

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on February 17, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Brunette, Gardner, Johnson, Kelley, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisors Erickson, Neuens, Halada, and Steber. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes of January 20, 2015 meeting, as read. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Under those wishing to address the Board, Dr. Steven Yahr, Director of the Fab Lab at Three Lakes School District, gave a demonstration on the Fab Lab that the Florence County School District is proposing. Ben Niehaus, Florence Schools Administrator, said the school has already received a grant for \$14,798 from First Technologies Inc. On March 16, with the help of Wendy Gehlhoff, Florence County Economic Development Director, will know if they will be awarded another grant for \$147,000 through Wisconsin Fast Forward. These grants together will help the district get started on purchasing an assortment of computer-controlled equipment that will be used by students K-12, businesses, and community members. There is an estimated 100 Fab Labs currently throughout North America. Chairwoman Bomberg thanked everyone for the demonstration.

Chairwoman Bomberg announced that Florence County is seeking a replacement for Yvonne Van Pembroke's retirement with the Bay-Lakes Regional Planning Commission. The term is for 6 years and appointed by the Governor.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve the 2015 Emergency Fire Wardens for Florence County as recommended by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the Farmland Preservation Plan contract as recommended by Land Conservation Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board opposing the Northern Long-Eared Bat as an Endangered Species as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting the Wildlife Disaster Funding Act as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer approval to ratify a 2-year union contract for the Florence County Deputy Sheriff's Association for 2015-2016 as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Gardner approval for a 2% cost of living raise retroactive to January 1, 2015 for all active non-union employees with the additional funding to be transferred from the contingency as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2015-6 fee increase for E-911/Fire Number as recommended by the Zoning Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015 – 6

WHEREAS, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1, Section 2.03, B. and Chapter 14, Subchapter 2, Section 7.0 references permit fees, to be determined by resolution of the County Board of Supervisors.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, The Florence County Board of Supervisors amends the permit fee schedule paid by the person requesting the permit or variance to the Planning Administrator or authorized Assistant at the time of filing, to defray the cost of administration, plan review, investigation, advertising and processing of the permits and variances, as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Committee. This resolution is for the purpose of increasing the E-911/Fire Number from \$50.00 to \$60.00.

FEES FOR LAND USE, BUILDING AND SANITARY PERMITS

(Payable to: Florence County Zoning)

All fees as of March 17, 2015

BUILDING OR LAND USE

- Commercial.....\$0.08 per square foot (\$65.00 Minimum / \$400.00 Maximum)
 - Residential.....\$0.06 per square foot (\$35.00 Minimum / \$100.00 Maximum)
 - Uniform Dwelling Code Permit.....\$0.10 per square foot, (minimum fee of \$50.00, for additions to Homes built after June 1, 1980). (Fee includes the required \$30.00 UDC SEAL fee from the Dept of Commerce)
 - Accessory.....\$0.04 per square foot (25.00 Minimum / \$75.00 Maximum)
- (Round fees down to nearest dollar amount)

Permits are required for structural alterations when the value of the project exceeds \$4,000.00. (This is based on a \$500.00 increase in value for each 100 point increase of the Consumer Price Index and will be adjusted by the Planning and Zoning Committee at the 100 point intervals in the future.

Sanitary Permits

- Septic: Conventional.....\$250.00
- *** Non-Plumbing 125.00
- Septic Tank Only..... 175.00
- Mound/At Grade Systems..... 300.00
- In-Ground Pressure..... 275.00
- System in Fill..... 275.00
- Holding Tank..... 275.00
- Holding Tank Plan Review..... 60.00
- System Inspection..... 55.00
- Reconnection/Existing System....80.00
- Transfer (Owner/Plumber).....40.00
- Renewal/Sanitary Permit..... 40.00

Hearings

- Variance.....\$145.00
 - Conditional Use.....155.00
 - Zoning Amendment.....170.00
 - Appeal.....170.00
 - Certified Survey.....Time & Material
 - Map Review.....Minimum...25.00 Per CSM
 - Sub-Division Review..Minimum...30.00 Per Parcel
 - E-911/Fire Number.....60.00
 - Advertisement Sign5.00
- Additional Fees may be assessed for After-The-Fact Permits. After-The-Fact fees are set at double the normal fee. (with a cap of \$100.00 maximum penalty).

*** Non-Plumbing Agreement Recording Fee.....\$30.00 → Separate check payable to: Florence County Register of Deeds

Non-Metallic Mining Annual Fee Schedule

(Mine Size in Unreclaimed Acres)

- 1 to 5 acres.....\$450.00
- 6 to 10 acres.....525.00
- 11 to 15 acres.....800.00
- 16 to 25 acres.....\$1,200.00
- 26 to 50 acres.....2,000.00
- 51 acres or larger.....2,500.00

The above fees may be adjusted by resolution of the Florence County Board of Supervisors and such action is exempt from procedures for amendment. Fees shall be waived for government agencies and non-profit organizations, per Public Hearing 96-ZA-10 and the December 17, 1996, meeting of the Florence County Board of Supervisors.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2015-7 restore funding for the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center as recommended by the Forestry and Parks Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015 – 7

Restoring Funding for Wild Rivers Interpretive Center, Florence

WHEREAS, In 1992 Florence County, The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources(WDNR), and the United States Forest Service (USFS) entered into an agreement to build and maintain the Florence Natural Resource Center and Wild Rivers Interpretive Center; and

WHEREAS, The vision of this facility was for the benefit of the public to come to one location for all of their natural resource questions, the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center serves an important role in providing the information and staff to direct the public to the appropriate office and resource; and

WHEREAS, Florence County provides \$34,000 per year in funding, and the USFS has provided up to \$14,000 per year in funding and staff to run the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center since it opened in 1992; and

WHEREAS, Per the Operation and Maintenance Agreement Supplement No. 4 to Joint Development Agreement for Florence Combined Natural Resources Center, Item #4 Public Information Center: *Recognizing that public information is an important function of FOREST SERVICE, COUNTY, and STATE, a staffed Information Center will be part of the Administration Office. The Friends of the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center will make sure that the Information Center is adequately staffed to serve the public. The Information Center will respond to walk-ins, mail, telephone, and radio requests for information regarding the County, State, National, and private parks, roads, and national forest. Therefore, COUNTY, FOREST SERVICE, and STATE will provide staffing by existing employees unless otherwise agreed*

WHEREAS, The WDNR first started to provide funding to the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center in 2007/2008 per state statute 30.255 Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. *Beginning with fiscal year 2007-08, the department shall provide a grant in the amount of \$27,000 in each fiscal year to the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center to be used for park and recreation uses, forestry education, and tourist information provided by the center and for its operational costs; and*

WHEREAS, this facility provides the citizens of Florence County and the State of Wisconsin a place to purchase WDNR licenses, register boats, ATV's and Snowmobiles, and find out what the public lands, such as the state designated and managed Pine/Popple Wild Rivers and Spread Eagle Barrens, have to offer in Florence County; and

WHEREAS, without the funding from the WDNR this facility will not be able to function for the public to its best ability; and

WHEREAS, the Friends of the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center will need to layoff employees and reduce the hours the facility is open.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors, opposes the currently proposed budget removing the funding for the Wild Rivers Interpretive Center, and asks that the funding be restored to its original amount of \$27,000 per year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are sent to Governor Scott Walker, Secretary of the WDNR Stepp, Secretary of Department of Tourism Klett, Representative Swearingen, Representative Mursau, Senator Tiffany, Florence/Forest DNR Team Leader Craig Williams, USFS District Ranger Joel Skjerven, USFS CNNF Forest Supervisor Paul Strong

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to adopt Resolution #2015-8 restore funding for the County Forest Administrators Grant as recommended by the Forestry and Parks Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015 – 8

Restoring Funding for County Forest Administration Grant Program

WHEREAS, Florence County has land entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law (state statutes 28.10 and 28.11) and is a member of the Wisconsin County Forest Association (WCFA); and

WHEREAS, the WCFA represents the forestry interests of 29 counties with 2.4 million acres of forest lands entered into the Wisconsin County Forest Law; and

WHEREAS, State Statute 28.11 states (1) *PURPOSE. The purpose of this section is to provide the basis for a permanent program of county forests and to enable and encourage the planned development and management of the county forests for optimum production of forest products together with recreational opportunities, wildlife, watershed protection and stabilization of stream flow, giving full recognition to the concept of multiple-use to assure maximum public benefits; to protect the public rights, interests and investments in such lands; and to compensate the counties for the public uses, benefits and privileges these lands provide; all in a manner which will provide a reasonable revenue to the towns in which such lands lie; and*

WHEREAS, Florence County depends on the funds from the County Forest Administration Grant to assist in the operations and funding of the Florence County Forest for the public's benefit; and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin forestry mil tax (segregated funds) provides the funding for the County Forest Administration Grant; and

WHEREAS, the WCFA and Florence County through Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

strategic direction have identified the County Forest Administration Grant as our number one priority to be funded through the forestry mil tax fund; and

WHEREAS, Governor Walker's proposed budget has removed language for the entire County Forest Administration Grant program and eliminated the mechanism for awarding traditional county forest administrator grants of \$1.2 - \$1.3 million along with the \$50,000 grant for organizational dues payment; and

WHEREAS, if these budget cuts are to go through it will mean a reduction in the level of service and possibly staff provided for the public's benefit on the Florence County Forest.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors, opposes the currently proposed budget removing the funding for the County Forest Administration Grant Program, and asks that the funding and funding authority be restored to its original amount.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution are sent to Governor Scott Walker, WDNR Secretary Cathy Stepp, Representative Swearingen, Representative Mursau, Senator Tiffany, Florence/Forest DNR Team Leader Craig Williams.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton reported the Florence County Library has installed theater equipment and added more interactive programs for adults and children. She said these programs are showing a lot of support and usage.

Chairwoman Bomberg received an email from Jeff Rickaby, appointed representative for NWTC, that the April Election will have a referendum on it for NWTC. She will attend a meeting Friday, February 27th, in Aurora at the Woodland Kitchen School where Dr. H. Jeffrey Rafn, President of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC), will be there to speak to representatives and community members about the NWTC Referendum.

Supervisor Stratton reported that she heard from a Dickinson County Emergency Preparedness person that the Florence County Emergency Preparedness Team was well organized and everyone works well together.

Supervisor Gardner reported that Lori Moore, Tourism Director, and Wendy Gehlhoff, Economic Development Director, hosted a Tourism Meeting with a State Representative on customer service and serving with a smile. He also said that Ms Gehlhoff just recently handed out the new 2015 Visitor Guide and County Recreational Map.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk