

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on July 17th, 2018. The meeting was called to order by the County Board Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Davis, Dzekute, Hedmark, Johnson, Kelley, Mills, Modschiedler, Neuens, Steber, Stratton and Theer. Absent: None.

Moved by Supervisor Stratton, seconded by Supervisor Hedmark to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Dzekute, seconded by Supervisor Mills to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Ayes: Twelve (12). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Those wishing to address the Board – Pat Smith, Florence County Forestry Presented concerns he has to County Board about the Gunnulson land acquisition that the Forestry Department has been working on for the past year through the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant Program. He explained Representative Felzkowski objected to the project proposal because she did not want the property pulled off the tax roll. Smith said this property would offer public recreation opportunities between the Towns of Florence and Aurora, secure the location of a state funded snowmobile trail that is on the property and be enrolled into the County Forest Program managed for optimum production. Smith said he would send information to the Board encouraging them to contact the Joint Finance Committee and Representative Felzkowski to move this acquisition forward.

Scott Sternhagen, Auditor for Schenck Certified Public Accountants, presented copies of the audited Annual Financial Report and the Management Communications Letter related to the audit of the County's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017. Sternhagen reviewed both reports with the Board answering any questions. Sternhagen noted improvement in several areas including removing two of the four findings the County had in the 2016 report. He stated the County is in good financial standing. The Chair thanked Sternhagen for the presentation.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to approve the audited 2017 Annual Financial Report and the Management Communications Letter. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Hedmark, seconded by Supervisor Stratton approval to proceed with the United States Court of Federal Claims, Kane County, Utah v. United States Class Action lawsuit. This will give Florence County rights to recover additional sums under the Payments in Lieu of Taxes Act (PILT ACT) for fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Financial Manger Joe Bestor is looking for additional information on this lawsuit and will report back to the Board before September 14th, 2018 participation deadline if he has any concerns. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Pat Smith presented the Board with a plaque recognizing Florence County Forestry & Parks for receiving the Coalition for Recreational Trails Recreational Trails Program Achievement Award for the Brule River Bridge project. Smith attended a special awards ceremony on June 5th in Washington, D.C. at Capitol Hill. The award is given for outstanding use of Recreational Trails Program funds.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Stratton to adopt Resolution #2018-13 for Chronic Wasting Disease Safeguards to Prevent Spread of Disease. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2018-13

Intent and Synopsis: Chronic Wasting Disease Safeguards to Prevent Spread of Disease

Whereas, the presence of Chronic Wasting Disease "CWD" continues to increase throughout Wisconsin, with at least 26 counties currently having CWD positive deer within them as of June 30, 2018, and

Whereas, within the past year, CWD positive deer have been discovered both in the wild and on game farms in the northern part of Wisconsin (with the most recent on a Marinette County game farm less than 10 miles from the Florence County border), and

Whereas, of the last ten new county positives, as of June 30, 2018, six have been found on game farms, including the two positives closest to Florence County, and

Whereas, game farms containing CWD infected cervids (members of the deer family) pose a risk to wild deer, which can be exposed to CWD through movement of the infected animals, fence failure, escapes, contaminated soil moved off site by wind and water, contaminated trailers and equipment, and by nose-to-nose contact, and

Whereas, all research indicates that it is vital to control the spread of this disease and it is obvious that our current preventative measures need to be strengthened.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Florence County Board of Supervisors adopts a moratorium on the importation of all cervids into the county and a moratorium on the establishment or expansion of any game farm populated with cervids within the boundaries of the county. Cervids include but are not necessarily limited to white tailed deer, black tailed deer, mule deer, red deer, Sika deer, elk, moose and caribou.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley and seconded by Supervisor Neuens to adopt Resolution #2018-14 for the 2017 Overdrawn Accounts. Ayes: Five (5). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Resolution #2018-14

WHEREAS: The following accounts were overdrawn for the year-ended December 31, 2017 due to unbudgeted expenses.

<u>Overdrawn Amount</u>	
52101 Law Enforcement- Sheriff	23,125.07
51930 Property & Liability Insurance	3,398.68 Total overdrawn
amount	<u>26,523.75</u>

WHEREAS: The overdrawn accounts had offsetting revenues for the year-ended December 31, 2017 that exceeded budgeted.

<u>Offsetting Revenue</u>	
52101 Law Enforcement- Sheriff	23,678.00
51930 Property & Liability Insurance	10,265.01 Total offsetting
revenues	<u>33,943.01</u>

WHEREAS: The Audit, Budget and Administrative Committee requests that the Florence County Board of Supervisors approve the unbudgeted expenditures of \$26,523.75 for the three accounts listed above.

RESOLVED: The expenditure amounts listed above as overdrawn accounts, totaling \$26,523.75, are hereby approved by the Florence County Board of Supervisors.

Under Committee reports, Supervisor Stratton feels positive about the new Chancellor for the University of Wisconsin and the relationship with the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committee (WACEC). She says that it looks like things will continue to move forward in a positive direction.

Supervisor Neuens asked about the procedure on Counties submitting resolutions to the Wisconsin Counties Association. Chairwoman Bomberg explained the process for submitting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk