

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting * Friday, July 17, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:30 p.m. by Chairman Gideon Mitchell.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Public Comments

Gordie Maxwell, Cadillac, requested that if the Board signs the Agreement for Limited Joint administration of State Construction Code, they sign under protest until all allegations have been taken care of.

Agenda Items

1. Review and Sign the Agreement for Limited Joint Administration of State Construction Code

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the agreement between Wexford County and the City of Cadillac for Limited Joint Administration of State Construction Code and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement, as presented.

Robert Scarbrough, Director of the Building Department, explained the agreement before the Board and the necessity of signing it today. The agreement is not about complaints that may have been made against the Building Department. The City asked to take building inspections back from the County. On July 10, 2015 the order was released from the State stating the City would be able to accept plans and give out permits effective 7/20/2015. With the agreement signed, it will allow the County to continue and finish the inspections on permits for the City, which the County has been working on. If the agreement is not signed, the County will have to sort out all City permits and consider the financial investment the County has in them as of 7/19/2015. The remaining financial balance would be given back to the City for work to be done to finish up the permits.

Commissioners felt the City was making some cheap shots about the Building Department, with nothing to back them up.

Another commissioner had called the State Building Department to see if they had received any complaints about our Building Department. They have not. The City

claims that they have no letters to provide the County and that all complaints were made anonymously.

Mr. Scarbrough believes the complaints on his department is a separate matters. He encouraged the Board to sign the agreement which would make things easier.

Roll call: Motion passed five to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

Public Comments - None

Board Comment-

Comm Fuscone believes it is the right thing to do for the County.

Comm MacCready would like to see more cooperation between the County, City and Haring Township to get the situation ironed out before it reached this level.

Comm Housler stated in his 12 ½ years with the County, he have never heard any complaints against the Building Department.

Comm Theobald had talked to several people in the community that spoke highly of the Building Department. She was disappointed that we have gotten to this point.

Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.

All in favor.

Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk