

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting * Thursday, July 30, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Fuscone

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Commissioners Gideon Mitchell and Leslie Housler.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Public Comments - None

Agenda Items

1. Work on the Jail Project Financing

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative of the Jail Project, came before the Board to explain the budget she put together, and the overage. The project was approved at \$12,525,073 back in September 2014. The County was going to bond \$11,500,000 and the balance would be paid by the County.

After Ms. Vogler put a more realistic budget together the project amount increase by \$322,623. She explained that this increase has to do with detention room, office equipment/kitchen, specialty equipment and office furniture. She believes this is a more realistic budget than what was presented earlier to the Board. If the Board approves this increase, Ms. Vogler is ready to send the full application to Blake Smith of USDA.

Frank Bednarek from Hooker De Jong also met with the Board. He explained how fixed items cannot be purchased tax free; however, furniture and other similar purchases may be tax exempt.

Board members were provided with a budget from a contractor active in Jail Construction. He and Mr. Bednarek believe this is a more realistic budget than what was provided earlier.

Mr. Bednarek is very familiar with the USDA process. There are four agencies that must approve the project: USDA; Housing & Zoning Authority; MDOC; Fire Marshall. He felt the Fire Marshall may be the biggest hold up due to back logs. The County must have an approved loan before bids go out.

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MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve an increase of \$322,623.00 in the jail construction budget from \$12,525,073.00 to \$12,847,696.00, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Ms. Vogler came forward to request that a couple other documents be signed by the Board Chair.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to authorize the Vice Chairman to sign Form 1942-A and Form G802-2007 as presented, on behalf of the County.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn the Special Meeting at 6:18 p.m.

John Fuscone, Vice Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk