

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 15, 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, and Judy Nichols;
Absent – Commissioner Bill Goodwill;

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 – MDOT Pavement Ratings and Findings

Tad Erickson, from Networks Northwest, appeared before the Board to discuss pavement assessment management. They work with 10 counties in the area. Those involved in the study are MDOT, Road Commission and Networks Northwest. He explained how they rate not only State roads, but Primary County, Village and City roads. The roads are rated annually on a scale of 1-10 with ten being the best. Once the roads for that year have been reviewed, they make the decision on which need the maintenance repairs, which is not always the worst road, but which repair is the best investment.

Public Comments

Michael Figliomeni, Boon Sports Management, explained he has met with Commissioner Hilty and Commissioner Taylor along with Adm. Jordan earlier on the WEX at the request of the Board. Before the meeting, Adm. Jordan had requested they provide some information and they did. After the meeting, the Commissioners and Administrator requested additional information. That information has all been gathered at this point. Mr. Figliomeni attended an Executive Meeting held on 2/14 where he learned that the WEX had been added to the agenda and the topic was listing the WEX for sale. He believes it is critical that another meeting is scheduled to provide Commissioners Hilty and Taylor with the additional information requested. A lot of time and effort has been put into gathering the additional information. Boon Sports Management understands the capital cost that may come from the operation of the WEX and they are working to develop a fund to cover these costs. Mr. Figliomeni reminded Board Members that an Internal Government Committee would be meeting this spring and one of their topics is Recreation. They are having a difficult time renting out space when the thought of a sale is out there.

Harry Yonkman, Boon Township, attended the 911 Work Group and came away fully confused. He also touched on the increase of Road Commissioners from three to five.

Sarah Benson, Wexford County EM, addressed the Board on the 911 Work Group meeting held today. The Work Group believes that they need to consider moving to the 800 MHz system. The question then becomes, how do we pay for them and how many will be needed. There needs to be some conversation with vendors to see what they have to offer in order to work through this financial problem. Tele Rad has a representative that will be gathering some information and passing it along to Sarah Benson as EM. They have scheduled a meeting for March 1 with the Fire Chiefs and other first responders to discuss, among other things, the number of radios that may be needed and who will pay for additional radios outside of the initial purchase.

Consent Agenda

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 17-06 Increasing the Number of Road Commissioners
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 17-06, Resolution Increasing the Number of Road Commissioners and Fixing Staggered Terms for the New Members, as presented.

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

2. CherryLAN Software Proposal for Wexford County Court System
Bruce Smith, Michigan Office Solutions, came before the Board to talk to them about providing scanning software for Probate, District and Friend of the Court. Greg Nelson, CherryLAN, was present as well to answer any questions. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Smith have been working together on scanning software for the past several years. Mr. Smith gave the Board some background on his activity in Wexford County over the past several years. He explained that scanning can be a cost saver over time and will also protect documents. Mr. Nelson explained by having a scanning system connected through the County, departments could share information.

Prosecutor Elmore was in the audience and a Commissioner asked him what his thoughts were on having a scanning system. Prosecutor Elmore explained that he had not seen a demo yet, but he could see the cost savings. One of his concerns was about redacting

information and if it could be done. He wanted to make certain private/protected information is not released to the public.

Board members were provided with a couple of pricing options for their review. Board members wanted more information before a decision was made. The topic will be sent back to the Finance Committee for more information. The Board was reminded the pricing before them tonight will be good only until the end of March 2017.

3. MDEQ Grant for Beach Monitoring
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the beach monitoring grant between Wexford County's Drain Commissioner and MDEQ and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application on behalf of the County, as presented.

It was pointed out that no County funds will be needed.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

4. Lease Agreement with District Health Department #10
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a lease agreement between Wexford County and District Health Department #10 for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, and authorize the Chairman to sign the lease on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. MMRMA RAP Grant Application – Restraint chair
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the MMRMA RAP grant application in the amount of \$1,000 for a restraint chair, and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. MMRMA RAP Grand Application – Tasers
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve an MMRMA RAP grant application in the amount of \$1,500 for Tasers and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant application on behalf of the County, as presented.

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

7. Budget Amendment
2/15/2017

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
Amendments to the 2017 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20170202	360.000.695.00	Transfer In/General	\$ 153,000	
	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 153,000	
	360.000.991.00	Principle Payment		\$ 150,000
	360.000.995.00	Interest Payment		\$ 3,000
	101.965.999.05	Transfer Out/Debt Service		\$ 153,000

Partial Bond Courthouse Payment, not in the budget

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the budget amendment dated 2/15/2017, as presented.

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

8. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project - None

Administrator's Report

Board Members were provided with a written report from Administrator Jordan. Adm. Jordan has been in contact with Sheriff Taylor and Comm Nichols (volunteer at the Shelter) and they believe the Animal Shelter is running well and no RFP have been requested. He has had some contact with AT&T on the new phone installation. It has been an ongoing problem with AT&T.

Correspondence

1. Venture North 2016 Year in Review
2. Cash/Investment Report – Treasurer Stanton

Public Comments

Dorey Williams, Haring Township, explained that she was shocked to hear the information on the Shelter. She believes there are issues on the shelter that need to be addressed. However, she agrees that the shelter has come a long ways with the help of many volunteers. She has a business called Animal Advocates of Wexford County.

Jennifer Smeltzer, Michigan Director of the Great Lakes Timber Professionals, appeared before the Board to introduce herself and explain her position with the Timber Industry. She offered her assistance to the County.

Ray Franz, Manistee Republican Party Chair, appeared before the Board to announce his intentions to run for the 35th Senate seat in 2018. He provided the Board with his

background. He is currently a State Representative and he will be term limited out at the end of 2018.

Liaison Reports

Comm Nichols attended the Wexford County Housing Council meeting and enjoyed it and felt welcomed.

Comm Bengelink explained that the Lake Mitchell Improvement Board has started to meet and they are discussing weed removal.

Comm Theobald attended an Airport Authority meeting and they are working on their budget.

Comm Taylor attended a Northern Michigan Counties Association meeting and met some new members.

Board Comment

Comm Nichols welcomed Mr. Franz. She is willing to have a conversation on the shelter.

Comm MacCready touched on the sale of the WEX. He reminded Sarah Benson to look at the 911 EMS Plan. It may need to be updated.

Comm Bengelink felt Jennifer Smeltzer and Ray Franz are great people who have done a great job for the people in Benzie. He believes Boon Sports Management has done a great job. He would like the BOC to support them. The Recreation Plan needs to be updated. He touched on the benefits some of the people in the community have received in the way of scholarships and other awards by being part of the WEX.

Comm Bush has worked with Michigan Office Supply and has had no issue with them. They are great to work with.


Chairman's Comments

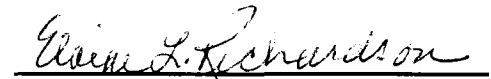
Comm Housler apologized for stepping on Boon Sports Management's toes. He was not aware that other meetings needed to be scheduled with them. He appointed Comm Nichols to the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency, replacing Comm MacCready.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to
adjourn at 7:00 p.m.
All in favor.**

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