

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

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes of February 17, 2015 meeting, as read. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Steber, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the recommended concurrence with the Planning and Zoning committee to approve Zoning Amendment 2015-ZA-1. Request to amend the existing Florence County Shoreland and Wetland Zoning Ordinance, Section 12.0 Shoreland-Wetland District and some minor text clean up in Section 4.0 Dimensions of Building Sites, Table 1 and deleting Section 5.8 Location of Private Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems. Ayes: Nine (9). 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 SB9 relating to jurisdiction in matters of certain restraining orders and injunctions as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Steber to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting AB2 relating to layout, altering, or discontinuing a town line highway as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting AB25 relating to prohibiting more stringent performance standards regulating air pollution from residential and commercial wood heaters as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). 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 Resolution WASB 15-09 modifying Out-of-State Tuition Payment Statute and Resolution WASB 15-10 Boundary Appeal Board Decisions as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Halada to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting the US Congressman Letter requesting reauthorization of Federal "Secure Rural Schools" funds, and increase National Forest Income payments to school districts as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to adopt Resolution #2015-9 Good Neighbor Authority Program as recommended by the Forestry & Parks Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-9

WHEREAS, the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest (CENN) manages 85,210 acres of land in Florence County, which is designated as National Forest System Lands; and

WHEREAS, a program entitled the Good Neighbor Authority Program through the U.S.D.A. Forest Service allows for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) acting through the Forest Service within the State of Wisconsin to be involved in and perform certain restorative and protective services on National Forest System Lands; and

WHEREAS, certain activities including but not limited to timber sales are an allowable activity under the Good Neighbor Authority Program; and

WHEREAS, creating more timber sales within Florence County is key to creating and sustaining economic development within Florence County; and

WHEREAS, certain funding may be available through the Good Neighbor Authority Program to perform certain restorative and protective services on National Forest System Lands; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the State of Wisconsin to enter into an agreement pertaining to the Good Neighbor Authority Program to improve and protect certain forests within Florence County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FLORENCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS hereby recommends that the Department of Natural Resources within the State of Wisconsin enter into a Good Neighbor Agreement with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE FLORENCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Wisconsin DNR Central Office; U.S.D.A. Forest Service; Governor Scott Walker, United States Senators Tammy Baldwin and Ron Johnson; United States Congressional Representatives, Sean Duffy and Reid Ribble; Wisconsin Senator, Tom Tiffany; Wisconsin Assemblymen Rob Swearingen and Jeffrey Mursau; and Jane F. Severt, Wisconsin County Forest Association.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Halada to adopt Resolution #2015- 10 Opposing the County Wide Assessment Initiative Contained in the Proposed State Budget as recommended by the Audit & Budget Committee . Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015 – 10

WHEREAS, Assessments of property values are currently undertaken by the individual municipalities wherein the properties are contained; and

WHEREAS, Contained within the State Budget as proposed by Governor Walker is a change in the law which would impose a system of county assessment for all but cities of the first and second classes; and

WHEREAS, Under this proposal property assessments would be handled at the county level for all of Florence County; and

WHEREAS, Despite an increase in responsibility and duties, including a requirement for annual assessments, no additional monies are allocated in the proposed State Budget for these services; and

WHEREAS, The proposal instead suggests that these new responsibilities be funded by the county billing the effected municipalities an amount no greater than 95% of what the municipality paid to conduct its own assessments in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Not all municipalities conduct yearly assessments and therefore may not have included in their 2015 budgets funds sufficient to support this program nor planned to conduct any assessments in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Such a program could therefore result in a mandated program without a sufficient means for funding it; and

WHEREAS, Rough projections of the anticipated costs and revenue associated with this plan results in a conservative estimated cost of One Million dollars (\$1,000,000) which would have to be added to the tax levy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors does formally oppose any plan which would impose new requirements upon Florence County without an accompanying credible and sufficient means for funding it; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk is directed to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Walker, the Joint Finance Committee of the Wisconsin Legislature, and the legislators for Florence County.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to adopt Resolution #2015- 11 to approve the recommended changes resulting from Public Hearing 2014-ZA-5 on December 16, 2014 and Public Hearing 2015-ZA-1 on March 17, 2015 regarding changes to the Florence County Shoreland and Wetland Zoning Ordinance, as required by the Department of Natural Resources as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015- 11

