

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
Courthouse, Florence, WI  
November 8, 2016

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met for a Public Hearing on November 8, 2016. The Hearing was called to order by the County Board Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Dzekute, Johnson, Kelley, J. Neuens, L. Neuens, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisor Steber. Absent: Supervisors Erickson and Modschiedler.

The County Board Chair called three times for public input, written or oral, on the 2017 Florence County Proposed Budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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

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

No one wishing to address the Board.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the adoption of the 2017 Florence County Budget and authorize the Financial Manager to increase the amount of the proposed levy by \$77 to coincide with the State of Wisconsin Levy Limit Worksheet bringing the total county levy to \$4,118,401, increase the budget for general contingency expense by \$77 to keep the budget in balance, approve the budget for revenue and expense accounts(Sections C & D), approve the Capital improvement Plan policy and procedure (Section F), approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the five-year period from 2017 to 2021 (Exhibit G) and approve the transfer of \$260,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval for a letter to be sent to our Legislators requesting more transportation funds for our County and State roads as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Chairwoman Bomberg stressed the importance of our County continuing work with our Legislators, Wisconsin Towns Association and Wisconsin Counties Association to receive enough funds to repair our roads. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson approval for the TID financing request for \$12,000 to improve broadband reliability and speed to the Florence Industrial Park. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor L. Neuens to recommend concurrence with the Planning and Zoning committee to approve the rezoning to a portion of the listed parcels affected in the event of a Lindow Dam Break, from Wetland, Open Forest and General Agriculture to Floodplain. Parcels are 4-724-0, 4-728-0, 4-729-0, 4-803-0, 4-804-0, 4-811-0, 4-817-50. Property is located in Section 27 and Section 34 in the Town of Commonwealth, Florence County, WI. Request submitted by Charles, Gary and Richard Lindow. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor L. Neuens, seconded by Supervisor Johnson approve Resolution 2016-15 requesting the State of Wisconsin to, repeal Paragraph 23 of Motion #520 to the 2016-2017 Budget Bill (SB 21 and AB 21), and retain the current provisions of NR 115, Wisconsin Administrative Code as recommended by the Zoning Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2016- 15**

**WHEREAS**, the Florence County Planning and Zoning Committee has been advised that the Joint Committee on Finance has passed Motion #520 as part of its discussion and deliberation on the Budget Bill; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 23 of Motion #520 changes the standards for regulation of existing structures in the shoreland area contrary to adopted standards in NR 115 and to the detriment of environmental quality, and the orderly economic development of Florence County; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Wisconsin and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has adopted NR 115 and updated it periodically after public input and review; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County has 265 lakes and more than 165 miles of rivers and streams to paddle; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County has been enforcing the minimum standards of NR 115 since its inception in the late 1960's, and has accumulated considerable experience while working with the various incarnations of NR 115 over many years, and furthermore has noted during these many years that the current laws have protected the water quality in Florence County, and at the same time have protected property values, the County's wildlife and fisheries habitat, and the natural scenic beauty of Florence County's shorelands, and at the same time provided flexibility to property owners in development of their property; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County Board members conclude that the water quality of those water bodies within our county would suffer if development is not regulated to the benefit of both the property owner and the water body whose shorelines are proposed for development as it currently is in NR 115; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County has had good protection of landowner rights, property values, and the environment including water quality when following (the current minimum standards); and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County has provided some additional protections of our surface and ground water that is slightly more protective than the minimums in NR 115, and feels strongly that Counties should be able to enforce more than the minimum standards to protect their unique resources; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County feels that the minimum standards should not be changed without due consideration by the entire legislature, the Natural Resources Board, and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Florence County strongly objects to paragraph 23 of Motion #520 amending the 2016-2017 state of Wisconsin Budget (SB 21 and AB 21), because it weakens regulation of non-conforming structures and does not provide adequate protection of our valuable water resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the amendment as written will prevent local governmental units charged by the State of Wisconsin with overseeing development within its shorelands from protecting the rights of the property owner, the citizens of the area, and the environment in a fair and equitable manner; and

**WHEREAS**, Paragraph 23 of Motion #520 as written will result in unchecked development along our shorelines which will cause irreparable harm to the water quality of our County; result in a drop-in property values which in turn will damage the economy of our County; and promote harm to the environment by contributing to the degradation of our surface waters and ultimately the ground water of our County and the State, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Florence County board of supervisors that it hereby requests that the State of Wisconsin, repeal Paragraph 23 of Motion #520 to the 2016-2017 Budget Bill (SB 21 and AB 21), and retain the current provisions of NR 115, Wisconsin Administrative Code, and thereby protect the citizens and environment of our County and great State, and

**NOW, FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Florence County Board approved Resolution to repeal Paragraph 23, of Motion #520 to the 2016 – 2017 Budget Bill (SB 21 and AB 21), be forwarded to members of the Joint Committee on Finance, area Legislators, and the Governor's office.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton reported that our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) is in jeopardy because the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee cut all funding from the 2017 federal budget. Stratton was encouraged by Janet Zander, Advocacy & Public Policy Coordinator to have all County Board Supervisors call Congressman Duffy, Senator Baldwin and Senator Johnsons Offices explaining to them the importance to continue the SHIP funding and the importance it serves with our Medicare beneficiaries and public outreach events.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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