

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 17, 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 – 9. Closed session – Union Negotiations

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition –

10-year Service Award, Nathan Edwards, Deputy Sheriff

15-year Service Award, Roxanne Snyder, Chief Deputy ROD

25-year Service Award, Trent Taylor, Sheriff

Both Nathan Edwards and Roxanne Snyder were not present to receive their awards, however, they will receive them at a later date. Sheriff Taylor was present to receive his 25-year Service Award.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments

John Fuscone, Cedar Creek Township, thanked Comm Goodwill for moving the RFP forward for the flooring and supports/structure for the Octagonal building at the Fair Grounds. A walk through has been scheduled for May 24 and bids will be opened on June 9, 2017. He also thanked Alan Cooper, Road Commission Manager, for taking care of 41 ½ road.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 3, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. 911 Plan Draft

Attorney Douglas VanEssen appeared before the board to discuss the 911 Service Plan for Wexford County and to provide the Board with four options that should be looking at:

- A. A separate 911 Department operating under a department head who serves as the 911 Director and reports to the County Administrator and County Board;
- B. Contract with another County or another 911 Authority for the management of the Wexford County Dispatch Center;
- C. Contract with another County of the Michigan State Police to provide primary PSAP services, which would result in the closure of all or a portion of the Wexford County Central Dispatch;
- D. Development and transfer of the primary PSAP function and the Wexford County Central Dispatch Center's assets and personnel to the WCCDA.

He then reviewed the four options. The Board would have to adopt an Ordinance for enforcement/implementation of the 911 plan. He further explained that most counties do not have 911 under the County. Many have moved to have EMS involved. Others have used a contracted manager from another County who did not take over the dispatch, but helped to manage the dispatch center.

Attorney VanEssen explained that by providing all the information to the Board it is now up to commissioners to make their decision. He further stressed that updated software options help to better serve first responders. Also, state of the art dispatch services help to draw in new businesses.

2. Securus Inmate Phone System

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the inmate phone system, Securus Technologies Master Service Agreement with no cost to the County and authorize the sheriff and Chairman to sign the master service agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Policy D-8.0 Disposal of Excess County Property

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Policy D-8.0 Disposal of Excess County Property adding Section B.5., as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Slagle Township Assessors Service Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Assessors Service Contract between Slagle Township and Wexford County

for the period of April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018, for a fee of \$9.50 per parcel and authorize the chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. MERIT Network Fiber Connection

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Merit Network Service Agreement for fiber connection at a cost of \$50,335, with a \$22,000 grant from Merit; \$13,500 to be paid from the Jail Contingency fund and \$14,835 to be paid from the General Fund balance and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. I.T. Right Upgrade for Fiber

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Quote ITRQ8910 from IT Right for equipment upgrades for the fiber installation in an amount not to exceed \$37,520 to be funded by jail contingencies, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Budget Amendments

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the budget amendments dated 5/17/2017, as presented.

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

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20170502	206.000.402.00	Property Taxers	\$50	(a)
	206.000.664.00	Interest	\$50	
	206.000.699.99	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$24,000	
	206.000.970.36	Civic Center		\$24,100
	The Original Budget omitted Fund #206 Recreation Millage - This will be the annual budget			
20170503	101.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$35,970	(b)
	101.966.999.07	Northern MI Sub. Abuse		\$35,970
	2016 Invoice received 5/20/17			

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

8. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project - None

9. Closed Session – Union Negotiations – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing union negotiations pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 (c).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Theobald seconded by Comm Taylor 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 Clerk.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report

Jayne Stanton, Treasurer/Co-Administrator reported to the Board the progress of the 2016 audit. She should have a draft of the audit next week. At this time, the audit is scheduled to be presented to the full board on June 21, 2017.

Elaine Richardson, County Clerk/Co-Administrator, touched on the following:

- MERIT Fiber progress and contact with the City to join in with the County;
- RFP on the Octagonal Building;
- American Waste – No response from them since the letter was sent out on April 17, 2017;
- The replacement of the County's Medical Examiner has been scheduled for the Human Resources committee meeting to be held on May 23, 2017;
- POAM Non 312 Union Contract - still working to get it signed;

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Taylor attended a Veterans Committee and Health Department meeting and provided Board members with a copy of the minutes.

Comm Goodwill attended a CWTA meeting and they reported that their ridership is up 18% over last year at this time. A decision will be made by the end of the month as to the rebranding of the CWTA buses.

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting that was held at the CTC. Local manufacturers were there and students were invited to attend.

Board Comment

Comm Nichols met with and received a thumb drive from Joy VanDrie of the Visitors Bureau that contains many things of interest in the area. The thumb drive will be passed along to any Commissioner interested. She also attended the Special Olympics Spring Games.

Comm Bush made a formal apology to the Board for a mistake he recently made. He is now taking steps to see that it never happens again.


Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked all for attending the meeting tonight.

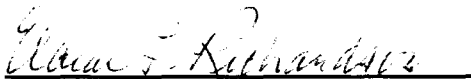
Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:45 p.m.**

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk