR ELECTIONS**

Bill Chaney will resign as of April 1, 2025.

Motion by Weber to accept Chaney's resignation, second by Lukas. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (3) Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer. Motion carried. The positions will be run in the paper for a few weeks and in the April meeting the board will take letters for the open seats and then at that time vote for a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair.

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Human Service Appointment of Member – Letter of interest from Linda Rosa  
Motion by Gretzinger to appoint Linda Rosa to the Forest County Human Service Board, second by Peterson. All present voting AYE (17); Absent (3) Dailey, Dewing, Fulcer. Motion carried.

### PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Visit Forest County – CEO. Shafer was not available for the meeting.

#### Chairperson Report

Tallier – Forestry/LCC/GIS - The work group created for the Forestry committee was asked to work with the Forest Service any way they can. They had a meeting late in February and they came up with an action plan (outline of 6-steps) and sent the letter to the District Ranger. The letter asked for a meeting with the Forest Service over options to develop recreation/campgrounds, asking if the County could take over management of smaller campgrounds, such as Little Richardson. On March 1<sup>st</sup> the letter went to Washington D.C. Tallier said the President of the United States has issued a letter to the Forest Service to increase cutting timber on federal lands; this letter is being sent up the ladder to the higher Courts and with this there is the potential of GNA coming down to the County level.

Chaney – Forestry – The Department is marking timber, with an increase to Ash marking because of the Emerald Ash Borer destroying the tress.

Decorah- Health – The Health Department has hired two (2) new employees. He has discussed with the Health Department the possibility of doing the employee drug tests through the Health Department, with the cost being significantly less costly.

Karl – Zoning – As of the 10<sup>th</sup> of March the department has 16-land use permits, with three (3) of them being over \$100,000.00.

Marvin – Highway - The Highway Department has lost one (1) more employee. They did hire one (1) new employee but, they are still down four (4) employees all together. As of right now if they keep losing employees they run the risk of losing funding. They may have to down the road, look at the cost for the employee to get the CDL. Right now, they are maintaining with the roads. The Board asked Mark Chrisman to check into how Langlade County handles the CDL and to contact their Highway Commissioner.

Lukas – Building - On March 27<sup>th</sup> there will be bid openings for the entryway and they could possibly have five (5) contractors for that job.

Gretzinger – Forest County Human Service Board (FCHSB)– The FCHSB has been a big undertaking and combing the ADRC/COA and Human Services into one meeting has caused a lot of “hiccups.” The last meeting was huge, with 28 items on it. There was so much to take in they did not finish the agenda items. The FCHSB has decided to have two meetings a month to cut down on the length of the meetings (One for ADRC/COA and one for the Human Service). She explained everything is very complicated but, she still feels this was the right decision for Forest County.

The Interview Team is working out well.

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Skallerud – he thanked the board members for all of the work being done. The Rule changes with the work groups and interview team is going well and has streamlined the whole process. The board members need to work together to get work done. The Personnel and Finance have been combined as one committee because most decision made by either committee is usually followed up and approved by the other; this decision will cut down on the meetings and wait time to get anything done. This committee will be meeting twice a month in the future. He wanted to also say there is a lot of good work being done in the FCHSB committee meetings.

Fulcer was present at the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### **Resolution 10-2025 – Offered by County Board Chair**

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that Forest County joins the Wisconsin Clerks of Circuit Court Association (WCCCA) and the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) in their efforts to increase the Circuit Court Cost Appropriation by \$70 million payable to Wisconsin Counties in the 2025/27 Wisconsin State Budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall be effective upon its passage and publication and a copy be sent to Governor Evers and all Wisconsin State Legislators representing Forest County.

Motion by Weber to approve the resolution as presented, second by Gretzinger. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2) Dailey, Dewing. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 11-2025 – Offered by Highway**

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FOREST COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, that the Forest County Highway Chairman is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to purchase an asphalt roller, total purchase price not to exceed \$76,000.00 and a VX850 vacuum excavator, total purchase price not to exceed \$103,000.00; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payment for the asphalt roller and VX850 vacuum excavator shall be drawn from the Highway Maintenance account.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Forest County Highway Committee Chairman is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents as may be necessary in order to accomplish this purchase. Further, that said Highway Committee shall comply with all statutory requirements regarding the purchase of said equipment.

Motion by Weber to approve the resolution as presented, second by Gretzinger. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2) Dailey, Dewing. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 12-2025 – Offered by County Board Chair**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Forest County Board of Supervisors that the excess funds of \$15,000.000 from the Sheriff Outlay account for 2024 be carried into the 2025 Sheriff Outlay to purchase a water softener.

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Motion by Piasini to approve the resolution as presented, second by Peterson. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2) Dailey, Dewing. Motion carried.

## ORDINANCES

None

## ANNUAL REPORTS

None

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Fulcer, second by Chaney to adjourn. All present voting AYE (18); Absent (2) Dailey, Dewing. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

These minutes are not official and are subject to change. They will be officially approved at the April 15, 2025 Forest County Board of Supervisors meeting.

Nora Matuszewski  
Forest County Clerk