

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 21, 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, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added- 12. Closed session to discuss pending litigation.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports –

1. Presentation by Robert Schlueter, Executive Director of Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, discussed the Annual Implementation Plan for the 2018 Fiscal Year. If approved by the State, the plan will go into effect on October 1, 2017, with 70% funding coming from federal and 30% coming from the state. He discussed recent legislation that would have changed how certain processes are done and what types of fundraisers they are planning in the future.

Public Comments

John Fuscone, Octagonal Building committee, gave an update on bids that were received for the building. They were higher than expected and the committee is looking at different options.

Consent Agenda

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

Motion passed eight to one with Comm Theobald voting against the motion.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 17-15 Approving the FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 17-15 Approving the FY 2018 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, as presented.

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

2. Wexford County 2016 Financial Audit
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Wexford County's December 31, 2016, Financial Statements and Independent Audit, as presented.

Steve Peacock from Rehmann Robson presented the Board a report on the 2016 audit. First, he explained that there were some areas to be addressed that he did not see as being issues in the future. The reports overall was considered a "clean report" and the "gold standard" met.

Mr. Peacock did also address that the county's liability for MERS in 2016 increased to \$11,016,158. He explained that he does not see this trend ending in the near future and advised the Board to either cut benefits, increase the money put in, or just ride it out.

When asked if an audit was available for MERS to be reviewed, Mr. Peacock stated that one is available but not through Rehmann Robson.

Mr. Peacock also addressed the fund balance as being a healthy one, sitting at around 40%.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Emergency Telephone Service District (911) Tentative Plan (Discussion)- None.
4. Resolution 17-16 Final 911 Service Plan
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Bengelink to approve, Resolution 17-16 Final 911 Service Plan and set a public hearing for Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. to adopt the Plan, as presented.

Sheriff Taylor encouraged the board to approve the plan as presented. It was discussed that by approving this plan, this did not decide the future of the County's current 911 system.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Montmorency County Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the agreement between Wexford County and Montmorency County for Housing Wexford County prisoners in Montmorency County jail for the period covering May 11, 2017, until the new Wexford County jail accepts inmates and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. 2017 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2017 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.

Motion approved unanimously.

7. Bid award for the AS400 System
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to award the bid to DMC for an AS400 system in the amount of \$35,345 with Missaukee County contributing 22.79% of the cost, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Building Permit Application Fee
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the request to add a Building Permit Application Fee in the amount of \$60.00 to the list of fees currently imposed by the Building Department, as presented.

Motion passed eight to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

9. Budget Amendments
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 6/21/2017 for the Veterans Department in the amount of \$27,300, as presented.

Wexford County Board of Commissioners					
Amendments to the 2017 Budget					
Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20170603	295.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 27,300		(a)
	295.000.702.03	Permanent Employees		\$ 10,600	
	295.000.726.00	Postage		\$ 500	
	295.000.727.00	Office Supplies		\$ 7,000	
	295.000.744.00	Dues & Membership		\$ 500	
	295.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 7,500	
	295.000.860.00	Travel & Conferences		\$ 1,000	
	295.000.961.00	Tax Refund		\$ 200	

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

10. Committee of the Whole- Jail Project

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative, explained that the jail is expected to be 90% complete in July. There is a change order that needs to be addressed and will be back in front of the Board once that has been reviewed. Granger Construction has also requested for some retainage release. That will be addressed after reports are compared. Another issue is the "owner furnish list." Any items on that list, need to be on sight to avoid any delays.

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

All in favor.

11. Closed Session- Current Litigation- *Added*

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

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the recommendations of Attorney Lisa Vogler as discussed in Closed Session regarding pending litigation.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Jayne Stanton, Treasurer/Co-Administrator explained the areas of question as discussed in the 2016 Audit and plans to move forward. She also discussed that the 2017 Budget Amendments will be discussed with Corinna from Baird, Cotter, & Bishop at the next finance meeting. The 2018 budget went out to departments and the County should be right on schedule with developing that.

Correspondence – None.

Public Comments

John Fuscone wanted to address the pension deficit discussed during the Audit Report and reminded members that the Fund Balance is not a high percentage to be looked at.

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended Networks Northwest and requested they consider helping the homeless and veterans.

Comm Theobald went to the airport and phase two should be beginning soon.

Comm Nichols went to the NMCAA in Traverse City and viewed a presentation from a young woman that had a success story from the services that she has received from the agency.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald wanted to thank Joe Porterfield for stepping up and helping in so many departments above and beyond his normal job duties.

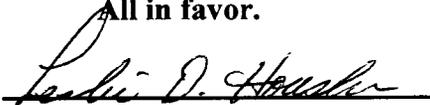
Comm MacCready remembered he attended the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting. He also attempted to attend the ORV Federal Forrest meeting to address questions of ORVs being confiscated, but there were too many people in attendance. He also wanted to see the 911 issue be addressed. He wanted to extend a thank you to Joe Porterfield as well.

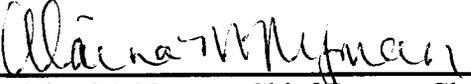
Chairman's Comments – None.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 7:03 p.m.

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Alaina M. Nyman, Chief Deputy Clerk