

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Organizational Meeting \* Wednesday, January 3, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by County Clerk Elaine Richardson

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.

**Election of Board Chairperson**

The Clerk explained that under 46.3a, a secret ballot motion is allowed for the election of Board Chair. No motion was made to have a secret ballot election.

The Clerk opened the floor up for nominations.

**MOTION by Comm Taylor to nominated Comm Housler for Board Chairperson, seconded by Comm Bengelink.**

No other nominations were made. The Clerk closed the nominations.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

**Election of Board Vice Chairperson**

Chair Housler opened the floor up for nomination for Vice Chairperson.

**MOTION by Comm Theobald to nominated Comm Taylor as Vice Chairperson, seconded by Comm Bengelink.**

No other nominations were made. The Chairman closed the nominations.

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to close nominations.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

**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** - None

**Public Comments**

Robert Lohman, Manton, appeared before the Board to complain about the water he is receiving from the Cedar Creek water system. He expressed concern about the RAP approved by the DEQ and the connection flow.

Michele Hoytenga, State Representative, informed the Board that the Governor asked to get a Next Gen 911 Bill in place which will provide an influx of money for the County. She will keep us posted.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the December 20, 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. Board Organization Matter
  - a. Designation of Committee Chairs  
Comm Hilty – Finance and Appropriations  
Comm Taylor – Human Resources/Public Safety Committee  
Comm Theobald – Recreation and Building Committee  
Committee Chairpersons make up the Executive Committee  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the decision made by the Board Chairman designating the committee chairs to the Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Human Resources and Public Safety Committee, and the Recreation and Building Committee, as presented.**
  - b. Assignment of Committee Members  
Finance and Appropriations – Comm Taylor, Comm Theobald, and Comm Nichols;  
Human Resources/Public Safety Committee – Comm Bengelink, Comm Bush, and Comm Housler;  
Recreation and Building Committee – Comm Nichols, Comm MacCready, and Comm Goodwill;  
**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept the decision made by the Board Chairman designating the committee members to the Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Human Resources and Public Safety Committee, and the Recreation and Building Committee, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

- c. 2018 Meeting Schedule

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the 2018 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

2. Board and Liaison Appointments

2018 Board and Liaison Membership changes:

Airport Authority - Michael MacCready

Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority – Michael Bengelink

Human Services Leadership Council - Julie Theobald

MSU Extension District Council – Judy Nichols

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the chairman's 2018 Board and Liaison appointments to other Boards and Committees.**

**All in favor.**

3. Resolution 18-01, Wexford County Depository

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-01, Wexford County Depository, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Resolution 18-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0 Investment Policy

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 18-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E1.0, Investment Policy, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Resolution 18-03, Fair Housing

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-03, Fair Housing, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Fair Housing Policy Statement

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Fair Housing Policy Statement which designates the**

**County Co-Administrators as the persons to contact regarding housing discrimination, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

7. Bid Award for Patrol Units PCs

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to waive the sealed bid procedure and award the bid to ProComm Inc. in the amount of \$21,475 for the purchase of five PCs and docking stations for the patrol units using 2017 PIC funds, as presented.**

Lt. Richard Denison explained the need for PCs in five patrol cars and the benefits Road Patrol Officers would gain. Also, by having PCs in patrol cars it will take the burden off dispatch.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

8. FY 2018 Snowmobile Grant Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the FY 2018 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$8,600 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Broadband HB 5097 & 5098

Alan Cooper, Road Commission Manager, appeared before the Board to explain why Road Commissioners, MAC, MML, just to name a few, are against the bills. If the bills are approved at the State level, small broadband vendors would be able to put their towers/equipment in the right-of-way. One of the largest concerns is that if the company goes out of business, who will be responsible for removing their equipment. He touched on the loss of permit fees and that the HB was not requiring a Cash Bond.

State Representative Michele Hoitenga appeared before the Board to explain House Bill 5096-98. She explained that the State is trying to standardize and help out small broadband companies. Rep. Hoitenga is very willing to work at making some changes the Board suggested, such as: Bonding and cleanup by the vendor if they go out of business. She requested that the BOC not prepare a resolution until some changes are made. Rep. Hoitenga will let us know when the bill has been updated for the Board's review.

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to oppose House Bills 5096-98, as written.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

10. 911 Director Salary Discussion

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the salary of the 911 Director to begin at \$55,000.**

Board members discussed the salary change from \$50,000 to \$55,000.

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

**Administrator's Report**

Clerk/Co-Administrator Richardson informed the Board that there has been some interest in purchasing some of the jail kitchen equipment. Also, the County is still waiting to hear back from Tower Alliance about purchasing the tower on the jail property.

**Correspondence - None**

**Public Comments**

Dorie Williams, Cadillac, informed Board members a dog was locked in a car. Police were contacted and did not help out. The Department of Agriculture was also contacted and they suggested that the Board of Commissioners should be contacted. The dog was in the car for 6 hours in very cold weather.

Robert Lohman, Manton, addressed the Board again regarding water contamination at areas in Cedar Creek Township. He also touched on other matters such as election violations, retirement watches, and the building department.

Mary Hallett, Cedar Creek Township Treasurer, expressed concern about Mr. Lohman.

**Liaison Reports**

Comm MacCready attended the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting on December 12, 2017. He encouraged Board members to visit Club Cadillac.

**Board Comment**

Comm Nichols thanked State Rep. Hoytenga and Alan Cooper, Road Commission Manager for coming before the Board and discussion House Bill 5097 and 5098.

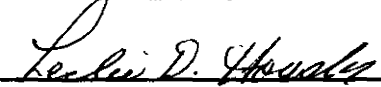
Comm MacCready suggested that the Board should think about changing the Wexford County Animal Control ordinance and include cats.

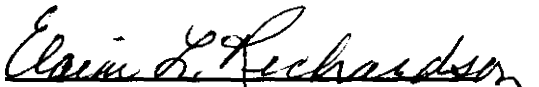
**Chairman's Comments - None**

**Adjourn**

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

**All in favor.**

  
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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk