

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
Courthouse, Florence, WI
November 10, 2020

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 10, 2020. 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, Dzekute, Johnson, Kelley, Kellstrom, Mills, Modschiedler, Nichols(by phone), Steber and Theer.

Supervisors excused: Brunette and Hedmark

Absent: none

Public Hearing

The County Board Chair called three times for public input, written or oral, on the 2021 Florence County Proposed Budget.

There being no public input, written or oral, the hearing was adjourned.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Johnson to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Steber.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk

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County Board Supervisors present: Bomberg, Dzekute, Johnson, Kelley, Kellstrom, Mills, Modschiedler, Nichols(by phone), Steber and Theer.

Supervisors excused: Brunette and Hedmark

Absent: none

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Johnson to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Kelley.

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

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Steber to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.

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

Those wishing to address the Board – None

Zoning 20 Year Comprehensive plan

Moved by Supervisor Johnson approval to recommend concurrence with the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve Florence County Ordinance 11-17-2020, Florence County 20 Year Comprehensive plan.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Steber.

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

Zoning Amendment Fence

Moved by Supervisor Johnson approval to table the recommended concurrence to the December County Board meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee to approve ZA-20200001, request a Zoning Amendment to rezone all of parcel 006-01227-0010 in the Town of Fence from Agricultural (A-4) to General Commercial (C-1) to operate a heating, ventilation, and cooling business. Property is part of NW1/4, NE1/4,

Section 19, Township 38 North, Range 17 East, Town of Fence, Florence County, WI. Request submitted by Northern Sheet Metal.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Steber.

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

ADRC Appointment

Moved by Supervisor Theer approval to appoint Warren Soderberg to the at-large position on the ADRC Board as recommended by the ADRC Board.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Nichols.

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

CDBG Citizen Participation Plan

Moved by Supervisor Steber approval for the CDBG CL PF Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as recommended by Economic Development.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Kelley.

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

2021 Operating Budget, 2021 Capital Improvement Plan, Levy

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to approve the 2021 Proposed Budget for Florence County as presented in the published budget book as recommended by the Audit & Budget Committee:

1. Approve the proposed levy of \$4,462,401 as allocated on page A-1;
2. Approve the budget for Revenue and Expense accounts (Sections C & D);
3. Approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the five-year period from 2021 to 2025 (Exhibit G) to be partially funded by a \$200,000 transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

Motion Seconded by Supervisor Dzekute.

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

Resolutions

Moved by Supervisor Steber to adopt Resolution #2020-26 for the PSC Broadband Expansion Grant Application as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Kelley.

RESOLUTION # 2020-26

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BROADBAND EXPANSION GRANT APPLICATION/PARTNERSHIP WITH HILBERT COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

TO THE HONORABLE FLORENCE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

WHEREAS, in order to address the substantial areas within Florence County that are unserved or underserved with access to broadband, Florence County created a Broadband Study Committee to research and gather information to serve the broadband needs of its citizens and businesses, and to encourage providers to invest and provide those services in Florence County; and

WHEREAS, Hilbert Communications, LLC ("Hilbert"), and its subsidiary broadband wireless internet service provider company, Bug Tussel Wireless, LLC ("Bug Tussel"), desires to commence a project consisting of the construction and operation of certain wireless communication services to provide the most advanced infrastructure to the unserved and underserved residents of Florence County; and

WHEREAS, Florence County desires to pursue Broadband Expansion Grants offered by and through the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Hilbert is willing and able to partner with Florence County to provide the latest advancements in broadband coverage and to seek all available grants to provide and subsidize the cost of necessary broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Florence County desires to pursue and make application for any and all grant money available for broadband coverage; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee considered Hilbert and Bug Tussel's proven track record of community partnerships and their proposal to expand broadband to unserved and underserved areas of Florence County and hereby recommends partnering with Hilbert to pursue broadband expansion grants.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Florence County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 10th day of November, 2020, that the Board authorizes the application to the State of Wisconsin Public Service Commission for broadband expansion grants in partnership with Hilbert; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED. Upon the successful receipt of PSC grant funding, Florence County, subject to further negotiations, will enter into a development agreement with Hilbert that shall finalize the budget and structure of party contributions for the project as set forth in the grant application; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator is authorized to do all such acts and to execute, acknowledge and deliver all such documents necessary or desirable to fulfill the intent of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all prior acts, if any, taken by Florence County in furtherance of the transactions contemplated by this resolution are hereby approved.

Adopted this 10th day of November, 2020 by the Florence County Board of Supervisors

Under Committee reports

Supervisor Nichols, LEO Board representative, said they have hired a replacement for Jim Golembeski.

Supervisor Theer thanked the Health Department for all the work they've been doing with the Covid Pandemic.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk