

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Commissioner Michael MacCready.

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

**MOTION** by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to add to the agenda a discussion on the Administrator position.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in favor.**

### **Employee Recognition -**

15-year Service Award – Anthony Vermeulen, Sheriff's Department

20-year Service Award – Stephanie Dupuis, Equalization

20-year Service Award – Catherine Wright, Prosecutor's Office

Three employees were honored for their years of service to the County. Cathy Wright was present to accept her award from Chairman Housler.

### **Presentations and Reports -**

#### 1. CWTA Update

Carrie Thompson, Executive Director, appeared before the Board and introduced her new Mobility Coordinator, Kristen Kendall. CWTA secured a grant to help the community with some mobility issues. They have drivers that have been providing transportation since January 2, 2018 all over the State. The County provides a local match for the grant. It has proved to be very helpful for the community. They have 65 riders mostly from the COA and Veterans. Drivers are reimbursed their millage at \$.50 per mile.

### **Public Comments**

David Newhouse, Clam Lake, expressed concern about the injection wells. However, he appeared to discuss the implementation of a Hazardous Waste drop off. Such a program has been implemented in surrounding counties and he would like to see Wexford County join in.

Chad Phillips, Clam Lake, encouraged the Board to work with the City on a Hazardous Waste program. Currently, the County is not handling any recycling.

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek Township, attended a meeting at Cedar Creek. At the meeting they discussed hiring an attorney to work with the Township on water contamination matters.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the March 7, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

**Agenda Items**

1. USDA Forest Services – Financial Plan  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the 2018 Annual Operating and Financial Plan for the agreement between Wexford County and the USDA Forest Service in a reimbursable amount of up to \$4,500 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

2. Medical Marijuana Oversight Grant  
**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the grant between LARA and Wexford County for Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight in the amount of \$9,391, for the period of January 1, 2018 through September 15, 2018, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Household Hazardous Waste Collection  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the County join with the City of Cadillac to collect household hazardous waste in an amount not to exceed \$12,000 annually and request a five-year agreement through the City of Cadillac.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Resolution 18-09 Opposing Amendatory Legislation to Michigan Public Act 93 of 2013

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-09 Opposing Amendatory Legislation to MI Public Act 93 of 2013, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Budget Amendments – None
6. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project - None
7. Discussion on Administrator Position

A commissioner suggested keeping the two Interim Co-Administrators in place until the first of the year. After the elections in November the Board could include newly elected Board members in the search for the administrator. The consensus of the Board was to continue with the two Interim Co-Administrators for the time being.

**Administrator's Report**

Board members discussed whether or not to charge townships for the hazardous waste disposal. Treasurer Stanton put together a suggested price sheet splitting the cost with the County and charging the townships per parcel. A letter will be drafted and sent to the townships providing them an option to pay.

**Correspondence - None**

**Public Comments**

Mike Moose supported the hazardous waste disposal, but would like to see it moved around the County and not just in the City of Cadillac.

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek, discussed the water supply system in Cedar Creek.

David Fox suggested having the hazardous waste disposal area at the Springville Fire Barn. He would like to see some advanced notice provided to the members of the community.

**Liaison Reports**

Comm Housler attended a Road Commission meeting.

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting where they toured the Wexford County Jail.

Comm Taylor attended a Soil Conservation District meeting. They will soon have a new director.

Comm Nichols attended the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan. They too will be getting a new director in the near future. Also, they have been able to secure grant money.

**Board Comment**

Comm Bengelink is all in favor of the hazardous waste disposal clean up. He would not like to see the County charge the residents for the service.

Comm Theobald noted how much she appreciates what Carrie Thompson has done at the CWTA.

Comm Nichols remarked on the beautiful mural in the entryway of the Courthouse. She also thanked Mr. Hurlbert for bringing the two Manton veterans.

**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Housler thanked all for coming.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to adjourn  
at 4:35 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

  
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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk