

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on June 21, 2016. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Dzekute, Johnson, Kelley, J. Neuens, L. Neuens, Stratton, Steber, Theer and Wenger. Excused: Supervisor Modschiedler. Absent: Supervisor Erickson.

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

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

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Theer approval to appoint citizen board member Connie Onsager as recommended by the ADRC/Aging Committee May 25, 2016. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to table the Human Services Community Member At Large as recommended by the Human Services Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger approval for letter to be sent to our Legislators supporting a letter from Ben Niehaus, School Administrator, to John Ashley, Wisconsin Association of School Boards as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval for letter to be sent to our Legislators supporting a letter from Wisconsin County Forests Association to sustain current levels for the H2B program as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger approval to adopt Resolution 2016-11 CVSO Grant to be returned to a block-grant as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2016-11**

That the CVSO Grant be returned to a block-grant.

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Office has operated as a block-grant for CVSO salary supplement since legislative inception in 1973, to attract and retain CVSO talent, and as a means to fund improvements to CVSO veteran services in the county; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2015 Wisconsin Biennium Budget restructured this long-standing CVSO Grant block payment structure to a reimbursement only payment structure, and has resulted in a very cumbersome program that no longer allows salary supplementation, and contains complicated rules of eligible reimbursable costs, which together now create fiscal constraints on Wisconsin counties that benefitted from the previous block grant payment structure; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Florence joins other counties in the State of Wisconsin, to express their desire to the Wisconsin State Legislature to have the County Veterans Service Grant returned to the original 1973 intent to be used strictly for supplementing the salary of the County Veterans Service Officers in order to attract and retain talented personnel in those positions; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors does hereby request of the State Legislature that the CVSO Grant be structured in a block-grant structure requiring only the signatures of the current CVSO and County Administrative Coordinator or the County Board Chairman as verification of compliance; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to all of the Florence County's State Senators and Assembly Representatives, to the Wisconsin Counties Association, and the President of the Wisconsin County Veterans Service Officer Association: and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that publication of this resolution may occur through posting in accordance with Section 985.02 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Under Board member concerns, Supervisor Stratton recently attend, the State Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committee Conference where Supervisor Neuens and Supervisor Stratton were elected to the Board.

Supervisor Neuens reported on the State WACEC Conference where he was able to have a one on one with Richard Klemme, UW Extension Dean and Director discussing several topics of interest.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
County Clerk