

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, March 04, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mitchell.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

5. Administrator's Contract referral to County Counsel
6. DPW discussion on membership

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. Veteran's Presentation - Rob Price (Failed to appear)

2. GASB 68 Presentation - Ken Hinton, Administrator

Board members viewed a power point provided by Adm. Hinton on the GASB 68 and its impact on the county during the 2015 audit. Historically the pension has not been a part of the balance sheet account, but as a foot note. In 2015, it will be included as part of the audit. It was also noted that component units were included in the Board's audit; however, the Board has no control over it. The county has not received the actuarial from MERS yet, but is expecting it in the near future. The County pays in annually to MERS with one half going to the current service and the balance going towards the unfunded portion. He also mentioned that MERS may be looking at the mortality table which will have a negative impact.

Public Comments

Michael Mix, Manton, believes Wexford County needs some training on personnel relations. With Mr. Divizzo leaving the county back in July, 2014, Ms. Hill has taken on some of those responsibilities and has not been paid for it.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 18, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. State 9-1-1- Operational Surcharge
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to authorize the County 911 Director to submit the required documentation to the State 911 Office stating the County is going to continue collection of the local 911 surcharge with no change for the period of July 01, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

2. Quote Award for AED's
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to award the bid submitted by Physio-Control to purchase four Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) for use by the Cadillac Police Department in the amount of \$7,948.00, as presented.

The County received three bids with Physio-Control receiving the bid award.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

3. Budget Amendment(s)

3/4/2015

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20150301	101.253.571.00	State Grant - Conv.	\$ 71,880	(a)
	101.966.999.07	Northern MI Substance Abuse		\$ 71,880
	To redirect 2014 fund balance to Northern Michigan Regional Entity			
20150302	293.000.695.00	Transfer in General	\$ 15,000	(b)
	293.000.713.00	Per Diem		\$ 13,500
	293.000.719.00	Social Security		\$ 1,033
	293.000.860.00	Travel		\$ 467
	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 15,000	
	101.965.999.07	Soldiers & Sailors Relief		\$ 15,000
	To establish a budget for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Commission compensation			

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the budget amendment(s) dated 03/04/2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

4. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project
MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Howie to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Adm. Hinton reminded the Board that a Public Hearing has been scheduled for March 18 at 5:00 p.m. to review the application to the Rural Development for the jail facility. The architects may be present and provide visual aids for the public. Tom Trasiak, Bond Counsel, will address the Board at the 5:30 meeting. Paul Wyzgoski will be at the April 2nd meeting to explain and review the resolution that the Board must sign on the jail project financing.

Other matters of concern are the storm water drainage and roads and the potential cost. Once that has been received by the Administrator he will bring the information back to the Board.

Adm. Hinton explained that the County will need some legal representation on the project which is required by Rural Development. It was suggested that it be bid out.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to rise and report the findings for the Committee of the Whole.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm Taylor to bid out the legal counsel services for the jail project.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

5. Administrator's Contract referral to County Counsel - *Added*
Some Board members felt it may be a good idea to have a third party involved in the contract negotiation with Adm. Hinton.

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Fuscone to refer the negotiations of the administrator contract to the County's attorney and Chairman of the Board.

Roll call: Motion approved 8 to 1 with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

6. DPW membership discussion - *Added*

Board members discussed the reduction of Board members on the BPW, going from seven members to five members. The BPW committee felt five members were sufficient.

Adm. Hinton would like to see if a majority of this Board is interested in the Board reduction before getting legal counsel involved. Some commissioners felt that by June three townships would no longer need DPW services. Adm. Hinton explained he is not certain of all the things that would need to be done before the membership can be reduced. If the Board is interested in the reduction in membership, County counsel will provide the proper steps that need to be taken.

Other commissioners questioned why the change needed to be done now. Some commissioners felt the DPW could do this on their own with no county involvement. The Board has set an end date of 12/31/2015 to get out of the DPW business.

The county received a legal opinion on how the DPW was to operate and who they answer to. This commissioner felt that the County does appoint members, but that is their only involvement, unless money is requested from the County.

Adm. Hinton explained the Board names the number of members and the Board can put the duties of the BPW under the Road Commission or the Drain Commissioner.

MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Howie to send the question of BPW membership to counsel for clarification.

After further discussion Comm MacCready withdrew the motion.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton stated that two vendors came forward to bid on the maintenance contract. When the bids are received they will be brought before the Finance Committee to consider. He will be off on Wednesday, 3/11 on a personal day. Next Thursday an employee from his office will be off on a medical leave which may last as long as 6 weeks. He has lined up a temp to come in and work five days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Correspondence

1. DNR – Public Notice of Proposed Oil & Gas Lease Action
2. Letter from Troy P on Shelia Hill – (not provided to the clerk)
3. Letter from a citizen that was very unhappy with the phone system at the FOC – (not received by the clerk)

Public Comments

Beverly Monroe, Manton, reminded the Board that the increase in Ms. Hill's salary does not come from the county. They are an enterprise fund.

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended a Road Commission meeting and would like to thank Alan Cooper for going to Greenwood Township's meeting to discuss the road/creek situation. Comm MacCready believes there are many culverts that have reached their end of life.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready expressed concern about Ms. Hill's salary. He believes the Board and the Union need to figure out what to do.

Comm Housler felt the county may have to take a second look at the Shelia Hill matter.

Comm Howie explained that the enterprise fund is county tax dollars. He touched on the hours Mr. Divozzo and Ms. Hill have put in.

Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:25 p.m.
All in favor.**

Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk