

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 7, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Gary Taylor.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added - 7. Consideration of five contracts to be reviewed by the County; 8. FOIA

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 10-year Service Award, Becky Huttenga, Sheriff's Dept.
Ms. Huttenga was not present to accept her award. It will be given to her at a later date.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments

Gordie Maxwell, Cadillac, informed the Board that the City of Cadillac just took action to remove a piece of property on Pearl Street off from the tax rolls. He believes that the yearly tax loss will be \$22,000. He suggested that the County look to billing the City for dispatch services.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 15, 2016, Special Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the August 17, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes

A correction was requested to the meeting minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 15, 2016. The last paragraph on page one will be adjusted as follows:

Adm. Jordan reminded the Board of the cost study done by Plante Moran. They quoted figures for the years of 2017 to 2021. ~~Included in that study was the cost of going to MSP Gaylord, County Authority and a County Department.~~

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Policy B-12.4

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the changes to Policy B-12.4, Paid Absence From the Workplace, and to allow employees that are affected by this change to use their paid absence by December 31, 2017, as presented.

Adm. Jordan pointed out that the adjustment to the policy was part of the TPOAM Contract negotiating. This adjustment to the Policy for non-union employees will be the same benefit change that union employees negotiated.

Roll call: Motion approved seven to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

2. Flu Immunizations

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Cadillac Family Physicians to provide on-site flu immunizations and for the County to pay the full \$30.00 for any Wexford County employees whose cost is not covered by insurance, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 16-33, Supporting Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 16-33, Supporting Wexford County Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application for the period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$51,616, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Bid Award – Courthouse Parking Lot Sealing & Striping

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the bid received from Great Lakes Striping and Sealing in the amount of \$9,476 for seal coating, crack filling and striping the Courthouse parking lot, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Budget Amendments – None

6. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project
Nothing to report.

7. Consideration of Five County Contract to be Reviewed and Assessed - *Added*
A commissioner thought it would be in the County's best interest to review several contracts the County has with certain organizations/municipalities. Some of the contracts have a self-renewal clause which may not be in the best interest of the County. A commissioner suggested that the review of the contracts be assigned to the Administrator and bring the findings forward. Another commissioner felt it was the Board's duty to review the contracts. If contracts were to be sent to a committee, it was felt that Human Resources Committee would be the committee to review the contracts. It was also brought forward that the City of Cadillac had agreed to share in the dispatch maintenance cost when invoiced; however, they have never been invoiced. It was agreed by the Board that before a contract is renewed Board members would receive it two weeks before the contract expires or comes before the Board for renewal.

8. FOIA – *Added*
Board members discussed modifying the format of providing FOIA request. They felt it may be helpful to provide the requested information, if possible, in spreadsheet, pdf searchable and scan able. Any documents that need to be redacted will be done and copied.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to modify the FOIA policy to allow the requestor to specify output format of documents unless technically unavailable.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Jordan provided the Board with a written report dated September 7, 2016. He mentioned that there has been good progress at the jail site. The City has agreed to work together with Granger on modifications of the sewer. Granger has requested advance notice if commissioners are interested in visiting the construction site.

The cabling for the VOIP phone system is about done. Adm. Jordan felt it was in the best interest of the County to stay with AT&T. He also touched on the 911 study and looking into, among other things, whether or not the 800 MHz or high band radios would be the best in our area. The study will be in early October and it was doubtful that any information would be available before the election.

Correspondence – None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting yesterday. They were able to send 50 children to summer camp this year. DHHS has started working on "Project Christmas". Also, they were able to provide 37 kids with backpacks and a coupon for shoes for back to school.

Comm MacCready attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting where he learned that there is a shortage of guardians for special needs and elderly citizens. He believes there is a need for guardians to have liability insurance assistance.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready questioned why a job posting was put out for a dispatch operator. He again touched on the need for the Board to assess County contracts.

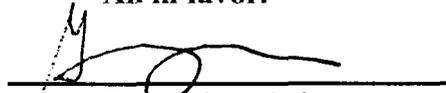
Vice Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor thanked all for coming to the meeting tonight.

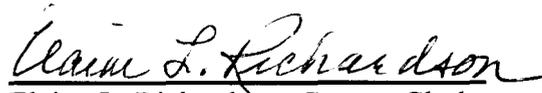
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Theobald to
adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Vice Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk