

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on August 21, 2018. The meeting was called to order by the County Board Chair. Members present were Supervisors: Bomberg, Davis, Dzekute, Johnson, Kelley, Mills, Modschiedler, Neuens, Steber and Theer. Excused: Supervisors Hedmark and Stratton. Absent: None.

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

Moved by Supervisor Dzekute, seconded by Supervisor Mills to approve the minutes of the last meeting as read. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Those wishing to address the Board – None

Moved by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Supervisor Steber to approve Vicki Antonini to serve on the Human Services Board for the 2017 – 2019 term. Vicki will serve as one of the three Community Members at Large as recommended by the Human Services Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Joe Bestor, Financial Manager, reviewed the pros and cons on the best way to finance the purchase of a property privately owned by the LaBrecque Family connecting the ATV and Snowmobile Trails. Bestor reviewed options for the 0% Loan from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and options for the County to purchase with a General Fund transfer to the Capital Projects Fund.

Moved by Supervisor Kelley, seconded by Supervisor Davis approval to follow the recommendation of the Financial Manager and purchase the LaBrecque Land with a General Fund transfer of \$168,000 into the Capital Project Fund for the transaction. This recommendation was approved by the Forestry and Parks Committee and the Audit and Budget Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

Moved by Supervisor Steber and seconded by Supervisor Theer to adopt Resolution #2018-15 for the Florence County, Wisconsin Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution #2018-15**

A RESOLUTION adopting the Florence County, Wisconsin Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (2018).

WHEREAS, Florence County recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property; and

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions before disasters occur will reduce the potential for harm to people and property and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, an adopted natural hazards mitigation plan is required as a condition of future grant funding for mitigation projects.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Florence County, Wisconsin, hereby adopts the Florence County Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan (2018) as an official plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval of the Florence County, Wisconsin Hazard Mitigation Plan (2018), the Florence County Emergency Management Office will submit the Plan to Wisconsin Emergency Management and Federal Emergency Management Agency officials for final approval, as required under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Moved by Supervisor Steber and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to adopt Resolution #2018-16 to support Telecommuting Opportunities and Telecommuter Forward Certification as recommended by the Economic Development Committee. Ayes: Ten (10). Nays: None (0). Motion carried.

#### **Resolution #2018-16**

#### **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TELECOMMUTING OPPORTUNITIES AND TELECOMMUTER FORWARD CERTIFICATION**

AT A MEETING OF THE Florence County Board of Supervisors HELD AT the Florence County Courthouse, ON August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018,

WHEREAS, Florence County supports and commits to promoting the availability of telecommuting options;

WHEREAS, Telecommuting is good for our region. Workers who can work remotely can purchase real estate and add to our tax base, send their children to our schools, purchase goods and services in our area, and add to the overall economic development of our area, while enjoying the flexibility of working at home to promote a healthy family life; and,

WHEREAS, Telecommuter Forward! Certification will encourage municipalities and broadband providers to partner together to further job opportunities in the teleworking field; and,

WHEREAS, More Telecommuting jobs can keep the younger population here, encourage middle agers to stay or move back and Telecommuting is a vibrant option for the 65+ age group,

WHEREAS, Florence County hereby appoints Florence County Economic Development Director (currently Wendy Gehlhoff) as the single point of contact for coordinating telecommuting opportunities within Florence County including the following responsibilities:

- Coordination and partnership with broadband providers, realtors, economic development professionals, employers, employees, and other telecommuting stakeholders.
- Collaboration with broadband providers and employers to identify, develop, and market telecommuter-capable broadband packages.
- Communication and partnership with broadband providers and economic development professionals to develop common goals.
- Promotion of telecommuter-friendly workspaces, such as business incubators with telecommuting spaces, if such a workspace has been established in the political subdivision at the time the political subdivision adopts the resolution.
- Familiarity with broadband mapping tools and other state-level resources.
- Maintaining regular communication with the state broadband office.
- Making regular reports to the appropriate committees of the Florence County Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED that the Florence County Board supports telecommuting opportunities for Florence County in its application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification

No Committee reports

No Board member concerns

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

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell  
County Clerk