

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 21, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman John Fuscone

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added- 15. 2016 Animal Welfare Grant Application; 16. Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, PLC Invoices; Correspondence: 1. MERS Experience Study Impacts

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. VoIP Presentations

A. Abadata

Dave Wineman of Abadata has been in business for 35 years. He believes the new phone system the county is looking at fits their goal. They offer a state of the art system with materials and service. The infrastructure of our system in the courthouse is old. There is no connectivity to the statewide fiber network. The county needs to upgrade their phone system. Mr. Wineman discussed the wiring and connections with the old system.

The County spends about \$4000/month for centrex and POTS lines. He can provide a reduced rate and not use the centrex and POTS lines. They would also change the copper wiring to fiber and they would not use Charter Internet service. He pointed out that the fiber would not be AT&T. He will provide a phone system to the county for \$1458.36 per month with 100% service and maintenance. Cost of internet not included.

Mr. Wineman would start with a network diagram at no charge to the county and if it does not meet our needs he will walk away. Rather than using Charter Interest, they use Merit.

He encouraged Board members to consider option A, which would fit the county's needs.

B. BSB

Mark Hodges of BSB Communications has been in business for 15 years. Brent Olson is the technical part of the business and is the number one dealer of Mitel. He provided some background on himself and the business. The Mitel system is the best on the market in design, voice mail, user friendly, and a very reliable system. He did not believe the County is ready for Voice over IP. They will prove to meet Wexford County's phone needs now and in the future. At this point, they are uncertain the number of switch ports that will be needed. They believe they will need to add CAT 3 on the 3rd floor and digital for other floors. Their system will have some flexibility and they will use PRI rather than Centrex due to its reliability. They don't believe the county's data is ready for IP phones.

BSB will firm up the price once they do a full investigation. They touched on the options they presented for the Board to consider.

Public Comments

Patty Yonkman addressed the Board regarding providing water to property across from the landfill.

Mary Hallett, Treasurer for Cedar Creek Township, explained that she received a bill from their attorney that will be passed along to a County Commissioner. This Commissioner contacted Cedar Creek legal counsel for information on the Cedar Creek water agreement. She then discussed the host agreement and that water is to be provided to persons within the RAP with the DPW to pay the cost of the water system as well as the maintenance. The Lesleys live within the RAP area and do not have water. Ms. Hallett believes that the DPW must maintain accurate records and Cedar Creek should be allowed to view all legal documents as outlined in the Host Agreement. She also read a portion of the Cedar Creek Ordinance where it addresses that all property owners within the RAP must use the water system.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 07, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
 2. Policy C-1.0 Communication with Legal Counsel Revisions
- MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing on the Application for 2016 Community Development Block Grant Housing Program

Public Hearing began at 6:47 p.m.

Leslie Casselman, Housing Program Coordinator for NW Michigan Community Action Agency and Steven Taylor, Housing Program Supervisor for NW Michigan Community Action Agency, are the third party administrators to help low income residents to repair their homes. They need the Board's approval to apply for a grant from MISDA totaling \$300,000. This grant will be structured differently. This is a new program and the County will not be receiving the loan payments; however, they will be received by MISDA. Ms. Casselman pointed out that the \$300,000 was the maximum they could receive; however, they would be happy to receive \$100,000. She explained the need for the grant in the community and provided a map showing the amount of residents that have requested help.

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Taylor to end the public hearing at 7:00 p.m.

All in favor.

2. Resolution 15-25, CDBG Grant Application
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 15-25 Application for funding the 2016 Michigan Community Development Block Grant Housing Program, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Thinking Matters Program Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the agreement between Catholic Human Services and Wexford County for the "Thinking Matters" program, for the period of October 01, 2015 through September 30, 2016, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Substance Abuse Testing Services Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the one-year extension for substance abuse testing services between St. of MI Department of Corrections and Wexford County and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the extension on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. State of Michigan Department of Corrections Agreement for Tether Services
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the agreement between St. of MI and Wexford County for electronic monitoring

for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Residential Stability Services Agreement Extension
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the contract modification for Residential Stability Services in the amount of \$4,500 with the expiration of September 30, 2016 and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Victim Rights Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Victim Rights Grant agreement between Wexford County and MI Department of Health and Human Services in the amount of \$38,000 for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016, and authorize the Vice Chairman to electronically sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: motion approved unanimously.

8. Consulting Services Agreement for Title IV-D Claims
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the agreement between Wexford County and MGT of America in the amount of \$4,000 plus \$1.40 per timesheet processed for Title IV-D claiming services and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Simulcast Repeater Towers Upgrade Request
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the request to upgrade the Central Tower Site in the amount of \$6,964.60 and the Water Tower Site in the amount of \$6,992.32, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Undersheriff Taylor was present to explain the problems the department is currently having with their dispatch center. For years they have been having problems and AT&T has been able to take care of them properly. However; AT&T is unable to get parts to fix the towers/dispatch unit due to the age of the system. They have two dispatch persons

during a shift, one will have the upgraded system that works through a computer and mapping system. The other dispatcher will be operating his station as they did back in the 90's. If AT&T located the parts the cost to repair the system would be approximately \$10,000. To upgrade to a new standalone system the cost would be \$100,000 to \$125,000. An option that can be considered is to remote into another center and the County could remote in. Bids will have to be considered on a standalone or to remote in. Undersheriff Taylor felt at this time the best resolution to the problem would be to remote into someone else, if possible. If the Board decides to go to a remote system it will take about three months or so to get everything in place.

Undersheriff Taylor will continue to work on more information to present to the Board.

10. Housing Council Project 14-08

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Housing Council Project 14-08 in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 using CDBG funding for a loan to provide for lead abatement, window and door replacement, electrical, HVAC, plumbing, structural flooring, handrails and porches provided by Nichols Construction, a presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Housing Council Project 14-11

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Housing Council Project 14-11 in the amount of \$11,480 using CDBG funding for a loan to provide a reroof, a ramp and to repair damage to the back section of the house provided by Lon Reddy Builders, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Housing Council Project 14-16

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Housing Council Project 14-16 in the amount of \$9,365 using funding for a loan to provide for roof replacement, chimney removal below roof line, and a vent pipe to pellet stove provided by John Szegda, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

13. Budget Amendments

10/21/2015

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Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20151004				
260.363.702.05		Overtime		\$ 700 (a)
260.362.802.00		Transition House		\$ (700)
		Overtime expenses incurred		

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 10/21/2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

14. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project Update - None

15. 2016 Animal Welfare Grant Application - *Added*

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2016 Animal Welfare Grant Application between Wexford County and MI Dept. of Agriculture and Rural Development in an amount not to exceed \$10,000, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

16. Miller, Canfield, Paddock, & Stone, PLC Invoices

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the invoices submitted by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC in the amount of \$25,103.26, as presented.

Board members discussed the reason the billing was so high. Miller, Canfield has been working with the DPW on a matter that has taken all of 2 years handling a disagreement on access with a property owner. They are working on some type of resolution.

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

Administrator's Report

Board members were reminded that two insurance vendors would be meeting with employees as well as commissioners to discuss the benefits in their insurance. The Board will be selecting a new insurance plan to begin next year. Board members encouraged employees to attend to see which vendor/insurance type they preferred.

Correspondence

1. MERS Experience Study Impacts

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

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Comm Taylor toured the Mecosta-Newago morgue that was recently built. In June of next year they will be looking at inviting 15 counties to join them.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready thought the insurance meeting with Weadock and C&M were good meetings.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Fuscone believes all the activity going on with 911 problem changing insurance and phones could be a nightmare.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 7:35 p.m.**

All in favor.

John Fuscone, Vice Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk