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The County Board Chair called three times for public input, written or oral, on the 2016 Florence County Proposed Budget.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
 County Clerk

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

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

The adoption of the Florence County 2016 Proposed Budget was first on the agenda. Supervisor Kelley, Chair of the Audit, Budget and Administrative Committee, presented the Budget to the Board. He stated that they had been working on the Budget since August making cuts but will still be able to provide all services.

<b>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - 2016 BUDGET FOR FLORENCE COUNTY</b>						
<b>2016 Budget - Summary (all amounts in U.S. dollars)</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>2014 Actual</b>	<b>2015 Budget</b>	<b>2015 6 Months</b>	<b>2015 Estimated</b>	<b>2016 Proposed</b>	<b>% Change vs. 2015 Budget</b>
General Government	1,490,538	1,597,364	727,058	1,618,136	1,558,510	-2.4%
Public Safety	2,072,674	2,174,654	1,081,789	2,129,267	2,168,897	-0.3%
Public Works	78,997	78,997	33,580	78,997	75,840	-4.0%
Health and Social Services	2,352,876	2,785,256	1,041,671	2,752,413	2,719,358	-2.4%
Education and Recreation	870,400	730,132	263,190	727,808	968,417	32.6%
Conservation and Development	1,253,570	1,165,916	692,187	1,306,421	1,560,174	33.8%
Capital Outlay	0	50,000	0	50,000	50,000	0.0%
Debt Service	8,778	220,564	185,545	220,564	217,903	-1.2%
Contingency	92,756	223,000	19,387	163,187	261,350	17.2%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>8,220,589</b>	<b>9,025,883</b>	<b>4,044,407</b>	<b>9,046,793</b>	<b>9,580,449</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
Total Revenues	5,172,530	5,425,676	1,889,551	5,870,551	5,916,817	9.1%
<b>Net Levy: Governmental Funds</b>	<b>3,048,059</b>	<b>3,600,207</b>	<b>2,154,856</b>	<b>3,176,242</b>	<b>3,663,632</b>	<b>1.8%</b>
			<b>Levy Request: Summary</b>			
		3,147,307	General Fund Levy		3,263,387	3.7%
		231,114	Human Services Levy		179,844	-22.2%
		10,000	Housing Authority Levy		11,275	12.8%
		3,388,421	Total: Governmental Funds		3,454,506	2.0%
		211,786	Debt Service Levy		209,125	-1.3%
		468,000	Enterprise Fund: Highway Levy		434,000	-7.3%
		4,068,207	Total County Levy		4,097,631	0.7%

				<b>General Fund Balance</b>		
	1,384,321	953,456	Unassigned and undesignated	1,131,259		18.6%
	3,172,567	2,785,314	Unassigned plus designated	2,927,505		5.1%
				<b>Human Services Fund Balance</b>		
	-	100,000	Unassigned plus designated	100,000		0.0%
				<b>Highway Fund Balance</b>		
	598,969	598,969	Unrestricted Net Position	598,969		0.0%
<b>Historical Comparisons</b>		<b>Levy Comparisons</b>				
		<u>All Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Enterprise Fund (Highway)</u>	<u>Debt Service (Highway)</u>	<u>Total Levy</u>	
	2011	3,239,396	490,079	-	3,729,475	
	2012	3,288,438	490,079	-	3,778,517	
	2013	3,331,475	490,079	-	3,821,554	
	2014	3,253,777	575,000	-	3,828,777	
	2015	3,388,421	468,000	211,786	4,068,207	
	2016-Proposed	3,454,506	434,000	209,125	4,097,631	
		<b>Tax Rate Comparisons - based on \$1000 of Equalized Value</b>				
		<u>Gov'tal Ops.</u>	<u>Highway Ops.</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Equalized Value</u>
	2011	\$5.49	\$0.83	\$0.00	\$6.32	590,167,900
	2012	\$5.49	\$0.82	\$0.00	\$6.31	598,773,400
	2013	\$5.51	\$0.81	\$0.00	\$6.32	604,721,400
	2014	\$5.50	\$0.97	\$0.00	\$6.47	591,789,900
	2015	\$5.72	\$0.79	\$0.36	\$6.87	592,170,600
	2016-Proposed	\$5.55	\$0.70	\$0.34	\$6.58	622,552,700

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the adoption of the 2016 Florence County Budget. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the appointments of Pat Dooley, Holly Stratton, and Ed Kelley to serve on the Human Services Board for the term of January 2016 – December 2018 as recommended by the Human Services Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to table the approval of the 2016 CBCW grant application. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Neuens approval of the 2016 – 2018 Florence County Aging Unit 3-year plan as recommended by the ADRC/Aging Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to appoint Michelle Cruthoff to serve a 3-year term on the Veterans Service Commission as recommended by the Veterans Service Commission. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Johnson approval to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Teck Solutions and Florence County for Continuity of Operations/Continuity of Government as recommended by the Informational Technology Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to passing school buses, and oppose AB -332 related to the parental choice 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 authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to extending the Secure Rural Schools and community self-determination program and to make permanent the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program and the Land and Water Conservation Fund as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Opposed: Supervisor Halada (1). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to the amendment of the Social Security Act to prevent an increase in Medicare Part B premium and deductible in 2016 as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board encouraging a federal proposal to segregate wildfire management funding as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board to support re-establishing a Softwood Lumber Agreement between the US and Canada that is intended to reduce the competitive imbalances of imported material into the US lumber market as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Neuens approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to replacement, reconstruction, and transfer of an approved high capacity well as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Nine (9). Opposed: Supervisor Stratton (1). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to operations of a Tax Incremental District (TID) as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Neuens approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to amending various rules governing the certification of child care operators, the licensing of child welfare agencies, and establishing standards for child care centers, etc. as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to funding for the Florence Wild Rivers Interpretive Center as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Halada approval to authorize the County Board Chair to send a letter on behalf of the County Board supporting legislative bills related to requiring DOT to award a grant to Northwood's Rail Transit Commission to fund the purchase of railroad cars and making an appropriation as recommended by the Legislative Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger approval for tax delinquent land sale bids as recommended by the Forestry and Parks Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to deed the Town of Commonwealth tax delinquent land sale as recommended by the Forestry and Parks Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton attended a recent Extension Meeting where the restructure and consolidation of programs within the University of Wisconsin System was discussed resulting in a minimal loss of jobs.

Chairwoman Bomberg thanked the Administrators for attending the meeting and answering any questions. She also thanked Joe Bestor, Financial Manager, for all the hard work and preparation of the Budget. She said the 2016 mill rate of 6.58 went down from the 2015 mill rate of 6.87, our businesses are thriving, and we kept our Budget in check with maintaining jobs and services.

Supervisor Kelley reported for Forestry that the approximate timber sales for 2015 will total \$1,500,000.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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