

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on April 20, 2021. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of members was present.

County Board Supervisors present: Bomberg, Brunette, Hedmark, Johnson, Kelley, Kellstrom, Mills, Modschiedler, Nichols, Steber, and Theer.

Excused: Supervisor Dzekute

Absent: none

#### Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Theer to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Agenda.

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

#### Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Hedmark to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Kelley.

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

Those wishing to address the Board – None

#### Sheriff/Public Safety Annual Report

Sheriff Miller presented his 2020 Annual Report. His report included 4,462 Calls for Service, 104 arrests, 403 Citations, 80 Prosecutions, 1,285 Traffic Stops, 144 reported Accidents, 1,103 – 911 calls received. \$170,521 collected in fines and revenues. K9 was deployed 70 times for vehicles and 3 times for building searches resulting in finding narcotic drugs with multiple charges being sent to the DA. Florence County teamed up with KIND Drug Enforcement Team in a multi-jurisdictional investigation leading to the seizure of large amounts of drugs and suspects being arrested. 95% of the Public Safety Building remodel has been completed with some minor details left on the inside to complete and a new roof to be completed this summer. 2020 had 3 longtime employees retire and 6 new hires. Due to Covid, special in person events like National Night Out and Kick with a Cop where all canceled and DARE met with the kids virtually. Sheriff Miller ended with saying that he looks forward to serving the citizens of Florence County in 2021.

Chairwomen Bomberg thanked Sheriff Miller.

#### MOU for the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition

Moved by Supervisor Steber to approve the Land Conservation Memorandum of Understanding for the Wild Rivers Invasive Species Coalition as recommended by the Land Conservation Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Theer.

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

#### Resolutions

Moved by Supervisor Steber to adopt resolution # 2021 – 10 to designate the week of April 26<sup>th</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> as "Work Zone Awareness Week" as recommended by the Highway Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Hedmark.

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

RESOLUTION # 2021-10  
DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021 AS  
"WORK ZONE AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin County Highway Association is asking all seventy-two counties in the state to unite and kick off "Work Zone Safety Awareness Week" with a resolution and campaign to raise awareness for its workers, the traveling public, public safety workers, and those of various highway contractors performing work for the counties; and

WHEREAS, construction and maintenance activities on our streets and highways periodically require that work zones be established; and

WHEREAS, in Wisconsin there is an average of 2,677\* work zone crashes each year and there has been over 13,000 crashes resulting in 5,200 injuries and 50 deaths over the past five years; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Wisconsin suffered from nearly 2,500\*\* crashes in road construction and maintenance zones, resulting in nearly 900 injuries and 17 fatalities; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2018, there were 67 fatalities recorded as a result of crashes in Wisconsin work zones including three Wisconsin County Highway workers which were killed in work zones in 2015; and

WHEREAS, through their enforcement activities and other participation, the Florence County Sheriff's Office, Wisconsin State Patrol, and Florence County Highway Department are committed to working together in 2021 to make Work Zone Awareness Week a success; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Highway Administration has designated April 26 through April 30, 2021 as National Work Zone Awareness Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Florence County Board of Supervisors that the week of April 26 through April 30, 2021 be designated as Work Zone Awareness Week in Florence County.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to adopt resolution # 2021 – 11 to approve Emergency Management Resolution to appoint an Interim Emergency Management Coordinator as recommended by the Personnel Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Theer.

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

Resolution #2021 - 11

Interim Head of Emergency Management Services

WHEREAS, Chapter 323 of the Wisconsin State Statutes established the need to prepare the State and its subdivisions to cope with emergencies resulting from a disaster, or the imminent threat of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Section 323.14(2) of the Wisconsin State Statutes establishes that each County Board shall designate a head of emergency management services; and

WHEREAS, the head of emergency management services for Florence County announced at the March 4, 2021 meeting of the Florence County Personnel Committee his intention to retire effective May 1, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Florence County wishes to appoint an interim head of emergency services until such time as a new person can be appointed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors does hereby appoint Amanda Mulvey to serve as interim Head of Emergency Management Services effective March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said interim shall serve until such time as the Head of Emergency Management Services is designated and duly appointed by the Florence County Board of Supervisors.

Moved by Supervisor Hedmark to adopt resolution # 2021 – 12 in support of the Emergency Declaration for Covid-19 with a 30-day renewal to revisit.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Brunette.

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

RESOLUTION # 2021-12

EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus known as COVID-19 was detected, and COVID-19 has continued to spread throughout the world, including to the United States and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, the federal government, state governments, and local governments are working together to contain the further spread of the disease and treat existing cases; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared a Public Health Emergency, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, and on March 12, 2020 the Governor of the State of Wisconsin declared a Health Emergency in the State; and

WHEREAS, Florence County (the "County") has been working to protect the health and well-being of its residents from the spread of COVID-19, and to prepare for the impacts the disease is likely to have on the

County; and

WHEREAS, the County Board (the "Board") has determined that it is necessary to make all possible resources and means available to the County in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents from the threat posed by the continued spread of COVID-19, be able to seek and utilize mutual aid and to potentially obtain reimbursement from the State or Federal Governments if available; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 323.11 the Board finds and declares that an emergency exists within the County by reason of an imminent threat of disaster impairing medical care, health, and other critical systems of the County due to the spread of COVID-19, and ensures that the Counties health professionals and other local stake holders have the necessary tools at their disposal such as N-95 respirators; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency prescribed by this Resolution, the Board may order, by ordinance or resolution, whatever is necessary and expedient for the health, safety, protection, and welfare of persons and property within the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chair and County Administrative Coordinator are hereby authorized and directed by the Board to coordinate and administer the County's emergency management response and to carry out the orders of the Board related thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Head of Emergency Management of the County is authorized and directed to carry out his duties under the County's Emergency Management Plan under the supervision and direction of the County Board Chair and County Administrative Coordinator and perform such other duties as may be directed by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of emergency the County Supervisors are hereby authorized to attend meetings of the Board remotely, and the Board shall take all actions necessary to effectuate the same in compliance with all other applicable laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based upon the information available to the Board and the ongoing threat posed by the spread of COVID-19, the period of emergency shall continue for sixty (30) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended by further resolution of the Board.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all actions heretofore taken by the Board and other appropriate public officers and agents of the County with respect to the matters contemplated under this Resolution are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

Under Committee reports

County Board Chair Bomberg reported that she received the Wisconsin Counties Association Annual Business Meeting request for resolutions. She reminded the Supervisors to submit any resolutions they want to be considered at the conference before June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Supervisor Nichols reported that she received an email from Wendy Gehlhoff, Economic Development Director, that a Florence County Tourism Assessment Meeting is being offered to anyone interested. The time and date to be announced.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Mills.

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
County Clerk