

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on October 20, 2015. The meeting was called to order by the County Board Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Brunette, Dzekute, Erickson, Halada, Johnson, Kelley, Neuens, Steber, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve the Agenda. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Neuens seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Ayes: Twelve (12). 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 ZA-20150004, request to amend Chapter 10, Subchapter 1: Florence County Zoning Ordinance, By Which the County Board will amend the existing County Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.25 RS-5 Residential Single-Family District, creating RS-5 Residential Single-Family Lake District. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Brunette approval to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Florence County for the Menominee River Bridge as recommended by the Forestry and Parks Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton authorizing the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board opposing AB-274 relating to possession of firearms by individuals who commit multiple or violent misdemeanor offenses and provide a criminal penalty as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton authorizing the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting SB-150 relating to restrictions on hunting antlerless deer by members of a group hunting party as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Erickson authorizing the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting AB-299 relating to allowing a school board member to serve as a volunteer coach or extracurricular activity supervisor as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton authorizing the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting SB-244 relating to allowing a school board president to fill certain vacancies on a school board of a common, union high, or unified school district as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson approval to adopt Resolution #2015-22 to correct tax entree for the assessment roll as recommended by the Audit and Budget Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-22

Whereas, Lots 2 through 10 in block 10 of the Village of Commonwealth Plat, Section 28-T40N-R18E, in the Town of Commonwealth, has been assessed and taxed on the assessment rolls for the tax years of 2012 through 2015 as computer #04-00081-0000, and

Whereas, the Town of Commonwealth is the recorded owner of two (2) of those lots, being lots 2 and 3 in block 10, and

Whereas, the Town of Commonwealth is a tax exempt entity, and

Whereas, then 23% (or, 2/9<sup>th</sup>) of the taxes charged in the tax years of 2012 through 2015 are considered illegal taxes, and

Therefore, be it resolved that this computer #04-00081-0000 be split into two correct entries for the assessment roll for 2016, and 23% of the real estate taxes against it be declared null and void.

Total of Illegal taxes for 2012 – 2014.....\$79.52

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Halada approval to adopt Resolution #2015-23 to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Department of Natural Resources to Implement Good Neighbor Authority on the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest as recommended by the Forestry and Parks Committee. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2015-23

APPROVING ENTERING INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO IMPLEMENT GOOD NEIGHBOR AUTHORITY ON THE CHEQUAMEGON-NICOLET NATIONAL FOREST

WHEREAS, the USDA Forest Service may enter into a cooperative agreement with a State to carry out authorized forest, rangeland, and watershed restoration services, including timber sales, on federal land and non-federal land under the authority of the Agricultural Act of 2014, Pub. L. 113-79, section 8206, (Good Neighbor Authority);

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources may conduct forest management activities on federal lands under a cooperative agreement, as permitted by federal law and pursuant to s. 28.15(2), Wis. Stats.;

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources may contract with a county for the purpose of conducting forest management activities on federal land under a cooperative agreement pursuant to s. 28.15(3), Wis. Stats.;

WHEREAS, the USDA Forest Service Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have entered into a cooperative Good Neighbor Authority agreement;

WHEREAS, completing authorized restoration services shall provide forest products to our local economy and improve the health and resiliency of forestlands and watersheds within Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, Florence County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11, Wis. Stats. and may be eligible to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of conducting forest management activities on federal land pursuant to s. 28.15(3), Wis. Stats.;

WHEREAS, Florence County would be eligible to be reimbursed for costs incurred while conducting authorized forest management, forest restoration, and watershed restoration activities;

WHEREAS, Florence County must enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to define the criteria for participating in a cooperative Good Neighbor Authority sub-agreement with the State;

WHEREAS, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be developed by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources with input from interested counties;

WHEREAS, the time frame for accomplishing work is constrained and getting work accomplished prior to the onset of winter will maximize what can be accomplished;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors approves entering into a MOA with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of conducting forest management activities on federal land, pursuant to review and approval of the MOA by the Florence County Corporation Counsel;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors grants the authority to sign the MOA and any agreements pursuant to the MOA to the County Forest Administrator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Forest Administrator is directed to forward the signed MOA to the Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Florence County recognizes and acknowledges that if financial reimbursement is received in accordance with the MOA, the County will comply with state and federal rules for the program and meet its obligations under the agreement;

Supervisor Stratton attended a University of Wisconsin Extension Meeting where it was discussed of the possible consolidation for the program with three Counties. She stated the restructuring was due to funding cuts.

Supervisor Stratton urged the other Supervisors to contact their representatives and show their support for the 2015 Assembly Bill 422 to keep the funding for the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center. This bill was introduced by Representatives Swearingen and Mursau and cosponsored by Senator Tiffany. She said the center has over 20,000 visitors per year and sells over 2,000 Department of Natural Resources licenses. Chairwoman Bomberg agreed and encouraged the Board to call their representatives or MaryAnn Lippert, Director for the Northern Region Office Wisconsin Department of Administration Division of Intergovernmental Relations.

Supervisor Neuens reported on a meeting he attended with Joe Schwantes, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources County/Public Forest Specialist. Mr. Schwantes said the County is doing great with related procedures, good documentation on timber sales, and the health regeneration of pine growth.

Chairwoman Bomberg read a letter of resignation from Supervisor Brunette. In the letter he stated his regret, how he enjoyed working with everyone and if the opportunity presents itself, he would be very interested to serve on the board again. Chairwoman Bomberg accepted the resignation, with regret and said the vacant position would be advertised.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
County Clerk