

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on September 15, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the County Board Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Brunette, Dzekute, Halada, Johnson, Kelley, Neuens, Stratton, and Theer. Excused: Supervisors Steber and Wenger. Absent: Supervisor Erickson.

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

Moved by Supervisor Neuens seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Mr. Stanly Suszka, landowner in the Towns of Fence and Fern, addressed the County Board with ongoing concerns he has regarding the control of the Invasive Species Wild Parsnip along the roadways. He submitted 58 signatures from concerned landowners to adopt an ordinance as per provisions of 66.0407 of Wisconsin Statutes 2011-12 to declare Wild Parsnips a noxious weed and require its control within the boundaries of Florence County. Mr. Suszka also handed out three informational sheets and spoke about different solutions to eradicate noxious weeds. Jeff Demuri, Highway Commissioner, added that he is working with the DOT on cutting the sides of the roads. Chairwoman Bomberg thanked Mr. Suszka for attending and said Florence County will continue working towards a solution for this problem.

Chairwoman Bomberg gave heartfelt recognition to Francie Freeberg, Florence County Highway Office Manager, for 48 years of dedication and loyal service to Florence County. Bomberg stated that Freeberg will be missed and wishes her the best of luck in her deserved retirement. Jeff Demuri, Highway Commissioner, presented her with a plaque.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer for final approval to create a new County employee position for the Economic Development Director as recommended by the Economic Development Committee, Personnel Committee, and Audit & Budget 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 AB-197 relating to information provided by insurers about health care plans offered on the American Health Benefit Exchange 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 SB-203 relating to changing the assessment method for Business Improvement Districts 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 SB-210 relating to exempting out-of-state emergency medical services personnel from licensure requirements as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Halada to authorize the County Board Chair to adopt Resolution #2015-21 authorizing the initiating of the SOAR Program in Florence County using the Community Development Block Grant as recommended by the Human Services Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Neuens attended the Bay Lakes Regional Planning Executive Committee where they hired new Director, Cindy Wojtczak.

Supervisor Stratton attended the LEO Board meeting the beginning of September where Jim Golembeski presented the Independent Living Grant, which will serve 225 foster kids in 17 counties. This grant will help provide placement of jobs and safe places to live.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk