

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, August 16, 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 Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Michael Bengelink.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Delete – J.2. Morgan Stanley Retirement Plan

Add - J.7.a. Change Order #8

Add – J.8. Closed Session to Discuss Current Litigation

Add – J.9. Adding Agenda Items at the Board Meeting

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition –

1. 20-year Service Award – Kristie Harrington, Sheriff's Department
Kristi Harrington was not able to be present; however, Chairman Housler read the Service Award of 20-years into the record.

2. Resolution 17-17 Extending Appreciation for Gordon Baas's Dedicated Service
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 17-17 Extended Appreciated for Gordon Baas's Dedicated Service.

Chairman Housler read the resolution into the record and Mr. Baas was present to accept. Mr. Baas stated he has been interacting with the Wexford County building and the Board of Commissioners in some capacity since 1979. He has had the duty of looking out for criminal justice for both Wexford and Missaukee Counties. He appreciated the support he has received from Commissioners over the years. He has enjoyed his position as Probation and Parole Supervisor, as well as his position as District Court Probation Officer for the past 8 years. He believes his counseling of some offenders has lead them to a more productive life as citizens of the community.

Mr. Baas introduced Kristie Hatinger who will be his replacement.

Presentations and Reports –

1. Venture North Funding/Harrietta Hills Trout Farm

Laura Galbraith, Executive Director of Venture North, provided the Board with some background on the Harrietta Hills Trout Farm CDBG loan of \$210,000 and the requirements they needed to follow. One of the requirements through the CDBG was to hire 6 employees within 2 years, which was accomplished. Dan Vogler, owner of Harrietta Hills Trout Farm, provided the Board with an update on their progress with the help of the CDBG loan. Mr. Vogler thanked the Board for working with the trout farm since 2014 making their growth a reality. He then reviewed the growth expansion which has tripled over the past three years. In 2018, they are working towards being more aggressive in marketing with the possibility of hiring 1 or 2 employees.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 2, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing – Harrietta Hills Trout Farm CDBG RRLF
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to open the Public Hearing on the closing of the Harrietta Hills Trout Farm CDBG RRLF.

All in favor.

David Newhouse, resident of Harmony Hills, retired Wildlife Biologist and Ecologist, as well as a fisherman, asked if part of the \$210,000 loan was used to upgrade or clean the rivers and streams. Mr. Vogler explained the loan requirements were very strict and that was not an option.

No other public comments were made.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to close the public Hearing.

All in favor.

2. Morgan Stanley Retirement Plan - *Deleted*
3. Landfill RAP Pond Closure Proposal

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the proposal from American Waste to close the landfill RAP pond and discharge area in an amount not to exceed \$137,400 using the escrow account, as presented.

A commissioner felt that American Waste would be finding a well under the RAP pond. He also believed that American Waste would be using this area as a cell in the future. Another Board member pointed out when the RAP pond is closed they will work to identify if there is a well. It is unknown at this time. If they do find a well, a sampling will be sent in for testing. The Board is only dealing with the ponds today.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Resolution 17-18 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor, to approve Resolution 17-18 Supporting Wexford County Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application in an amount of \$46,065 for the period of October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Veterinarian Services Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Veterinarian Services Agreement between Wexford County and Meyer Veterinary Clinic for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 with no increase in fees and the County's option for four renewal terms, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Commissioner MacCready voting against the motion.

6. Budget Amendment(s) – None
7. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative on the Jail Project, informed the Board that the keys to the Jail project may be turned over mid-October. However, she appeared before the Board tonight to discuss Change Order #8 in the amount of \$32,649. A brief outline on the change request:

Ceiling in boiler room	\$ 600
Fire protection to dryers	1,926
Water meter for irrigation water	1,542
Addressable duct detectors	7,500
Bypass sanitary piping at grinder pump	1,762
Roof curb extensions to accommodate Insulation thickness	1,547
REMB slab drainage modification	13,556
Modified dishwasher	3,515

Ms. Vogler and Lt. Greg Webster have reviewed this order with the Granger and received some minor reductions in the request. She is asking this Board to approve Change Order #8 before them tonight. Ms. Vogler felt there may be a couple more change orders before the project is completed. She then touched on some of the dollars being spent from the Jail Project Contingency Fund which are the owner's obligation to pay for.

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

All in favor.

7.a. Change Order #8

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Change Order #8 increasing the contract amount by \$32,649, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Closed Session

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing current litigation pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec.8(e).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

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

All in favor.

9. Additions to the Board Agenda

After discussion, it was decided that Board members will be asked for a motion and a second before items are added on the agenda.

Administrator's Report

Elaine Richardson, County Clerk/Co-Administrator touched on the following:

- Morgue Authority is moving forward and may be a cost benefit to the county;
- Merit Fiber will start their preliminary installation on 8/21; the City just approved all their permits; a 15 day notice will have to be given to affected areas; they hope to have the installation completed by 9/13 or so.
- Sarah Benson, Emergency Management Director, now has an office on the first floor of the Historic Courthouse. Vicki Sawicki, Invasive Species Coordinator, will be moving into the first office next to Sarah Benson. This will come at no cost to the County. She will be applying for a grant soon and include dollars for rent, however, she is not certain she will receive it. She has also agreed to vacate the office when the County Auditors are here for two weeks.
- Board members were made aware of interest shown to be part of the 911 Advisory Committee: Paul Owns, North Flight; Captain Eller, City representative; Buckley Fire Chief.

Jayne Stanton, County Treasurer/Co-Administrator explained that work is currently being done on the 2018 budget and they are on schedule to present it to the Finance Committee.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments

Donald Koshmider, Cadillac, spoke on the value of medical marijuana and what good it can do for people that are ill.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald reported the airport apron has been completed.

Comm MacCready attended a Networks Northwest meeting where they discussed the budget running low. They discussed the millages in the area that had passed. He then reviewed the Annual Report put out by Networks Northwest and how Wexford compared to Grand Traverse and other counties.

Board Comment

Comm Nichols attended a Veterans Salute at the Fairgrounds. She welcomed others to attend the great ceremony when it is held again.

Comm MacCready talked to Kyle Musselman who runs the Missaukee County Humane Society. He may have an interest in running our shelter, however, he would need a

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request from our Board to take to his Board. He also discussed with the Cadillac City Manager about adding on to the Animal Shelter, making additional space once a larger quarantine area is in place.

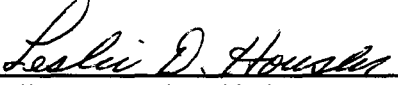
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler welcomed our former Administrator Ken Hinton who was in the audience.

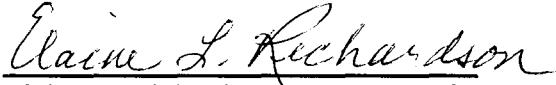
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:40 p.m.

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk