

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 16, 2016

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Delete item 6 – Discussion on 911 Call Answering System; *Amend item 7 - Amended* Budget Amendments; *Add: item 9* 2016 Grant Application – Animal Shelter; 10. Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations; 11. CBA for the POAM 312 Unit; 12. Budget Amendment; 13. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Dispatch; K. Administration Report; 14. Surcharge Discussion.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor except for Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. County Commission Survey - NLCMH

Karl Kovacs, Director of Northern Lakes Community Mental Health appeared to update the Board on at NLCMH and to thank them for both the Boards' support as well as the financial support. He appreciates the Board's appointees of Comm MacCready and Cheryl Walker. He reviewed a hand out with the Board which was a summary of the services delivered to residents in Wexford County for the year 2015. The cost to serve citizens in Wexford totals \$10,066,672. The County's contribution was \$76,543. In conclusion, he touched on the three specialized homes that service vulnerable and institutional care people in the community. Club Cadillac is also part of NLCMH, which work with training mental ill people to help train them to become employed at business.

Public Comments

Judy Nichols, sat in dispatch for one hour or so to see how the system worked. She was fascinated by the system and the kindness that is shown to the callers. She was very impressed. Ms. Nichols will be speaking at the Mackinaw Trail Middle School next week to share what it means to do civic duty.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the November 2, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Apportionment Report

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the apportionment report and authorize Clifford Porterfield to sign the Certification Statement and submit said report to the State Tax Commission, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, appeared before the Board to answer any questions they may have. This is a report that is prepared every year which lists all the millages we have in the County including County, School, and Township.

Roll call: All in favor.

2. Health Insurance Approval

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve both the current base plan option and the Health Savings Account (HSA) option of health insurance both provided by Weadock and Associates allowing the employee to choose which option to elect for the 2017 plan year and for the County to contribute to the HSA deductible \$1,250 to a single policy and \$2,500 to a double/family policy, as presented.

Courtney Box, Weadock and Associates, explained the cost savings the County could realize if they change their insurance coverage to an HSA. She described the cost savings of \$67,000 for 2017 even with the county contribution. Ms. Box has taken time to sit down with many of the County employees to explain the HSA plan and most are very interested. Under this plan the County will contribute \$1,250 for a single employee and \$2,500 for a two person/family to an HSA health savings account. The HAS money would be used towards the deductible, prescriptions, dental, etc. She also touched on Vision and Dental which are included in the HSA plan. It was pointed out that employees may contribute up to \$6,500 of their own dollars into their HSA account.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 16-38, Opting Out of PA 152

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 16-38, Resolution Exempting Wexford County Government and "Opting Out" from the Provisions of 2011 PA 152 for Coverage Year Commencing January 1, 2017, and set the employee premium co-pay at a rate of 10% unless included in the collective bargaining, as presented.

A commissioner pointed out that industry standards for employee insurance co-pay is at least 20%.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 4. Retire and Release K-9 Dzeski
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the request to retire K-9 Dzeski as of December 4, 2016 and release him to his handler, Deputy Paul Fowler, as presented.

All in favor.

- 5. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Prosecutor’s Office
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for the Prosecutor’s Office part-time, grant funded Victim Advocate position, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved six to one with Comm Howie voting against the motion.

- 6. Discussion on 911 Call answering system – *Deleted*

- 7. *Amended* Budget Amendments –
MOTION by Com Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the amended budget amendments dated 11/16/2016, as presented.

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**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2016 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20161107	101.325.702.05	Dispatch/OT		\$ 14,000(a)
	101.325.702.09	Dispatch/Holiday		\$ 1,000
	101.325.703.05	Dispatch/911 OT		\$ 5,500
	101.325.800.05	Dispatch/Equipment		\$ 14,000
	101.325.931.00	Equipment Maintenance/Repair		\$ (6,500)
		Overtime expense incurred and were unexpected.		
20161108	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 9,420	(b)*
	101.526.720.00	Retirement		\$ 3,924
	570.000.720.00	Retirement		\$ 5,496

MERS retirement appropriations for DPW.

*Allocated to balance the 570 account for 2016

Roll call: Motion approved five to two with Comm MacCready and Howie voting against the motion.

8. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project - None
9. 2016 Grant Application - Animal Shelter – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the request to submit a grant application to Two Seven Oh for the purpose of spaying/neutering prior to adoption, as presented.

All in favor.

10. Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing union negotiation pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 (c).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.

All in favor.

11. CBA for the POAM 312 Unit – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the collective bargaining agreement for the Police Officers Association of Michigan, 312 Unit, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement when presented.

A commissioner suggested that this Board should start looking at defined contribution for retirement rather than the Hybrid plan.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Budget Amendment – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a debt service budget amendment in the amount of \$68,948, as presented.

20161109	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	68,948	(c)
	101.965.999.05	Debt Service	\$	68,948	

Debt Service payment for Escrow Account on the Refinanced Bonds
Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

13. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Dispatch – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for two full-time dispatchers, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed six to one with Comm Howie voting against the motion.

14. Surcharge Discussion
A commissioner questioned the ballot language on the 911 surcharge. It was felt that the language was unclear and may be challenged.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Jordan provided the Board with a written report dated November 16, 2016.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald explained the representative on the Airport Authority is now a liaison.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready questioned why the minutes were not on the Wexford County website. He also questioned why Community Corrections Administration Fee was \$7,500 rather than back down to \$2,500.

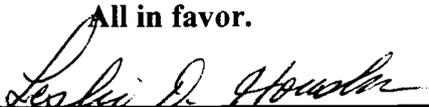
Comm Goodwill informed the Board that MSUE is having a workshop for County Commissioners that he highly recommends. The training helps Board members understand what authority the Board has.

Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk