

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 05, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Alan Devereaux, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Leslie Housler; Absent – Commissioners Robert Colvin and Bill Goodwill.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Add- 7. Tel-Rad Services Agreement

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 10 Years Service Award, Duane Alworden, Dispatcher
2. 10 Years Service Award, Ray Griswold, Corrections Officer
3. 15 Years Service Award, Jeryl Kanouse, Mediator, FOC

The above three were not present but all were recognized for their years of service.

4. Resolution 14-04, Extending Appreciation to Shari Bednarick, Building/Zoning
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-04, Extending Appreciation for Shari Bednarick's Dedicated Service, as presented.

All in favor.

Presentations and Reports

1. Wexford Conservation District

Theresa Williams, Executive Director of the Wexford Conservation District, appeared before the Board to thank them for their cash support which allows them to receive a \$60,000 Grant from the Department of Agriculture. The grant dollars have allowed them to hire a Forester which is a value in this area. Max Yancho, Forestry Director, touched on his activities in 2013 involving forestry. Bob Eggle, Board Member, expressed what good advice the landowners have received from this department.

Public Comments

Susan Slack of Wexford County began by thanking the Board for their support. The volunteers have had several fundraisers and will be having another one on February 15,

2014. She questioned why the shelter has been closed so many days in January and discussed the days the shelter will be closed in February.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 15, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Appointments to the Wexford/Missaukee Community Corrections Advisory Board
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Bid Award for Cash Flow Analysis
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid from Anderson, Tackman, & Co, for the Cash Flow Analysis in an amount not to exceed \$6,675, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. MMRMA Risk Avoidance Program Application
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the MMRMA Risk Avoidance Program Application in the amount of \$1,030 to purchase a Stun Belt and authorize the Chairman to sign the application on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Motorola Solutions Services Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the Motorola Solutions Services Agreement in the amount of \$52,622.88 for the period of January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – FOC
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze and maintain the full-time position on the roster in the Friend of the Court Department, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Animal Shelter Fee Structure

MOTION by Comm Devereaux , seconded by Comm Taylor to change the fee structure for Animal Shelter Adoptions by reducing Altered Dogs from \$20 to \$15 and reducing Altered Cats from \$10 to \$0 dollars for adoption fees, as presented.

A Commissioner announced that 835 dog licenses were sold last year. Undersheriff Taylor was present and stated that in his time with the Sheriff's Department he has never been involved with a dog census. He spoke with a few surrounding counties and they were unsure if or when it was done in the past. It was pointed out that Manistee County made \$50,000 last year selling licenses. Commissioners then discussed ways they could encourage the citizens of the County to purchase dog licenses.

Treasurer Stanton came forward to inform the Board that her department does place an ad in the papers every year to explain and encourage the sale of dog licenses. She also informed the Board that area veterinarians do sell dog licenses and retain \$1.50 for each license they sell.

The Finance Committee will review the cost around the area.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Residential Stability Services Agreement Contract Modification

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Northwest Michigan Council of Governments contract modification extending the Residential Stability Services Agreement through September 30, 2014, increasing the agreement by \$15,050 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract modification, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Tel-Rad Services Agreement – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Tel-Rad Services Agreement in the amount of \$4,538.40 for the period of January 01, 2014 through December 31, 2014, and authorize the Chairman to sign the service agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton touched on the passing of the recent Farm bill and the impact it will have on our PILT money. Looks like good news for the County.

By May 1, 2014, our health care must be renewed. Adm. Hinton believes the premium increase will be about 15% which is good.

The final meeting with the Community Connect Project has been scheduled for February 28th. They are waiting for the provider to implement the infrastructure. Information will be sent out to all Supervisors in the County to encourage their participation.

Commissioners may be asked for their assistance.

Adm. Hinton touched on Revenue Sharing and the possibility of the County receiving \$672,000 next year which will help with the budget. MAC has a proposed resolution they will be providing Counties to use on this project.

The new computer workstations installation will begin tomorrow at the Courthouse. The entire project may take most of the month. There will be much coordination between some departments and their vendors such as the State of Michigan.

Adm. Hinton will be attending a MAC Legislative Conference on March 25-27. He will also be attending a meeting in Traverse City on February 25 along with Commissioners Housler and Taylor. Also David Carpenter has been hired as the General Manager at the Civic Center.

Correspondence

Treasurer's Cash/Investment Report

Public Comments

Judy Nichols, Haring Township, thanked the Board for all their hard work. She informed the Board that their group would be happy to help facilitate the sale of dog licenses. She too felt the diminished hours at the shelter were not good for the animals. She would like to see the website updated. She stressed what hard workers the volunteers at the Animal Shelter are and the tremendous job they do.

Liaison Reports – None

Board Comment

Comm Fuscone questioned why the shelter was understaffed.

Comm Mitchell questioned why the shelter was not open.

Comm Devereaux questioned why the shelter was closed so much with so many volunteers helping.

Chairman's Comments

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Comm Housler requested that Commissioners list their three to five priorities for the Board to work on this year. He thanked Comm Hilty for attending a LPT (Local Planning Team) meeting put together by EM. He suggested that each Commissioner attend one of these meetings as they are very informative.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to
adjourn at 6:40 p.m.
All in favor.**

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk