

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added - 14. CWTA Millage Review; 15. Appointment to Standing and s Special Committees, Boards – removed from Consent Agenda to Agenda; 16. Wexford County Web Pages; 17. Closed Session to Discuss Current Litigation.

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 - None

Public Comments

Justin Paquette, 9889 E. 22 Road, Cedar Creek, came before the Board asking for help with a landfill matter. He would like the Board to look into why the landfill has such a stench coming from it. He has been in contact with the DEQ and DEA with no results.

Mike Boyd, Supervisor of Selma Township, appeared before the Board to express his concern about the county getting out of Zoning. He believes the majority of residents of the county would like County Zoning to stay.

Ron Vaughan, Supervisor of Cherry Grove Township, would like the Board to keep countywide zoning. He suggested the county look at supporting Zoning with a millage.

Ruth Reddy, Colfax Township resident, does not believe her township could support Township Zoning with their limited resources.

David Williams, Wexford Township Supervisor, believes the County should continue with countywide zoning. He too would like the county to keep County Zoning by having a millage to support it.

Peter Hanson, Supervisor of Hanover Township, would like the county to keep Zoning. It is important to have countywide zoning rather than spot zoning. Some townships cannot afford to have township zoning and keep up with the codes with limited funds.

Gordie Maxwell, Cadillac, objected to the County subsidizing zoning. He also objected to countywide millage. He would like the county to get out of zoning and let the townships handle it.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 3, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Appointment to Standing and Special Committees, Boards – *Removed to the agenda 15*

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 16-09, Renaming the County DVA to Dept. of Veterans' Services
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 16-09, Renaming the Wexford County Department of Veterans' Affairs to the Wexford County Department of Veterans' Services, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Resolution 16-10, To Adopt Ordinance #46
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 16-10, to adopt Ordinance #46, as presented.

Some commissioners objected to doing away with Zoning. The budget for 2016 is \$27,000 and the county needs to continue with zoning. It was felt that consistent zoning increases property value and no zoning will reduce value. The thought of having a millage to support Zoning was mentioned. Other commissioners stated that Countywide Zoning may not be good for all townships in the County. The thought of having township zoning may address residents' concerns better than countywide. All Townships could form a local zoning board that falls under the Townships and not the County. Some commissioners felt strongly that countywide zoning was too restrictive. Adm. Jordan is willing to provide townships with some documentation which they could revise to fit their needs.

Roll call: Motion approved by a five to three vote with Commissioners Howie, Mitchell and MacCready voting against the motion.

3. Ordinance #46, Repealing Zoning Ordinance #5
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Ordinance #46, Repealing Zoning Ordinance #5 effective 12/31/2016, and publish the Ordinance in the newspaper within 15 days of this meeting, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved by a five to three vote with Commissioners Mitchell, MacCready and Howie voting against the motion

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to make zoning resources available for the transition.

All in favor.

4. Rotary Auction Procurement Request
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the 2016 Rotary Auction Procurement Request, as presented.

All in favor.

5. CDBG Project Administration Agreement Renewal
MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the CDBG Project Administration Agreement between Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency and Wexford County for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

All in favor.

6. DHD#10 Lease Agreement Renewal
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the lease agreement between District Health Department #10 and Wexford County for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. USDA Forest Service Agreement 2016 Operating & Financial Plan
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the 2016 Annual Operating and Financial plan for the agreement between Wexford County and the USDA Forest Service in the amount of \$3,000 and

authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

All in favor.

8. 2016 Monumentation Surveyor Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Axin Land Surveyors, in the amount of \$14,300 for the 2016 calendar year and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with CC Land Surveying in the amount of \$13,200 for the 2016 calendar year and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. 2016 Peer Group Contract
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Howie to approve four Professional Services Agreement for Peer Review Surveyors, Craig McVean, Jim Ray, Bill Sikkema and George Smith, in the amount of \$500 each for a total of \$2,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the four agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. 1st Amendment to the Subrecipient Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the first amendment to the economic development block grant program and authorize the Chairman to sign the amendment on behalf of the County, as presented.

All in favor.

11. CDBG Project 14-15
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Housing Council Project #14-15 in the amount of \$28,845 using CDBG funding for a loan to provide for a roof, siding, windows, doors insulation, HVAC, plumbing, electric, and LBP, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed six to two with Comm Housler and Howie voting against the motion.

12. Budget Amendments – None

13. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

Adm. Jordan recently spoke to Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative on the jail project, and she believes the RFP will be released within a month, moved back one week. A modification has been made to our insurance coverage with the blessing from USDA. Both Blake Smith, USDA and Rich McNulty have been involved in the change.

14. CWTA Millage Review – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to forward the CWTA millage language to County legal counsel for review and approval, as presented.

Board members discussed the new services and changes that are now in place at the CWTA. They also touched on the cost amount of \$8.00 for each rider. Missaukee may join at a later date. Others felt it was not a service that was provided equally throughout the County.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Comm Housler voting against the motion.

Board members discussed the length of the millage. CWTA has requested that the millage go for six years. Board members discussed making it for a shorter period of time. Some Board members thought legal should be asked to change the six year period to something shorter before it comes back. No motion was made and it may be addressed after review by legal.

15. Appointment to Standing and Special Committees Boards – *Added.*

MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Theobald to change the Airport Authority position from liaison and have it be a voting member.

The County and the City both have the option to have one voting member each.

Roll call: Motion passed six to two with Comm Housler and Taylor voting against the motion.

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Housler to move agenda 17 to 16 – Website Discussion; and Closed Session from 16 to 17.

All in favor.

16. Website Discussion

Board members would like the 2016 Fiscal Year's budget brought up to date on our Website as well as remove the DPW that was recently closed. A request was also made to provide a PDF file of all the County bills as well as credit card statements for the past 12 months on the web site for transparency.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm MacCready to have a PDF file of the bills and credit card statements posted to the County Website and maintain them for a period of 12 months.

Roll call: Motion passed five to three with Comm Taylor, Housler, and Hilty voting against the motion.

17. Closed Session

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm MacCready 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.

Comm Fuscone left at 6:50 p.m.

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

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the terms of the agreement.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Jordan has been busy on various legal matters as well as Zoning matters that were discussed earlier in the meeting. He has also been working on the jail project with bond counsel and a Resolution will be coming before the Board soon.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Taylor attended a COA meeting. They reviewed bids on the remodeling project at their new building.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald thanked the Board for her appointment to be a voting member on the Airport Authority. She touched on the Airport water easement.

Comm MacCready believes there is some problems with smell at the landfill. He also questioned the zoning vote tonight – sunset at 12/31/2016.


Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler also touched on the smell at the landfill. He felt it may dissipate in time.

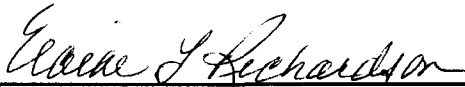
Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:58 p.m.**

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk