

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, July 01, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Removed – Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

Add - BCN Drug Coverage

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 15 –Years’ Service Award, Lucinda Rathbun, Clerk’s Office
Chairman Mitchell presented Lucinda Rathbun with a certificate for 15 years of dedicated service to the County.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the June 17, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Jury Commission Appointment

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

After some discussion, the minutes will be corrected from the June 17, 2015, Regular Meeting, Page 4:

Board Comments: Comm MacCready was asked by a couple of fire chiefs to attend the 911 system presentation at the Courthouse scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on 06/18/2015.

~~Concern was raised that there may be a quorum present.~~ Comm MacCready was told to not attend because a quorum may be present.

Comm Taylor withdrew his motion and Comm Fuscone withdrew his support.

MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm MacCready to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

All in favor except Comm Fuscone and Taylor.

Agenda Items

1. Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan 2014 Annual Report Board members were provided with the 2014 Annual Report from the Area Agency on Aging for their review.

2. Resolution 15-16, Approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to approve Resolution 15-16, Approving the Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Housing Council Emergency Project Approval

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the appointment of Jayne Stanton, Treasurer, as the person to authorize Housing Council Emergency Projects up to \$7,000, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Request for Additional Staff Hours – Building & Zoning

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Housler to approve the revised position description for a full-time Building and Zoning clerical staff position and to post the union position internally, as presented.

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

5. Committee of the Whole —~~Jail Project Update~~

Added – BCN Drug Coverage

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the BCN Drug Coverage.

Board members were aware that there was some employee unrest with the change in insurance since the beginning of the year. A meeting with 44 North has been scheduled for July 9th to try and resolve some of the issues. On June 30, 2015, the Clerk was contacted by Lise Hoppe of 44 North to discuss our mail in drug plan. Before the change went into place at the beginning of 2015, employees would receive 90 day supply of their mail in prescription at a cost of \$90. After the new insurance was put in place that cost jumped to \$180. 44 North has suggested adding a stipend to each of the base plans premiums and the cost would revert back to the \$90. The total approximate cost to the County would be \$1,150.00. Board members were reminded that this will not fix the entire problem, but it is a step forward.

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

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

6. BCN Drug Coverage – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve adjusting the premium level on Base Plan policies to correct the 90 day mail order drug cost at an approximate cost to the County of \$1,150.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report - None

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting where they had a presentation on hoarding and fire hazards.

Comm Fuscone attended the bid opening at the DPW for the water system at Cedar Creek Township. In total, there were three companies bidding on the project. All bids will be reviewed before the bid is awarded.

Comm Housler attended a special North Flight meeting where they discussed a project that is not ready to be released to the public.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready read a statement from the Attorney General's Open Meetings Handbook as well as the County Policy A-1.0 2 b iii that addresses quorums and committee attendance. Attendance can be five members with one being an observer who cannot debate or vote. He then touched on the 911 issue and the problems he believes we may have.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Mitchell thanked the board for their patience tonight. He is unable to attend the Emergency Local Planning Committee meeting and Comm Housler has agreed to take over for him. Also, he will approve the attendance of any commissioner interested in attending the MAC Conference but no overnight stays at the County's expense. This will be a three day event in Traverse City.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to adjourn
at 6:02 p.m.
All in favor.**

Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk