

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on May 21, 2013. The meeting was called to order by the Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Erickson, Gardner, Halada, Johnson, Kelley, Neuens, Stratton, Steber, and Wenger. Excused: Supervisor Theer. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve the Agenda, as presented. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve the minutes of the last meeting, as read. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Under those wishing to address the Board, Dr. Jeffrey Rafn, President of Northeast Wisconsin Technical College (NWTC) presented his annual report to the Board. Dr. Rafn stated the College continues to be identified as in the top 10% in the Nation for student success; they are working very closely with rural areas and the local schools, and are currently in the process of opening this summer the Woodland Regional Learning Academy located in Aurora, WI. Currently, part of the Hillcrest School is being renovated to put in an Electronics Lab which will offer up to 8 different courses students will be allowed to take while they are in High School. These courses were selected because they are the foundation of many of NWTC's Engineering and Electro-Mechanical Programs. They will also be offering a Health Care Customer Service Certificate soon. We continue to meet once or twice a year to the local people in this area to get input. Jeff Rickaby, County representative on the NWTC Board thanked the Board for allowing him to remain as one of the representatives for Florence County.

Chairwoman Bomberg thanked them for their presentation. She said by having NWTC available to our High School Students is a great opportunity to receive college credits as they go through and gives not only the students in the local area but also citizens a great opportunity for continued education.

Chairwoman Bomberg next on the agenda wanted to recognize and thank Stewart Boren, DNR Regional Forestry Director, on his retirement for 33 plus years of dedicated service he gave to Florence County. Not only working for the DNR, also working with the Florence Volunteer Fire Department, the Keyes Peak Ski Lodge, the Spreadeagle Barrens, and the several committees he served on. Florence County truly is a better place because of Stu and will be greatly missed.

Stewart Boren thanked the Board for the recognition and the many co-workers he worked with and plans on living in this area with his family for many years to come.

Chairwomen Bomberg next wanted to give a tribute to recently passed, Supervisor Bruce Osterberg and his many years of service and dedication to the County Board and Community of Florence County. He retired from teaching in 1991, bought a portable sawmill and continued to do that for many years. Bruce was a Pilot, Sunday School Teacher, Husband, Father, Grandfather, and with all this managed to serve Florence County as a very dedicated County Board Supervisor serving on every Committee at one point. He will be missed and we will be forever grateful for his teaching, spirit, and wisdom he passed on to many. A moment of silence for Bruce was given by all.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to Ratify the Florence County Highway Employees Union Local 1315, Florence County Courthouse Union, and the Florence County Corrections Officers Union with a 2.5% wage increase retroactive to January 1, 2013. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve sending a letter supporting AJR25, 2013 Assembly Joint Resolution 25, relating to the expense of recalls of elected officers and a code of ethics for government officials. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Wenger, seconded by Supervisor Gardner to approve sending a letter to the USFS, United State Forest Service, about the importance of filling vacancies in Florence County. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to approve sending a letter to the WDNR, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, about the importance of keeping the Florence/Forest team leader position at the Florence Natural resources Center in Florence County. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Wenger to approve a general fund transfer to buy a Backhoe from the Florence Utilities Commission for \$20,000 with the trade-in of the current Backhoe. Pat Smith, Florence County Forester, said this piece of equipment will benefit several departments. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve a new Permanent Full Time Position that will be shared between Highway and Forestry Departments. Both the Forestry and Highway Departments think this new joint position will work very well and benefit both departments. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve to advertise for the new Permanent Full Time Position that will be shared between Highway and Forestry Departments. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve a general fund transfer to implement the new CodeRED Service Agreement, which Chief Deputy David Gribble has been working on through Emergency Government for months. Chairwoman Bomberg stated how this new program will benefit all citizens of the County just by registering their landline, cell phones, and computers with this new program. The CodeRED System is used to send out critical communications, with updated information, to everyone who is registered. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to approve a general fund transfer for \$1,010 for the State Mandated Handicap Accessibility Entrance at the Florence County Library. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve a general fund transfer for up to \$7,500 for a multi-department, county/state collaborative signage project for the new "Wild Rivers Auto Route" that Wendy Gehlhoff, Economic Development Director, has been working on for several months. Ms. Gehlhoff stated that there are only 5 places in the State of Wisconsin with Wild Rivers and Florence County is fortunate to have them. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Gardner, seconded by Supervisor Steber to adopt the resolution creating the Florence County TIF District #1 whose boundary and potential projects are described in the project plan. Ayes: Eight (8). Supervisors Halada and Stratton Opposing. Nays: Two (2). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2013 - 14

FLORENCE COUNTY TAX INCREMENT FINANCE DISTRICT NO. 1 TOWN OF FLORENCE

WHEREAS, the County Zoning Committee of Florence County has held a public hearing on the proposed creation of a Tax Increment Finance District No. 1, Town of Florence, and the proposed boundaries thereof and a public hearing held on May 1, 2013 on the proposed Project Plan pursuant to Sections 59.57(3) (a) and (b), 66.1105(4)(a)(e) and (f).

WHEREAS, the chief executive officer or administrator of all local governmental entities having power to levy taxes on property within the proposed Tax Increment District and the School Board of any school district which includes property located within the proposed tax increment finance district have been notified pursuant to Sections 59.57(3) (a) and (b), 66.1105(4)(a)(e) and (5)(d).

WHEREAS, The County Zoning Committee has previously approved a project plan for the proposed Tax Increment Finance District No. 1 pursuant to Sections 59.57(3) and 66.1105(4)(g), Wisconsin Statutes, which:

1. Describes the Tax Increment District (TID) boundaries and contains maps and tables, listing the properties and values within the TID;
2. The Increment District is a mixed-use district based on the identification and classification of the property included within the District;
3. Includes the kind, number and location of public works projects or improvements within the District;
4. Contains an economic feasibility study;
5. Contains a description of the methods of financing, all estimated project costs and the time when such costs or monetary obligations related thereto are to be incurred;
6. Contains a detailed list of estimated project costs;
7. Indicates proposed changes, if any, of zoning ordinances, master plans, official maps, or other County or Town ordinances;
8. Contains a list of estimated non-project costs, if any.
9. Contains a statement of a proposed method for the relocation of any persons to be displaced, if any; and
10. Demonstrates the orderly growth and development of the Town of Florence as a result of the implementation of the project plan;
11. Includes the County's Attorney's findings that the plan complies with Sections 59.57 (3) and 66.1105, Wisconsin State Statutes.
12. Includes a listing and map showing existing uses and conditions of real property in the District;
13. Includes a map showing proposed improvements and uses therein:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors, Wisconsin, hereby creates Tax Increment Finance District No. 1 in the Town of Florence whose boundaries shall be as described in the project plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District as described in the project plan is created as of May 21st, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Board finds that:

1. Such project plan for Tax Increment Finance District No. 1, Town of Florence is feasible.
2. Not less than 50% of the real property within the District is suitable for mixed use within the meaning of Section 66.1105(2)(cm); and
3. The improvements contemplated in Tax Increment Finance District No. 1, Town of Florence, Wisconsin is likely to significantly enhance the value of all real property in Tax Increment Finance District No. 1, Town of Florence, Wisconsin; and
4. The project costs in the approved project plan for Tax Increment Finance District No. 1, Florence County, Wisconsin, directly serve to promote development consistent with the purposes for which the District is created under paragraph 1 above; and
5. The equalized value of taxable property of the District plus the value increment of all existing districts within the County or Town does not exceed 12 percent of the total equalized value of taxable property within the County or Town.
6. Such project plan is in conformity with the master plan of Florence County.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt the resolution for Additional Funding for Income Maintenance Programs. Ayes: Eleven (11). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 2013-15

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ADDITIONAL AND ONGOING STATE GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE TO REGIONAL INCOME MAINTENANCE CONSORTIA

WHEREAS, as a result of regionalization of Income Maintenance Administration brought about by Wisconsin Act 10, Budget Repair Bill, Florence County entered into an agreement with 12 counties (Ashland, Bayfield, Forest, Florence, Iron, Lincoln, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Wood) in the northern region and formed the Northern Income Maintenance Consortium (NIMC), and;

WHEREAS, the NIMC sustained a 37% reduction in state funding, and

WHEREAS, the average statewide reduction in funding was 17%, but more than half of the NIMC sustained greater reductions than 17%;

WHEREAS, that level of funding reduction creates conditions and staffing levels that jeopardizes NIMC's and other Income Maintenance Consortia's ability to sustain a system that can meet performance measures and comply with state and federal regulations, and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the information and conditions of the request, both Wisconsin Counties Association and Wisconsin Counties Human Service Association are advocating for the legislature to increase funding to NIMC by \$250,000 new GPR with associated Federal Match for calendar year 2013 in the State's 2013-15 biennial budget, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Counties Association is advocating for the legislature to approve new GPR in the amount of \$316,161 and its federal match for CY2014 and 2015 and is supporting statutory language change to ensure that no regional income maintenance consortia has funding less than 83% of its 2011 state GPR funding level; now,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors, assembled this 21st day of May 2013, does hereby request an increase of \$250,000 GPR and associated Federal Match for the NIMC to be included in the 2013-2015 state biennial budget; and

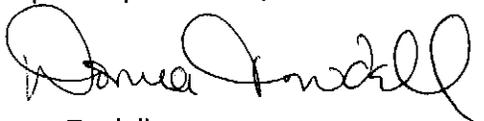
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florence County Board of Supervisors does hereby request new GPR funding of \$316,161 and its corresponding federal match for calendar years 2014 and 2015, as well as statutory language that will ensure that no regional income maintenance consortia is funded at less than 83% of its 2011 state GPR level.

FISCAL NOTE: The request to increase the overall NIMC allocation by \$250,000 new GPR and associated Federal Match for CY2013 will have no impact on County Levy. The change in overall funding methodology would provide the NIMC the necessary funding to help sustain Income Maintenance programming to its residents beyond CY2013.

Under Board member concerns Supervisor Bomberg asked Supervisor Kelley to place on the next Legislative Agenda the Governors Residence Requirement Proposal.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Donna Trudell
County Clerk