

The Florence County Personnel and Law Enforcement Committee met at the Courthouse on December 5, 2013. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Johnson, Kelley, Steber, and Theer. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes as read for November 5th, November 7th, and November 12th, 2013. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve Child Support's bills and recommend to Audit and Budget. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve the change in probationary status for Billie McLain, Deputy Clerk of Court, from 90% to 100% effective November 26th, 2013. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Steber, seconded by Supervisor Theer to allow Mary Johnson, Florence County Coroner, permission to use private labs for Postmortem Toxicology Testing when necessary. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Donna Trudell, County Clerk, gave an update to the Committee on the new Florence County ProAct Pharmacy Discount Card that was implemented and sent to all citizens of Florence County in September. The discounts showed the month of October with 31 claims at an average of \$21.97 per claim.

Up next on the Agenda, Mike Theis, Florence County Veteran Service Officer, updated the Committee on several different changes for his office. He explained that he will focus on outreach and asked the Committee if he could talk to our IT Tech and set up a Facebook Account. Chairwomen Bomberg suggested he also attend the All Towns Association Meeting and ask for direction from the town officials on outreach from them. Mr. Theis informed the Committee he had to purchase a new computer and is researching some new software that will expedite Veteran Applications applying for benefits. He also informed the Committee that by State Statute he will need to form a Commission to help out Veterans in need.

Chairwoman Bomberg thanked Mr. Theis for the update.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Steber to send the \$1000 Forestry & Parks voucher, approved by the Forestry & Parks Committee, on to Audit & Budget as an additional bill. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Steber, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to give Jeff Demuri, Highway Commissioner, approval to start the hiring process, advertise, and interview for the impending retirement of one of the current highway employees. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to give Barb Bauer, Director of Aging/ADRC, approval to proceed with the development of a volunteer program. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to give approval to enter into an agreement at the Hillcrest School kitchen with NWTC and Florence School District. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the carryover of vacation from 2013 to be used by March 31st, 2014 for Ed Kelley, Roger Valine, Don Hirn, Joyce Kranzusch, Cindy Nault, Rob Steber, and Lori Friberg. Ayes: Four (4). Abstain: Supervisor Steber. Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve Ms. Trudell to order Florence County Logo Polo's for employees to wear as another option for the office casual dress requirement. Ayes: Four (4). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Sheriff's and Emergency Government's monthly reports were next on the Agenda.

Sheriff Jeff Rickaby presented the monthly report. He informed the Committee the month of November had 88 Incident Reports, some unusual calls, several Drug Arrests, 11 Drunk Driving, and a total of 66 Citations. He also stated the Sheriff's Office is still working on getting all the repairs taken care of from the Lightening Strike from August 21, which hit the tower connected to the Courthouse.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the Sheriff's and Emergency Government's monthly report, as presented. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve the Sheriff's and Emergency Government's monthly bills with the additional bills and recommend to Audit and Budget. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Next on the agenda, Committee concerns for future agenda items

Donna Trudell, County Clerk, and Karlyn Osterberg, Financial Manager, had Kevin Murphy, Superior State Administrators, come up and explain the HRA Health Reimbursement Program offered to the employees and answer a list of questions and concerns we had. Our goal is to research some more options for changes and then present to the Committee for final approval.

Sheriff Rickaby commended Jeff Demuri and the entire Highway Department for keeping the roads clean of snow and ice. He stated they had very few accidents.

There being no further business and on a motion made, seconded, and carried the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell, County Clerk