WHEREAS, Wis. Stats. Section 59.692 requires counties to adopt Zoning and Subdivision regulations for the protection of all shorelands in unincorporated areas; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) has the responsibility under 281.31 of Wisconsin Statutes to promulgate rules which require adherence to specific standards and criteria for Navigable Water Protection Regulations under the Shoreland Management Program as outlined in NR 115 of the Wisconsin Administrative Code; and Wisconsin Act 170, and,

WHEREAS, Florence County Planning and Zoning Committee conducted Public Hearing 2014-ZA-5 on December 5, 2014 and a second Public Hearing 2015-ZA-1 on March 4, 2015, amending Chapter 10, subchapter 2, Florence County Shoreland and Wetland Zoning Ordinance ; and,

WHEREAS, The Florence County Board of Supervisors considered the recommended changes resulting from Public Hearing 2014-ZA-5 on December 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, The Florence County Board of Supervisors considered the recommended changes resulting from Public Hearing 2015-ZA-1 on March 17, 2015; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors approved the amendments to Chapter 10, Subchapter 2, Florence County Shoreland and Wetland Zoning Ordinance on December 16, 2014 and again on March 17, 2015.

Moved by Supervisor Steber, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2015- 12 to approve naming an un-named body of water as Daves Lake as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-12

WHEREAS, Dave Majewski was a long time employee of Florence County Government, as the Forestry and Parks Administrator; and,

WHEREAS, Dave Majewski was instrumental in the sale of the Spread Eagle Barrens (managed by Florence County) to the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be managed as the Spread Eagle Barrens State Natural Area; and,

WHEREAS, Dave Majewski served on the Spread Eagle Barrens – Plan Unit Development (SEB-PUD) as team leader for Florence County; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council (WGNC) requires an opinion from Florence County before review of the naming proposal; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors support the naming of the un-named body of water, lying in Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 19 East, Town of Florence, Florence County, WI as Daves Lake at the end of the five-year minimum waiting period.

Moved by Supervisor Steber, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2015- 13 to approve naming an un-named body of water as Folz Pond as recommended by the Planning & Zoning Committee . Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-13

WHEREAS, George Folz was a long time employee of Florence County Government, as the Social Services Director for 35 years and later the Economic Development Director for 15 years; and,

WHEREAS, George Folz was instrumental in the sale of the Spread Eagle Barrens (managed by Florence County) to the State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to be managed as the Spread Eagle Barrens State Natural Area; and,

WHEREAS, George Folz served on the Spread Eagle Barrens – Plan Unit Development (SEB-PUD) as team member for Florence County; and,

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council (WGNC) requires an opinion from Florence County before review of the naming proposal; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors support the naming of the un-named body of water, lying in Section 10, Township 39 North, Range 19 East, Town of Florence, Florence County, WI as Folz Pond.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2015- 14 strongly opposing the termination of the LGPIF, Local Government Property Insurance Fund through the proposed State Budget. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-14

WHEREAS, the Local Government Property Insurance Fund (LGPIF) was established in 1911 when it was difficult for units of government to obtain reasonably priced property insurance coverage in the private sector; and

WHEREAS, nine hundred and seventy entities ranging from counties, townships, villages, cities, school districts and library boards utilize this not for profit insurance fund to insure over \$52 billion in assets; and

WHEREAS, research into alternative insurance coverage leads Florence County to believe closure of the LGPIF would most likely result in higher premium payments and higher deductibles coupled with coverage limitations and possible exemptions; and

WHEREAS, in these difficult budgetary times, when all governmental units are doing more with less, the added cost for property insurance coverage would be an undue burden and potentially reduce services to residents; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Property Insurance Fund is a self-funded program with absolutely no state budget implications;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors wish to go on record as strongly opposing any change to the operation of the Wisconsin Local Government Property Insurance Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Clerk shall forward a copy of this resolution to Florence County's State Legislators, Governor Scott Walker and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Kelley reported that the Forestry Department is in the process of planting over 400,000 trees in the County.

Supervisor Stratton reported that the \$300 million cut to the University System in the State Budget will also affect \$2.9 million in statewide county programs through staff and services offered.

Supervisor Steber reported that the Highway storage building is under construction.

Chairwoman Bomberg reported that the State Budget Proposal is eliminating the Deer Carcass Removal Funding from all 72 County Highway Budgets. She asked Ed Kelley to tell our Legislatures at the upcoming meetings that this will have an effect on Tourism throughout the State with having dead deer lying around.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk