

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Gideon Mitchell and John Fuscone

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

*Added* – 8. Credit Cards

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in favor.**

**Employee Recognition** - None

**Presentations and Reports**

1. Introduction – Veterans' Service Director – Not in attendance

2. Introduction – Cadillac Senior Center

Margo Jacobs and Diane Patterson who serve as the directors of the Cadillac Senior Center addressed the Board on senior services they are providing the community. They are not supportive of changing the current millage language, but do not forget about the other possible centers. Other sites that could be developed with a portion of the millage funds are Mesick, Harrietta, Hoxeyville, and Buckley.

Ms. Patterson touched on the services and personal contacts per month in the area which included meals, music, activities, and day trips.

She understands the issues between the COA and senior centers in Wexford County. They need to work together for the good of the community. Ms. Patterson is not in support of changing the ballot language, but to continue with open and honest communication.

3. Mitchell Street Building Presentation

Dana Wilson, Executive Director of Never Down for the Count Youth Services, appeared before the Board to discuss the Mitchell Corp. Building located on River Street. He would like the Board to consider transferring the building to them for \$1.00. They are a non-profit organization. He is looking at getting some grant dollars to fix the building up for a place for kids to come after school.

**Public Comments**

Judy Nichols, Haring Township, has been working closely with volunteers and networking at the Animal Shelter. Positive things are happening. In 2015, they had their lowest kill rate. She announced there will be a Dog Show, with 14 dog classes at Cherry Grove Event Center with 11 sponsors and 20 vendors.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the February 17, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Appointment to the Human Services Leadership Council  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to resolve into a committee of whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.**

**All in favor.**

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative for the County on the Jail Project updated the Board. She learned earlier the plan review comments from the City had not yet been addressed; however, they have now been taken care of. She expects to hear back from USDA soon, which will allow the project to go out for bid. A mass e-mail has gone out to prospective bidders and a good response has come back. She felt that was very positive for the county.

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

**All in favor.**

2. Resolution 16-11, CWTA 2016 Millage Resolution  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 16-11, Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority Millage Resolution, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Northern District Fair Request

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Northern District Fair's request for funding in the amount of \$4,723.50 for upgrades to the electrical in the camping area, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion passed six to one with Comm Howie voting against the motion.**

4. MMRMA RAP Grant

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the MMRMA RAP grant application in the amount of \$1,000 for a restraint chair, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. COA Permit Fees Request

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the request from the Council on Aging to waive all building permit fees, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. 911 Operational Service Surcharge

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to authorize the County 911 Director to submit the required documentation to the State 911 Office stating the County is going to continue collection of the local 911 surcharge with no change for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

7. Budget Amendments – None

8. Credit Cards – *Added*

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to rescind the PDF file of the bills and credit card statement being posted to the County Website and maintaining them for a period of 12 months approved by the Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting February 17, 2016, with the understanding that they are available publically, as presented.**

Some commissioners objected to not having the bills on the website, transparency is important to the public. Another commissioner felt that many things at the county level

are not transparent. This commissioner would like to see more on the website than county bills. Other commissioners' questioned the time and cost of this request. It was felt by some Board members that the report provided at the Finance Committee meeting could and should be posted on line. It was discussed that this matter should be sent to a committee and then the information be brought back to the Board.

**Roll call: Motion passed four to three with Comm Howie, Hilty and MacCready voting against the motion.**

Chairman Housler would like this sent back to the Finance Committee for more discussion.

**Administrator's Report**

A written report was included in the agenda packet for Board members.

**Correspondence** - None

**Public Comments** - None

**Liaison Reports**

Comm MacCready attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health orientation today.

Comm Housler attended a Road Commission meeting today where they discussed the weight restrictions on the roads.

**Board Comment**

Comm Howie attended the MAC Conference where they discussed 17 year olds going back into the juvenile system. He also touched on the 10% employees pay for health insurance rather than 20%, Obama Care may affect the county.

Comm Theobald attended the MAC Conference and received good information.

Comm Taylor attended the MAC Conference and it was good.

Comm Goodwill touched on the Finance Committee looking into the credit card matter. Maybe look into what other counties do.

Comm MacCready would like the millage language for COA to include nutrition in the language. He would also like to rewrite the contract with COA.

**Chairman's Comments**


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Comm Housler reminded Board members that requested information from Equalization and Administrator's Office need to go through Adm. Jordan.

**Adjourn**

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

All in favor.

  
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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk