

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 19, 2017

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

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports –

1. Resolution 17-09 Honoring the Manton Rangers High School Basketball Team
MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 17-09 Honoring the Manton Rangers High School Basketball Team, as presented.

Chairman Housler read the resolution into the records. The Coach was present to accept the resolution along with members of the basketball team.

All in favor.

2. Resolution 17-10 Honoring the Buckley Bears High School Basketball Team
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 17-10 Honoring the Buckley Bears High School Basketball Team, as presented.

Chairman Housler read the resolution into the record. The resolution will be presented to the team by Chairman Housler at an event planned for the team in Buckley.

All in favor.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 5, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor except Comm Theobald voted against the motion.

Agenda Items

1. 2017 Rotary Club Auction Procurement Form
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Rotary Auction Procurement request, as presented.

All in favor.

2. DHHS Contract
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to rescind the contract between the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Prosecutor for Foster Care Legal Representation previously approved February 1, 2017, as presented.

Prosecutor Elmore had presented this request to the Executive Committee. The Department of Health and Human Services will have independent people to handle the cases.

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

3. 911 Plan Update
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the cost of \$5,000 to update the County's 911 Plan by Attorney Douglas Van Essen, as presented.

Sheriff Taylor explained that there have been many changes to the 911 plan since it was approved in 2001. If this motion is approved, the Attorney will be more than happy to attend any committee and/or conference call to answer any questions.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. 2017 Equalization Report
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2017 Equalization Reports and Form L-4024 and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign Form L-4024, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, appeared before the Board to provide his annual equalization report. He explained that this report provides a snap shot of all the assessed values in the County. He touched on the impact that the veterans tax exemption has on the County and the three types that are offered.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Housing Council Project W15-18
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Housing Council Project W 15-18 in an amount not to exceed \$38,550 using CDBG funding for a loan to provide for siding, window replacements, door replacements, roof, HVAC, drywall repair and a garage door, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

6. Building Official's Request for Compensation

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Building Official's request for compensation in an amount not to exceed \$21,000, as presented.

Bob Scarbrough, Director of the Building Department, appeared before the Board to request back pay for filling the Director's position on and off back in 2000 to 2005. Mr. Scarbrough was a part time employee asked to fill in when the Director was unable. He requested to be compensated back in 2005, 2006 and 2007 but withdrew his request when funds were short in the 249 fund. Currently, the fund balance in this account is \$138,598.

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

7. Budget amendments

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 04/19/21017, as presented.

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 Amendments to the 2017 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20170401	274.000.410.00	Personal Property Tax	\$ 1,850		(a)
	274.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 1,350	
	274.000.961.00	Tax Refund		\$ 500	
	Additional Revenue and Tax Tribunal				
20170402	245.900.695.00	Transfer In/General	\$ 143,593		(b)
	245.900.695.05	Transfer In/Other	\$ (143,593)		
	Budgeted in wrong line item				

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

8. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project – None

Administrator's Report

Interim Co-Administrator Richardson explained that the Medical Examiner would be moving out of the area in June and the Board would have to decide if they were going to continue to use his services. Also, contact was made with the Morgue Authority in Mecosta County to see if we could be a part of their Authority and use their facility to do our autopsies. Adm. Bullock from Mecosta County will be meeting with the authority on

April 26 and communicate back to the County their thoughts. It was mentioned that the Medical Examiner at the Morgue Authority does ME work in several counties in the area.

A letter has been sent to American Waste asking them to provide the County with information they have regarding the calculations of the impact fee. American Waste believes it has been miscalculated over the past four years and is asking the County to reimburse them.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments – None

Liaison Reports

Comm Taylor reported on his attendance to an environmental meeting held dealing with solid waste management at the MAC Conference. The Committee will be reporting back to the Governor. He would like to see recycling increased. However, there needs to be adequate state funding in place first. Comm Taylor received a draft of the new dog laws that are being proposed for review. Sheriff Taylor has been provided with a copy.

Comm Nichols attended the Housing Council meeting and will be going to Traverse City to attend the Northwest Community Area on Aging meeting tomorrow.

Comm MacCready will be attending a meeting for the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health in Traverse City tomorrow.

Board Comment

Comm Bengelink informed the Board that the Cadillac Connectors Robotics Group qualified for the World's Finals to be held in St. Louis Missouri. He would like this Board to recognize them for their achievement.

Comm Theobald was happy to see this Board recognize both the Manton Rangers and the Buckley Bears on their success this year in basketball. She also explained that she was concerned about Lisa Vogler's information not being included in the minutes from April 5, 2017.

Comm Nichols thanked Joe Porterfield for his annual Equalization report. He has done a good job. Also, after the Board voted on the WEX last meeting she received many phone calls from voters outside her jurisdiction. She encouraged them to contact their Commissioner to voice their concerns.

Comm MacCready believes the County set a precedent in compensating Mr. Scarbrough. He then touched on the damage that can be done on Facebook. He would like to see the county develop their own Facebook page for all to use.

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Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked all for coming.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:05 p.m.

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk