

The Florence County Personnel and Law Enforcement Committee met at the Courthouse on March 8, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 6:00 p.m. A quorum of committee members was present. Committee Supervisors present: Bomberg, Johnson, Kelley, Steber and Theer.

Absent: None

Others present: Sheriff Dan Miller, County Clerk/Administrative Coordinator Donna Trudell, Misty Baker, Connie Walther, David Peterson, Rebecca Peterson, Kurt Taff, Kristen D'Agostino, Diane Theis, Jackie Dallagrana, Sarah Mattas, Rick Knepper, Amanda Rederick, Martin Kerken, Tom Krans, Mike Theis, Amanda Mulvey, Jack McCraw, Bob Broullire, Jeff Sternhagen, Shelly Dumais, Jaysen Walther, Randy Foltz, Todd Miller, Tim Smith, and Emily Folsom.

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Theer to approve the Agenda, as presented.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Kelley.

Motion carries, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Florence County EMS

Sheriff Miller spoke on events and two complaints filed to the State of Wisconsin on the Florence and Aurora Rescue Squads about not answering their rescue calls which has led to the reason the Personnel Committee called the meeting with the members of the rescue squads.

Chairwoman Bomberg spoke next telling the members that the Personnel Committee met with the Florence Rescue Squad President Mike Theis requesting that he have a meeting with his rescue squad members and resolve any current issues they are having so the complaints can be addressed with the State. The meeting happened but nothing was resolved. The Sheriff and Chairwoman Bomberg received many complaint calls leading to this meeting tonight.

Chairwoman Bomberg spoke on the relationship between the County and all the Rescue Squads saying that the 501C the squads are currently listed as through the IRS is for financials only and that the County is considered the employer because the County holds the workers comp, liability and auto insurances. The County also owns all the rescue squads and the Florence and Fence buildings, provides the property, and contents insurance for those buildings.

She went on to finish saying the bottom line is the County answers to the citizens of Florence County. They deserve reliable EMS to answer their 911 call. She stated that the County would not sit back any longer because the Towns and the State need answers on next steps and the County will make the hard decisions if they need too.

Supervisor Steber spoke saying that the plan to move forward includes a member of the Tipler Rescue Squad Amanda Mulvey to help reorganize.

Amanda Mulvey spoke introducing herself and explaining her position. She explained that their rescue squad has just gone through 5 years of the same situation. She said they reorganized and now has a strong squad. She explained that she would set up interviews with all Florence Rescue Squad members to determine the interest and commitment level of each member. She will then make recommendations to the County and to

the Florence Rescue Squad on the outcome of those interviews and the best way to move forward to restore the squad.

Moved by Supervisor Johnson to approve Amanda Mulvey's recommendation to move forward and evaluate the rescue squad and its members.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Steber.

Motion carries, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Adjourn

There being no further business.

Moved by Supervisor Steber to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Kelley.

Motion carries, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk, Administrative Coordinator