

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on August 19, 2014. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Brunette, Erickson, Halada, Johnson, Kelley, Neuens, Stratton, Theer, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisor Gardner and Supervisor Steber. Absent: None.

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

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes of July 15 and July 28, 2014 meetings, as read. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Neuens to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for County Land purchase as recommended by Patrick Smith, County Forester and Forestry & Parks. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to adopt Resolution #2014-13 for the year-end 2013 Overdrawn Accounts as recommended by Audit & Budget. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2014-13

WHEREAS: The following accounts were overdrawn at year end due to unforeseen and additional expenditures,

WHEREAS: The Audit, Budget and Administrative Committee requests the approval of the Florence County Board of Supervisors to transfer \$24,133.17 from the General Fund Account # 34000 to the following accounts:

51102 Legislative Advisory	679.35	
51210 Clerk of Courts	9,172.21	
51213 Guardian Ad Litem	6,648.18	
51351 Coroner	1,050.90	
51600 Buildings & Grounds	6,555.82	
52102 D.A.R.E.	26.71	
		24,133.17

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The above accounts be covered by the transfer of funds from the General Fund of \$24133.17 to the respective accounts for the 2013 budget year.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson by Supervisor Kelley to adopt Resolution #2014-14 for the Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November Ballot as recommended by Human Services Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2014-14

To Place a Health Care Advisory Referendum on the November 4, 2014 Florence County Ballot

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has yet to take advantage of billions of new federal Medicaid dollars which would improve the state's BadgerCare Program, and

WHEREAS, these federal funds are available at any time, and, upon acceptance, would provide access to BadgerCare to an estimated 84,000 people and would provide an additional \$2,443,400,000 would be available in federal funding to Wisconsin to support services for BadgerCare between January 1, 2014 and June 30, 2021 (as determined by the State's Legislative Fiscal Bureau); and

WHEREAS, having uninsured and underinsured residents results in untreated mental health or substance abuse issues and a lack of preventative health care that can negatively impact the well-being of Florence County residents; and

WHEREAS, uninsured and underinsured individuals negatively impact the Florence County budget each year given that the County must provide individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse issues with immediate emergency services when needed (Wisconsin Statute 51.42); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors assembled this 19th day of August 2014, does hereby direct the Florence County Clerk to place the following advisory referendum question on the countywide ballot at the election to be held on November 4, 2014:

“Shall the Governor/State Legislature accept federal funding for the expansion of BadgerCare in Wisconsin?”

With the following explanation language:

“This is an advisory referendum only.”

A “yes” vote indicates that you support action by the Governor/State Legislature to accept federal funding for the expansion of Medicaid/BadgerCare in Wisconsin to cover persons and families with low income who are not currently eligible for BadgerCare. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates that this would provide access to BadgerCare to 84,700 Wisconsin residents.

A “no” vote indicates that you do not support accepting additional federal funding for the expansion of Medicaid/BadgerCare in Wisconsin.

Your vote on this question will not directly result in the passage or non-passage on this issue. The purpose of the question is to advise elected representatives of the amount of support for and against additional federal funding for Medicaid/BadgerCare in Wisconsin.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Florence County Human Services Board recommends that the Florence County Board of Supervisors send a copy of their approved resolution to the Florence County legislative delegation, Governor Scott Walker, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to adopt Resolution #2014-15 for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2014-15

APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KNOWLES-NELSON STEWARDSHIP LAND ACQUISITION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Florence County has lands enrolled as County Forest pursuant to s. 28.11, Wis. Stats.;

WHEREAS, the County Board of Supervisors on April 18, 2006, adopted the Florence County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a period of 15 years;

WHEREAS, the County Board has the authority to acquire properties for the purpose of establishing County Forest land pursuant to s. 28.10, Wis. Stats and as outlined in Chapter 400 of the Florence County Forest Comprehensive Land Use Plan;

WHEREAS, acquisition of said properties would perpetually provide forest products to our local economy, revenues to the County, outdoor recreation opportunities to the public, and improve property administration on the County Forest;

WHEREAS, Florence County is eligible to participate and make application to the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Land Acquisition Grant program for land acquisition consistent with said Plan;

WHEREAS, grant funding may provide funding up to 50% of the acquisition price;

WHEREAS, participation in the grant program requires a county to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Natural Resources (as required by s. NR 51.963 Wis. Adm. Code) to define the criteria for participating in the grant program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors approve the MOA with the Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any potential County Forest land acquisitions eligible for Knowles-Nelson Land Acquisition Stewardship grant funding will be brought before the Florence County Board for approval prior to making application;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Forestry and Parks Committee is directed to forward this signed MOA to the Department of Natural Resources;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors grants the authority to sign amendments to this MOA to the County Board Chair, Forestry Committee Chair, and County Forest Administrator;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Florence County recognizes and acknowledges that if financial assistance is made available by the Department of Natural Resources, and the County accepts the financial assistance, the County will comply with state rules for the program and meet the financial obligations under the grant;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board will be notified if grant funding becomes available and then will consider authorization for the acquisition.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton reported the Florence County Library installed theater equipment and added more interactive programs for adults and children. She stated these programs are showing a lot of support from our taxpayers.

Supervisor Neuens reported that the Economic Development Committee toured Florence Hardwoods. This included the continued expansion projects and the day to day.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk