

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, January 17, 2018

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**

**MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Theobald to discuss putting the audio of both the Board and Committee meetings on the County's website.**

All in favor.

Board members all agreed to add a discussion on union matters for the POAM Non 312.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

All in favor.

**Employee Recognition**

25-years' Service Award, Janet Kelly, Circuit Court Reporter

20-years' Service Award, Alan Lucas, Sheriff's Department

Neither Janet Kelly nor Alan Lucas were present to receive their recognition awards.

**Presentations and Reports –**

1. Landfill RAP Update – Dan Staub, Pescador, provided the Board with their annual update on the landfill RAP. Over the past year they completed third and fourth sampling of monitoring well number 65. He further explained the activities that Pescador has been doing over the past year in connection with the DEQ. Mr. Staub provided Board members with a slide presentation of some of their activities that have been ongoing over the past year.

**Public Comments – None**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the January 3, 2018 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 18-04 Opposing HB 5096-5098

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 18-04 Opposing House Bills 5096-5098, as presented.**

Board members discussed bonding issues that is part of the House Bill and the impact it may have on Road Commissions. It was mentioned by a couple of Commissioners that outlying areas in the county would benefit by broadband. Some areas in the county are unable to get internet and broad band would help those residents.

**Roll call: Motion passed seven to two with Comm MacCready and Bengelink voting against the motion.**

2. Help America Vote Act Grant Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the grant agreement between the State of Michigan and Wexford County for voting system purchases through Dominion and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement, ,as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Budget Amendments

1/17/2018

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners  
 Amendments to the 2018 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20180101	572.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,143		(a)
	572.000.962.00	Miscellaneous		\$ 1,143	
		2017 Winter Property Taxes for the Recycle Center			

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a budget amendment dated 1/17/2018, as presented.**

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

4. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project- None

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the partial payment request for the Jail Project in the amount of \$9,521.12, as presented.**

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

5. Discussion on placing Audio minutes of both the Board and Committee meetings on the website. - *Added*

A commissioner felt that due to some inconsistencies in the minutes it would be helpful to have audio placed on the website. Another commissioner explained that it was at the suggestion of legal counsel that the minutes were removed from the website. The written copy of the minutes are placed on line after approved by the Board.

6. Union Discussion POAM Non 312 -- *Added*

Earlier, the POAM Non 312 requested a wage reopener at 1%. The County was not supportive of the pay increase. Also, if the County agrees to the increase for the Non 312, the TPOAM has a "me too clause" and they would be included with the increase. It was suggested that instead on giving a % increase that the Board could give them a bonus. They also need to keep in mind that if this goes to mediation, the County will have the cost of legal fees. The consensus of the Board was to go to mediation. It was pointed out that the County is not bound to mediation.

**Administrator's Report**

Treasurer Stanton, Interim Administrator believes we may be short on the 911 surcharge money that had been projected for 2018. Clerk Richardson will notify Counsel about the Board discussion about the Non 312 pay increase. Also, the Treasurer and Clerk have a question on the billings submitted by Hooker DeJong for the Jail Project. Once more information is gathered it will be passed along to the Board.

**Correspondence**

A commissioner touched on some correspondence received from MEHHS dealing with the behavior health and development disability dealing with veterans and military service members and a 3 year plan that will effect veterans and disabled veterans.

**Public Comments** - None

**Liaison Reports**

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting today dealing with trade school training in the manufacturing area for youth.

**Board Comment**

Comm Nichols attended Manton Schools to explain volunteerism and the duties of a Commissioner.

Comm MacCready learned that DHS #10 lease needs to be renewed. Some years back, the County agreed to pay for everything including utilities and the building becomes a County Build in 2022.

Comm Bengelink touched on the dog left in a car incident that was discussed at the last meeting. He did some investigating on his own. He learned that dispatch was called at 6:36 p.m. they explained that Animal Control would be contacted if nothing has happened in an hour. At 7:45 another call came in and Animal Control was sent out to the area. They arrived at 8:01 at the dog was gone at that time. Comm Bengelink also contacted the Department of Agricultural and they did not recall receiving a call about a dog closed in a car. He asked that residents get their facts straight.

Comm Bush thanked Dan Staub for his presentation on the Landfill.

Comm Theobald learned that there is a conference for officers to attend dealing with Mental Health. She thanked the officers who appeared at the Lincoln Area Watch meeting. They will be looking at putting solar lights in the area which will be welcomed by residents of the area.

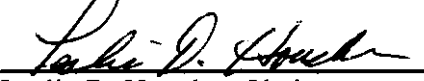
**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Housler thanked all for appearing at tonight's meeting.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to  
adjourn at 6:30 p.m.**

All in favor.

  
Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk