

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 5, 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

Added – 11. a Partial Payment Request; 12. Interim Administrator; 13. Appointments to Road Commission.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition –

20-year Service Award, Kim Recca, Friend of the Court
Ms. Recca was not present to receive her Service Award; however, the chairman read it into the record.

Presentations and Reports –

1. Annual DHD #10 Public Health Update
Kevin Hughes, Health Officer, provided Board members with their Annual Report for 2016. One of the big things completed by the Health Department was their community health needs assessments done by phone surveys and focus groups. Their next step will be to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan. He explained the impact the Affordable Care Act may have on the residents throughout the community. Mr. Hughes touched on a new public health concern on vapor intrusion. The EPS is taking a second look at this and the DEQ is monitoring it as well.

2. PACE in Northern Michigan
Deb Allen, Executive Director of the GTP Foundation, came before the Board to touch on PACE (Program of all-inclusive care of the Elderly) and what it can do for our community. Michigan's aging population is growing faster than other areas across the country. Part of what PACE is working to achieve is to keep the elderly in their homes as long as they can. They would like to have a community center where the older population can go for the day to get physical therapy, medical specialist and other health care needs on a daily basis. The clients would then go back to their homes in the evening. Ms. Allen explained this program is not here yet, but they are working hard to bring it into our community.

Public Comments

Mike Burnside, Burnside RV, appeared before the Board in support of the WEX. He has used the Civic Center for the past 30 years as a venue for his trailer show. His show is for four days and brings many people into the community and they, in turn, spend money in Cadillac. The current management is the best the Civic Center has had over the years. The building is getting old and need some repairs, but it is an asset to the community.

Larry Green, Maple Valley, joins Burnside during their trailer shows. He too believes this show brings many people into the community.

James Chapman, Big Rapids, used the Civic Center for J&J Sports & Gun show. They have these shows all over the State. He believes the Civic is a fantastic asset to the community. They have been coming to Cadillac since 1986. He believes just during one Saturday show over \$15,000 in meals served in the community. He encouraged the Board to look beyond the books for the benefit of the community. The current management of the facility keeps it clean and well maintained.

Joy Martin, Cadillac, Chairperson of Project Christmas, explained that without the WEX they will have not a facility large enough to hold their program. They serve over a thousand households in one day.

James Whelan, Cadillac, has been a physician in the Cadillac area for 24 years. During his time here he has been very involved with the ice arena. He felt the impact the facility has on kids in the community could not be measured. This facility is responsible for bring families to the area because they include the WEX as part of the recruiting package. He believes that if you take this type of recreation and others like it, the community will become just a tourist destination and will shrink in size.

Jason Owens, Valley Forge, Cadillac, is President of the Hockey Association and strongly supports the long term contract with BSM. They have a variety of programs that they offer to the community to encourage ice skating. The Hockey Association provides equipment for some kids as well as Hockey Scholarships.

Terry Hamp, Cadillac, is a Physical Therapist with Dynamic Physical Therapy. She too has children that participate in hockey for the past couple of years. She stressed the benefit of hockey and life skills and leadership qualities it has brought to her children.

Adam Hilts, Cadillac, recently moved here. His family had looked at other areas, but they're glad they selected Cadillac and the WEX was a big part of it. Another family is looking to be a part of the community based in part on the WEX.

Holly Franklin, Manton, calls the WEX home. She is an educator in the Manton School area and her family and many others from the Manton area use the WEX and support it. She would like this Board to consider what is right before making a decision.

Terry Harvey, Cadillac, explained that he was a former Commissioner and he provided this Board with some background on the Civic. He believes the Board should look at more uses for the arena. BSM has done a tremendous job. He also believes a millage on the WEX would not pass.

Raymond Quarts, Springville Township, has a ADHS son that has learn to cope better with hockey. BSM has taken the facility a long way. He would like to see the facility continue.

Erica Lilly, Cadillac, represents Wilderness Television show and came to Cadillac in support of the WEX. They brings in many people in from all over the country when they have their event. She emphasized the amount of money they bring to the community and business in the area during the winter season. She encouraged the Board to think hard and do the right thing.

Ron Munch, Maplebrook, Cadillac, has been in the area for many years and his son began skating when he was in 3rd grade. He is now an adult and has moved back to the area and is still skating at the WEX. They have some great experiences at the WEX. He encouraged the Board to come and watch hockey at the arena. He stressed that no child is turned away due to lack of equipment. He believes the WEX offers far more than hockey.

Lisa Kaspriak, Cadillac, concluded their Public Comments of the WEX by stating she felt the Board had been given a good representation of what the WEX / Civic Center offers the community. She would like to see a long term contract to allow vendors to rent the facility and know it will be available. She appreciated the Boards consideration.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the March 15, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Appointments to the Road Commission – *Removed from Consent and placed as agenda item 13.*

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Closed Session – To Consider Dismissal of an Employee
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to enter into closed session for the purpose to consider dismissal of an employee and allow the Sheriff to attend, pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(a).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept the Settlement Agreement and Waiver of Claims between Michelle Smith, the POAM, Wexford County and the Wexford County Sheriff, as presented in closed session.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Closed Session - To Discuss a Written Legal Opinion
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering written legal opinion pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec 8(h).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.

All in favor.

3. Acceptance of Resignation
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept the resignation of County Administrator Patrick Jordan, as presented in closed session.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Additional Corrections Officers Discussion

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the immediate hiring of three Corrections Officers with the posting of the positions to begin in May 2017, as presented.

Lt. Greg Webster explained that so far they have hired six new corrections officers, including the three officers approved tonight. It was mentioned that at a later date they may be back to ask for more. They would also like to make their part time secretary full time.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Northern MI Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Northern MI Mutual Aid Reciprocal Law Enforcement Agreement for a four year term and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. BSM Proposal

Michael Figliomeni, Board Member of BSM, began by providing the Board with some background on the WEX since they started leasing it from the County. With the \$50,000 management fee they receive from the County, volunteers have worked hard to bring the WEX back and make it something for the community to be proud of. Their goal is to take full responsibility and maintenance of the facility. They will need 18 months to make sure everything is in good working order. There is a small amount in the millage account for the WEX and they would like to use that for some maintenance projects.

Mr. Figliomeni would like the board to approve a 10 year lease to work at getting the facility stabilized. The WEX has been the #1 priority with the Wexford County Recreation program. The threat of selling the facility makes it very difficult to get rental commitments for long term users and big events.

BSM would like to continue to receive the \$50,000 for the next ten years, but their goal is to get the facility stabilized in five years and not need the \$50,000 any longer. Right now the revenues are not there, but once the facility has stabilized and vendors know this, BSM believes they will see more revenue.

Mr. Figliomeni mentioned that they may want to partner with the County to put a small millage on the ballot with an eye towards the best possible time for approval. They would also like to partner with the County on some grant applications for recreation.

BSM would secure all the information for the grants. They are asking the County to sign their approval.

The Board leased the facility to BSM three years ago and with their faith and dedication with volunteers they have brought this asset back to its former glory. He believes the management contract has worked very well with the County and the Fair Board, with whom they have a good working relationship. In conclusion Mr. Figliomeni explained that they have many skilled volunteers that are committed to working together on behalf of BSM to continue to grow the WEX.

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Nichols to accept the ten year (10) extension of our contract with Boon Sports Management for Management of the Wex.

Some commissioners asked to review the proposal and not vote on it tonight. A commissioner pointed out that the WEX is a wonderful asset to the Community; however, communities in Wexford County that live on the Northwest side of the County are not supportive of paying taxes on this facility. It was mentioned that the WEX is a non-mandated service of the County. Some commissioners expressed the need for a more defined proposal before they could act on the motion before them tonight.

Roll call: Motion passed five to four with Commissioners MacCready, Theobald, Taylor and Housler voting against the motion.

7. Residential Stability Agreement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Residential Stability Services Contract effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Bid Award – 2017 Bulk Office Paper Purchase

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to award the bid submitted by Central Michigan Paper in the amount of \$10,797.75, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Resolution 17-08 National Crime Victims' Rights Week

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 17-08 National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 2 – 8, 2017, as presented.

All in favor.

10. Budget Amendments –

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a budget amendment for a Treasurer’s Office payroll adjustment in the amount of \$2,000, as presented.

Account Number	Account Description	Increase	Decrease
101.253.702.03	Permanent Employee		\$2000.00
101.253.702.04	Temporary/Part Time	\$2000.00	

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Lisa Voglar, Owner Representative of the Jail Facility, appeared before the Board to bring them up to date with the project. The project is 57% completed and they have 148 days to completion. She touched on an adjustment to be made to the contingency account of \$30,000. Currently there is approximately \$391,000 in the contingency fund with two pending change orders.

The partial payment before the Board tonight has been approved by both the Architect and the Builder. It is now ready for the Board to review and approve.

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

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Clerk Richardson and Chairman Housler to sign off on change orders in the amount of \$20,000 or less.

All in favor.

a. Partial Payment Request - *Added*

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the partial payment request in the amount of \$845,784.86 submitted for March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 for the jail construction and related expenses.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Interim Administrator - *Added*

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to authorize the County Clerk, Elaine Richardson and County Treasurer, Jayne Stanton to provide temporary oversight of the Administrator's office. Compensation to be \$300 per week for the County Clerk and \$200 per week for the County Treasurer. It is also understood that Corinna Hervey of Baird Cotter and Bishop will be used as needed and compensated at her hourly rate.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

13. Appointment to the Road Commission – *Removed from Consent Agenda and added as an agenda item.*

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to appoint Dean Jurik with a term ending December 31, 2019 and Jim Leggett with a term ending December 31, 2021, as presented.

There was some discussion on how the interview process was handled. In the past the Human Resources Committee had been more involved. Board members learned that there were approximately 12-13 applicants for this position.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report - None

Correspondence

1. Baker College of Cadillac
2. Cadillac Casting, Inc.

Public Comments

Mary Hallett, Cedar Creek Township Treasurer, informed the Board her township is not receiving updates or documents from Infrastructure. The township has received and had some discussion on the RAP area. She thought that Cedar Creek should be part of the American Waste discussion about the County receiving yearly fee. The matter will be looked into.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald hoped that all Board members were receiving her email on DHHS.

Comm Goodwill attended a CWTA meeting and they are strong and growing. They have narrowed their names down to three and are ready to send it out to the public to select one.

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Comm MacCready attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Executive Board meeting and they discussed their policies. He also spoke to Matt McCalley from Michigan Northwest Council of Governments.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald attended the MAC meeting and will be putting an outline together to update the Board on what she learned. She also appreciated the input on the WEX.

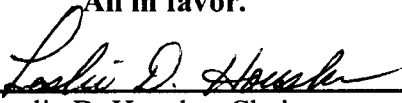
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler would have liked to have had more time to look at the agreement with Boon Sports Management. He would like to see some compensation/backing from other businesses in the City, such as the Chamber and Visitor's Bureau.

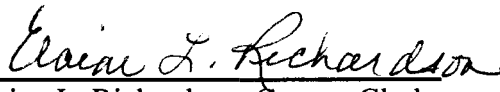
Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 7:55 p.m.**

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk