

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met for a Public Hearing on April 21, 2015. The Hearing was called to order by the County Board Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Dzekute, Johnson, Kelley, Neuens, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisors Brunette, Erickson, Halada, and Steber. Absent: None.

The County Board Chair called for public input, written or oral, on the proposed amendment to the Code of Ordinances of the County of Florence amending Chapter 8, Subchapter 12: Florence County Code of Ordinance, by which the County Board will add to Subchapter 12, Smoking Prohibited in Certain Areas

Mr. Peter Tinsley, owner of the Spread Eagle vapor products shop, spoke against amending the county smoking ordinance, to include e-cigarettes. He handed out information from the Wisconsin Smoke-free Alternatives Coalition and a list of websites on information for e-cigarettes.

Ms. Annette Seibold, Florence County Health Officer, presented to the Board information from the Centers of Disease Control (CDC) and the Department of Health and Human Services at the Federal and State levels. She stated that a recent study on adolescents using vapor products has doubled to tripled over the last 2 years.

The County Board Chair called for further public input, written or oral, on the 2015 Florence County Proposed Budget.

There being no other public input, written or oral, the hearing was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
Courthouse, Florence, WI
April 21, 2015

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

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Chairwoman Bomberg gave a tribute to recently passed, Supervisor Don Gardner. She went on to say she will always be inspired by his strong work ethic and tireless commitment to making Florence County a prosperous place for the next generation. He believed that we all played a part in making Florence County a better place and will be greatly missed. A moment of silence for Supervisor Gardner was given by all.

Chairwoman Bomberg welcomed newly appointed Supervisor Larry Dzekute to fill the remaining term for Supervisor Gardner. Dzekute will represent Fence and Fern.

Diane and Dan Roethel, owner of the Fay Lake Resort in the Town of Long Lake, addressed the Board. Their concern was about why they were unable to receive the names, emails, and addresses for those persons visiting the County Tourism website. Diane explained that there is a place for tourists to leave this information to receive maps or economic development information. Back in 2010, she requested this information from the former promotion director and received a list of tourist names and addresses from which she sent brochures to prospective customers. Chairwomen Bomberg said she would contact the Resource Center and Economic Development on their concerns and look at a solution to move forward.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve amending Chapter 8, Subchapter 12: Florence County Code of Ordinance, by which the County Board will add to Subchapter 12, Smoking Prohibited in Certain Areas. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Chapter 8, Subchapter 11: Social Host Ordinance. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Chairwoman Bomberg informed the Board that due to time constraints a letter was sent in support to reinstate the Family Support program in the Governor's 2015-2017 budget proposal as recommended by Human Services and Legislative Committees.

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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 AB-049 relating to the waiting period for handgun purchases 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 AB-106 related to policies regulating the use of electronic smoking devices on school district property as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Theer to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting SB-033 related to eligible applicants under the broadband expansion grant program as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve a general fund transfer for a non-budgeted expense in for the Webb App Server and Data Transfers as recommended by the Audit & Budget Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to adopt resolution #2015-15 to recognize April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Florence County as recommended by the Human Services Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-15

INTENT: To Recognize April 2015 as Fair Housing Month in Florence County.

WHEREAS, this Country was founded by persons seeking the right to live their lives and to raise their families as they saw fit without undue interference from authority, and;

WHEREAS, one of the ways we can continue this tradition is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in the location of their choosing, in order to raise a family and seek to better themselves, and;

WHEREAS, some would prevent others from living where they please, and keep others from access to education and jobs, and;

WHEREAS, Florence County is empowered and committed to promoting the concepts and realities of Fair Housing and to prevent the negative impact that discrimination, in all its forms, has on all of us,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors go on record to declare April 2015 to be Fair Housing Month in Florence County.

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Theer to adopt resolution #2015-16 supporting the request of naming an un-named body of water as Barrens Lake as recommended by the Zoning Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-16

A Resolution offered by the Florence County Board of Supervisors supporting the request of naming an un-named body of water as Barrens Lake.

WHEREAS, for several years, this un-named body of water has been recognized by the users and local people of the area as Barrens Lake 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 this un-named body of water, lying in Section 15, Township 39 North, Range 19 East, Town of Florence, Florence County, WI Barrens Lake.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt resolution #2015-17 to approve further resources necessary to address rapidly spreading Invasive Species along state and federal highway right-of-ways as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-17

IN THE MATTER OF: further resources necessary to address rapidly spreading invasive species posing hazards to human health, in addition to economic and environmental risks along state and federal highway right-of-ways.

WHEREAS: invasive species are defined as non-native organisms that can pose negative effects on human health, the environment, and the economy; and,

WHEREAS: highway right-of-ways are common vectors of invasive species' introduction and spread; and,

WHEREAS: County Highway Departments utilize state agency mowing specifications following "Right-of-Way" Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Invasive Species; and,

WHEREAS: *Wild parsnip* (*Pastinaca sativa*), an NR 40 "Restricted" invasive species (defined as having the potential to cause significant environmental, economic harm or harm to human health) carries a "caution" warning for phytophotodermatitis, (a severe rash, blister, and/or discoloration of the skin when sap contacts skin in presence of sunlight), is now present on all state and federal highway systems throughout Florence County; and,

WHEREAS: Wisconsin taxpayers, residents and visitors are now being exposed to phytophotodermatitis health risks along roadsides, where these dangerous plants are continuing to progress to trail systems, and other green spaces that also promote an economically significant tourism industry; and,

WHEREAS: current resources utilized in following state and federal mowing specifications have proven inadequate in controlling the introduction or limiting the spread of invasive species that jeopardize human health, Wisconsin's economy and native biodiversity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Florence County Board of Supervisors request that invasive species posing human health risk be included in the Compass Grade Point Average (GPA) that can prioritize additional necessary resources to County Highway Departments to adequately support scientifically based control of these species affecting human "Safety/Mobility" along highway right-of-way corridors.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED: that this resolution be shared with local, state and federal natural resource/transportation management agencies and departments; local, state and federal officials; Public Health Boards and Safety Committees, and interested members of the general public.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt resolution #2015-18 to secure state funding to support mandated communicable disease prevention and control for population health as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2015-18

To secure state funding to support mandated communicable disease prevention and control for population health.

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has no dedicated, stable federal and state funding sources for communicable disease control and prevention efforts; and

WHEREAS, A strong public health infrastructure is paramount to the health of all citizens; and

WHEREAS, Emerging and existing communicable diseases threaten health security, economies, and quality of life for all; and

WHEREAS, Communicable diseases such as ebola, H1N1, measles, HIV and AIDS, tuberculosis, influenza, measles, syphilis, gonorrhea, rabies, hepatitis, polio, and pertussis, can threaten the lives and well-being of Wisconsin residents; and

WHEREAS, Emerging and re-emerging threats such as ebola, H1N1, SARS, and measles threaten personal and community safety and require substantial resources to contain;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin local health department communicable disease programs protect residents by investigating and controlling communicable diseases, collecting data, educating the community about prevention and the importance of immunizations, and caring for those affected by these diseases; and

WHEREAS, Public health departments have been successful in controlling communicable diseases through case reporting and involvement of public health staff in referral of exposed persons for screening and prevention services; and

WHEREAS, Evidence in the scientific literature indicates that partner notification services are not adequately assured in the absence of specific public health staff involvement; and

WHEREAS, Local health departments and the State of Wisconsin have demonstrated commitment, competence and success in assuring the confidentiality of persons with reported communicable disease for decades, including cases of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Local health departments have placed a high priority on communicable disease control; and

WHEREAS, Communicable disease control is one of the ten essential functions of public health; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Florence County Board urges the state legislature to develop and enact bipartisan support for funding of comprehensive, sustainable, effective and evidence based communicable disease control and prevention for the public's health.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Neuens to adopt resolution #2015-19 opposing changes to ADRC, Family Care, and Senior Care as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-19

A Resolution opposing proposed changes to ADRC's, Family Care and Senior Care

Whereas, the proposed 2015-17 State budget proposal would make drastic changes and essentially dismantle Wisconsin's nationally admired long term care (LTC) system; and

Whereas, the budget would allow the elimination of IRIS, radically change Family Care and replace all eight existing regional, Long Term Care managed care organizations (MCO) with statewide for-profit health insurance companies using a no-bid process; and

Whereas, the eliminate the County's first right of refusal and give authority to the Department of Health Services (DHS) to eliminate county-run Aging and Disability Resource Centers (ADRC's) by contracting out the functions provided; and

Whereas, the same proposal eliminates requirements for oversight through Governing Boards; and

Whereas, this change was initiated with no input from people receiving Long Term Care Services or their families, local officials, MCO's, ADRC's, provider agencies, the State Long Term Care Advisory Council or legislators; and

Whereas, the current system of Family Care, IRIS, Partnership and ADRC's has created savings for taxpayers while maintaining quality: reducing the Medicaid portion of the budget from 53% in 2002 to 43% in 2011, reducing the nursing home population by 11,000 people, keeping administrative costs for Family Care down to 4.2% and limiting MCO surpluses to 2%; and

Whereas, ADRC's have become a nationally recognized model and play an important role in meeting a variety of needs and reducing the costs of a growing Long Term Care Population;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Wisconsin retain its existing successful and cost-effective models of Family Care, IRIS, Partnership and ADRCs, with current levels of local and legislative oversight and should resume previous joint efforts involving all stakeholders to continually pursue new opportunities to improve the Long Term Care System

Pat Smith, Forestry and Parks Administrator, explained to the Board that most of the grant funding for the Planned Unit Development (PUD) project, along the Menominee River in Spread Eagle has been awarded with final approval from the County Board. He stated that the project would start in 2016 with funding coming from federal, state, and budgeted dollars.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to move forward with the PUD Project. Ayes: Eight (8). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton reported that the Friends of the Library received a \$250 donation from the Dickinson Library Consortium.

Supervisor Neuens reported that he is currently representing Florence County on a state agricultural steering committee. He said the committee is very interesting with topics from forestry reform in the state budget to ballast water from ships being dumped into the Great Lakes with concern of Invasive Species.

Under Board member concerns, Chairwoman Bomberg was concerned about comments made at a recent school board meeting. She stated that a school board member was quoted in the Daily Newspaper saying they did not want to see a lot of money spent on assessments referring to a county project where they spent \$500,000 before anything was started. She expressed for the record to show that the County has never spent that much money on an assessment for a project. The most spent was \$8,000 to \$10,000. She said the County remains very frugal with the taxpayers money.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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County Clerk