

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on April 19, 2016. The meeting was called to order by Donna Trudell, County Clerk. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Dzekute, Kelley, Modschiedler, J. Neuens, Neuens, Steber, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisors Erickson and Johnson. Absent: None.

The County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the Florence County Board of Supervisors.

The County Clerk called for nominations for the County Board Chair.

Supervisor Kelley nominated Supervisor Bomberg.

The County Clerk called three times for nominations for County Board Chair. It was moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Neuens that the nomination for County Board Chair be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Supervisor Bomberg. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The County Clerk turned the meeting over to County Board Chair Bomberg.

The Chair called for nominations for County Board Vice Chair.

Supervisor Steber nominated Supervisor Kelley.

The Chair called one time for nominations for County Board Vice Chair. It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute, seconded by Supervisor Wenger that the nominations for County Board Vice Chair be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Supervisor Kelley. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The Chair called for nominations for County Board Second Vice Chair.

Supervisor Kelley nominated Supervisor Wenger.

The Chair called two times for nominations for County Board Second Vice Chair. It was moved by Supervisor Dzekute, seconded by Supervisor Neuens that the nominations for County Board Second Vice Chair be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Supervisor Wenger. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

The election of the Highway Committee was next on the agenda and the Chair called for nominations.

Supervisor Dzekute nominated Supervisors Neuens, Steber, Bomberg, Modschiedler to serve on the Highway Committee.

Supervisor Steber nominated Supervisor Dzekute to serve on the Highway Committee.

The Chair called two times for nominations for the Highway Committee. It was moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot be cast for Supervisors Neuens, Steber, Bomberg, Modschiedler, and Dzekute to serve on the Highway Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Dzekute to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Steber approval for a loan from the General Fund to the Blue Ox Trail Riders Club. The loan amount of \$100,000 will be repaid no later than April 30, 2021. The Club will execute a Promissory Note and a Chattel Security Agreement with the County. The rate of interest will be set at 100 basis points below the Prime Interest Rate published by the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of each year. The initial interest rate will be 2.5% per year and the minimum interest rate will be 1.00% per year as recommended by the Audit & Budget Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, and seconded by Supervisor Neuens approval to amend the Promissory Note between Florence County Economic Development Commission and Florence County as recommended by the Audit & Budget Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, and seconded by Supervisor Dzekute approve revised language to Resolution #2016-01 authorizing the County to manage all financial activities for Florence County Economic Development as recommended by the Audit & Budget Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2016-01 (amended April 19, 2016)

A Resolution to allow Florence County to assume all accounting, financial reporting, and banking responsibilities related to the combined activities for Florence County Economic Development (FCED).

Whereas, the Florence County Economic Development Commission (The Commission) was established by the Town Board of the Town of Florence (The Town) and the County Board of Florence County, Wisconsin (The County) by a contract between the two parties signed in 1984 and later amended in 2004; and

Whereas, the Florence County Board of Supervisors voted to approve the creation of a new County employee position for the Economic Development director effective on January 1st, 2016 and the budget to support the Economic Development office; and

Whereas, the accounting firm for both The County and The Commission (Schenck SC) has recommended that the combined financial activities related to economic development could be more efficiently managed by The County and reported in the audited financial statements of The County in a way that provides accountability and transparency; and

Whereas, legal counsel for The County has reviewed the language of this resolution, finding it to be consistent with the contract establishing The Commission and recommending that it be considered for adoption by both The County and The Town boards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that

1. Effective January 1, 2016, the County will manage all financial activities of the FCED, including accounting, financial reporting, banking activities, and compliance with tax reporting requirements.
2. The County will establish one or more Special Revenue Funds to provide accountability and transparency. These funds will be audited each year as part of the audit of the financial statements of Florence County.
3. The first special revenue fund will capture all transactions related to the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The Commission will continue to screen and make recommendations for new RLF loans for consideration by The County Board.
4. A second special revenue fund called the Florence County Economic Development (FCED) Fund will capture all other operating activities of the FCED, including transactions related to the purchase and sale of land parcels. Fund balances related to the purchase, development, and sale of land will be segregated as "restricted cash". The Commission will continue to hold title to the land and will approve all land purchases, sales, and development costs. Per the terms of the Promissory Note dated September 18, 1984 (Vol. 101; Page 826), 100% of the net proceeds from the sale of land parcels will be transferred to the County's General Fund until the Note has been satisfied. Beginning in 2017 and continuing each year until the Note has been satisfied, the balance of the Note will be further reduced by an annual budget allocation of \$1,000 from the Economic Development Fund managed by The County.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton gave an update on the UWEXT programs and funding concerns.

Supervisor Neuens updated the Board on a Broadband meeting he attended with Corrin Seaman, UW-Extension Community Resource Development Educator. One option discussed was to put up a tower in Fence.

Stratton informed the Board that UW-Extension was applying for a grant for Treatment Court.

Chairwoman Bomberg reminded the Board to fill out the 2016 WCA Biennial Survey that was sent in their packets.

Bomberg reminded the Board if they have any questions on the Administrative or Personnel Policies handed out at the beginning of the meeting to contact the County Clerk's Office.

Bomberg reminded the Board to turn in their Committee assignment lists and that the current Committees will stay in effect through April 30 when the new Committees will be selected.

Bomberg welcomed new Supervisors Jason Neuens and Fran Modschiedler to the Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
County Clerk