

The Florence County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on December 15, 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, Brunette, Hedmark, Johnson, Kelley, Kellstrom, Mills, Modschiedler, Nichols, Steber and Theer.

Excused: Supervisor Dzekute

Absent: none

Public Hearing

The County Board Chair called three times for public input, written or oral, on the Records Management and Retention Ordinance.

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

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Theer to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Hedmark.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK
Courthouse, Florence, WI
December 15, 2020

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Excused: Supervisor Dzekute

Absent: none

Agenda

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

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

Minutes

Moved by Supervisor Theer to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

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

Those wishing to address the Board – None

Ordinance Amendment

Moved by Supervisor Nichols to approve the proposed amendment to Chapter 9: Records Management and Retention County of Florence Code of Ordinances as recommended by the Personnel Committee and the County Board Public Hearing.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Steber.

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

Proposed Unnamed Lake to be Named

Moved by Supervisor Theer to approve the proposal from Sue Greenquist McFadzen to name an unnamed lake, "Lake Misty Moors", on the property of Lillian Greenquist from the Wisconsin Geographic Names Council (WGNC).

Motion seconded by Supervisor Nichols.

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

Library Reappointment

Moved by Supervisor Kelley approval to reappoint Jan Gehlhoff pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute, Section 43.19(b)(1) to the Nicolet Federated Library System's Board of Trustees for a 3year term, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023, as recommended by Tracy Vreeke, Director of the Nicolet Federated Library System.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Theer.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Zoning Amendment Fence – November County Board

Moved by Supervisor Steber approval to withdraw November's application for 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. A verbal request to withdraw the application was made by Northern Sheet Metal.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Proposed Annual Forestry Work Plan

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to approve the Annual Forestry Work Plan as recommended by the Forestry Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Brunette.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Forestry Land Sale Bids

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to approve the Land Sales Bids as recommended by the Forestry Committee

Motion seconded by Supervisor Kellstrom.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

Blue Ox Contract

Moved by Supervisor Kelley approval to send the Contract for Amicus Brief in support of Blue Ox Snowmobile Club back to the Forestry Committee for additional information as recommended by Pat Smith, County Forester.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

CDBG CL PF

Moved by Supervisor Modschiedler to approve the Citizen Participation Plan Certification as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Steber.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

CDBG CL PF

Moved by Supervisor Steber to approve Selecting Three Fair Housing Actions as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

CDBG CL PF

Moved by Supervisor Modschiedler to approve the Signatory for other forms - Lobbying Certification, Assurances as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Steber.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

CDBG CL PF

Moved by Supervisor Steber to approve the No Acquisition/Relocation or Environmental Review needed as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote

CDBG CL PFED

Moved by Supervisor Steber to approve the CDBG CL PFED Amendment Letter requesting shorter end date as recommended by the Economic Development Committee.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Theer.
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote

Resolutions

Moved by Supervisor Kelley to adopt resolution # 2020 – 27 authorizing submission of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler
Motion carried, with all voting "Aye" on a voice vote.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION – 2020-27
for the Submission of a
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application

Relating to the _____ County of _____ Florence _____ participation in the
(County, City, Village, or Town) (UGLG/Unit of General Local Government’s Name)
Community Development Block Grant – Public Facilities (CDBG–PF) / Planning (CDBG-PLNG) / Public Facilities for
Economic Development (CDBG-PFED)/ CLOSE (CDBG-CLOSE) Program;
WHEREAS, Federal monies are available under the Community Development Block Grant
(CDBG) program, administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Division of Energy, Housing and
Community Resources (DEHCR) for the purpose of the provision or
development of a _____ County

(County, City, Town, Village)
plan (CDBG-PLNG or CDBG-CLOSE PLNG), or for the provision or improvement of public facilities (CDBG-PF, CDBG-PFED,
CDBG-CLOSE PF, or CDBG-CLOSE PFED); and

WHEREAS, after public meeting and due consideration, the _____ Economic Development Committee

(Name of Appropriate Committee)
has recommended that an application be submitted to DOA for the following project(s):
_____ ADA Accessibility Upgrades to County Building(s) _____ ; and

(CDBG Proposed Project Title)

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the _____ County Board _____ to

(County Board, City Council, Village Board, Town Board)
approve the preparation and filing of an application for the _____ County _____ to

(County, City, Town, Village)

receive funds from this program; and

WHEREAS, the _____ County Board _____ has reviewed the

(County Board, City Council, Village Board, Town Board)

need for the proposed project(s) and the benefit(s) to be gained there from;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the _____ County Board _____

(City Council, County Board, Village Board, Town Board)

does hereby approve and authorize the preparation and filing of an application for the above-
named project(s); and that the _____ County Board Chair _____ is hereby

(Council President, Mayor, Board Chair, Village President)

authorized to sign all necessary documents on behalf of the _____ County _____ ; and

(County, City, Village, Town)

that authority is hereby granted to _____ Economic Development Committee _____

(Name of Appropriate Committee)

to take the necessary steps to prepare and file the application for funds under this program in
accordance with this resolution.

Moved by Supervisor Theer to adopt resolution # 2020 – 28 approval to renew Emergency Declaration for Covid-19 for 60 days.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler

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

RESOLUTION # 2020-28
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 (60) 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.

Moved by Supervisor Theer to adopt resolution # 2020 – 29 approval to renew exemption for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) for county employees for Covid-19 for 60 days.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Modschiedler

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

RESOLUTION 2020-29

Designation of "emergency responder" and "healthcare provider" Employees

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, a novel strain of the coronavirus was detected, now named COVID-19, and it has spread throughout the world, including every state in the United States;

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern;

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Tony Evers declared a public health emergency to direct all resources needed to respond to and contain COVID-19 in Wisconsin;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed a National Emergency concerning COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, President Donald Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act ("FFCRA"), which expands the Family and Medical Leave Act (Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act), and creates a paid sick leave entitlement for certain eligible employees (Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act);

WHEREAS, the provisions of the FFCRA allows employers to exempt "emergency responders" and "health care provider" from provisions of the FFCRA;

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the State of Wisconsin issued a Safer at Home Emergency Order, Emergency Order #12, in response to the emergency;

WHEREAS, Paragraphs 1 and 12 recognize that all services provided by local governments to ensure the continuing operation of the government body and provide and support the health, safety, and welfare of the public are considered "Essential Governmental Functions" that must continue for sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Resolution unless sooner terminated or extended by further resolution of the Board.

WHEREAS, Emergency Order #12 categorically exempts broad categories of local government employees from the restrictions contained therein and otherwise provides local governments with broad discretion to identify employees and contractors necessary for the performance of a local government's "Essential Governmental Functions;" and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to provide the process for identifying employees, categories of employment, positions and/or departments that are "emergency responders" or "health care providers" under the FFCRA and, as a result, exempt from the provisions of the FFCRA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The following positions in Florence County are hereby designated as "emergency responder" for purposes of the application and implementation of the FFCRA: *public health operations, paid first responders to include law enforcement, EMS, and firefighters; first responder; training academies; building inspectors; emergency management personnel; emergency dispatchers; court personnel, jurors and grand jurors; corrections personnel; hazardous materials responders; child protection and child welfare personnel; housing and shelter personnel; human services include food security; public heating assistance; adult services; elders services; persons with disabilities; infrastructure work including building management and maintenance, custodial services, transportation related work include road construction and maintenance; water and waste operations; any utilities operations; communications positions, and all support positions associated with such positions.*

2. The following positions in Florence County are hereby designated as "health care provider" for purposes of the application and implementation of the FFCRA: all employment positions associated with or related to those within the meaning of section 101 of the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (29 U.S.C. 2611) and as further clarified by 29 CFR 825.124.

3. It is the intent of this Resolution to define the terms "emergency responder" and "health care provider" in the broadest sense possible consistent with the law in an effort to ensure and continue our essential functions during this time of emergency. Final determinations regarding the definition of emergency responder and/or health care provider as applied to any employment position with Florence County shall be determined by the Florence County Board of Supervisors with such decision being final.

4. This Resolution is effective immediately.

Under Committee reports

County Board Chair Bomberg reported to the Board that she received complaints for overnight parking and parties at the North Lake Boat Landing in Spreadeagle. She contacted the County Forester Pat Smith to put up a No Overnight Parking Sign and the Sheriff will have his deputies patrol the area.

Supervisor Hedmark read an email from the Aurora Rescue Squad President Jeff Rickaby saying that the Aurora Rescue Squad has been temporarily put Out of Service by the State until they resolve a few issues. He has made the Sheriff aware also.

County Board Chair Bomberg wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Adjourn

Moved by Supervisor Modschiedler to adjourn.

Motion seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Trudell
County Clerk