

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added – I.2. BOC Work Session Minutes from April 27, 2016
J.1. Agreement on the jail

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. Annual Conservation District Update –Theresa Williams
Theresa Williams, Director of the Soil Conservation District, appeared before the board to present their annual update. She provided Board members with a background on how the Conservation District was formed back in 1938 and officially came to Wexford County in 1945. Board members were provided with a Powerpoint outlining all their activities they are involved with in the county.

John Galdwin, Wexford/Missaukee Forester, began working at the Soil Conservation District back in 2012. He touched on what they have done and been involved with over the past few years.

Public Comments

Alan Gendrich, 17828 180th Avenue, Leroy, appeared before the Board to let them know how unhappy he was with the actions of the Friend of the Court Referee. He explained that information was released without redacting certain information.

Emily Gram, Tustin, is a teacher at the Seventh Day Adventist School. She appreciates all the work the county has done on the jail project. She is hoping the County and the School can work together to get some bordering in place.

Scott Paddock, Cedar Creek, thanked the board and recommended a buffer zone be put between the school and the jail.

Pastor Pat Milligan, 908 Cardinal Drive, is on the Board at the Seventh Day Adventist School and expressed that they wanted to be good neighbors. He appreciates all the hard work the Board has put into the jail project and he assured them that they would be the best neighbors to the jail. He thanked them for looking into putting trees and bushes in the area of concern.

Gunther Schwartz, Tustin, is accepting of the jail project. He would like some assurances that Lincoln Street will not be developed and foot traffic prevented.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 20, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the April 27, 2016 Work Session Meeting - *Added*
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.

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 the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative on the Jail Project, appeared before the Board to discuss the recent agreement between the County and Citizens for the Safety of Wexford County Children (CSWCC). The agreement was drafted by Counsel for the CSWCC and is before the Board tonight for review after approval from County's Counsel Perrone. The agreement allows for a fence, shrubs, and trees to be placed on the property as a buffer. It was mentioned that the County had offered this option before the law suit was filed. She pointed out that foot traffic on the undeveloped portion of Lincoln Street cannot be stopped by the County. The property belongs to the City. The CSWCC may want to go to the City and request them to vacate the property.

Ms. Vogler pointed out that if the agreement is approved by the Board, the following dates will be of importance to the County: Release date proposed of 5/11; Pre-Bid meeting date of 5/19; Bid due date of 6/8; Vetting documents would also be gathered at that time – 6/16; Post Bid meeting 6/21. Once this has been completed, Ms. Vogler would come to the Board for selection of a General Contractor. It was mentioned that Bond Counsel Tom Traciak would be part of this process.

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

All in favor.

- 1.a. Agreement on jail project

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the agreement for Buffer System Implementation on the property located at 1015 Lincoln Street, Cadillac, MI and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Acknowledgement of Donation from Cadillac Casting

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to present a “Thank You” letter to Dan Minor, Owner and CEO of Cadillac Casting for the generous donation towards equipment for the 2016 Patrol Vehicles, as presented.

All in favor.

3. VoIP System Award

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid received by Windemuller for VoIP project, as presented.

Adm. Jordan explained that the County received five good bids. IT Right helped the County through the process and they recommend Windemuller. It was pointed out that they were the highest bidder. Adm. Jordan explained that some of the other bids did not follow the RFP. Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, was part of the process and he felt that the Windmuller bid most mirrored the RFP.

Adm. Jordan had contacted counsel regarding the higher bid and received the following:

“Although not the lowest bid, we concur with our consultant that Windemuller has the “most complete quote: and most “structured cabling experience. It also appears to be a better bind and solution in the terms of performance, minimizing down time, and shortel systems. In recommending this bid, the Committee considered our assessments of the ability, capacity and skill of the bidders to perform the contract or provide the service required; whether the service could be performed promptly or within the specified time frame without delay or interference; our assessment of the relative character, integrity, reputation, judgment, experience and efficiency of the bidders including issues with or quality of performance of other contracts or services of the bidders. In weighing

such factors, and other factors in the bid specifications and purchasing policies, the Committee believes that the Windemueller bid is most advantageous and/or best for the County.”

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Agreement for Housing Prisoners in Missaukee County
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Wexford-Missaukee County Inmate Housing Agreement for the period of May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Resolution 16-20, Annual Energy Savings Contribution
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 16-20, Annual Energy Savings Contribution, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Salvage Vehicle Inspection Agreement Renewal
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Salvage Inspection Vehicle Agreement extension with a new expiration date of April 30, 2017, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Budget Amendment

5/4/2016

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2016 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20160501	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$15,620		(a)
	101.526.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 15,620	
	To increase Pescador's agreement for increased monitoring wells in RAP Area.				

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 05/04/2016, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Jordan provided Board members with a written report of activities he was been involved with over the past few weeks. He touched on the Cedar Creek meeting with the DEQ, Health Department, and Pescador. Everything is not cleared up yet, but they all have a little more clarification as to some matters. He also thought there may be a way to reduce the financial assurance. Verbal approval has also been given to turn off all the pumps. The District Health Department #10 will be taking a more active role at the properties in the contaminated area.

Comm Fuscone left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Correspondence

1. Veterans Stand Down Event
2. E-recording with Simplifile
3. Cash/Investment Report from Jayne Stanton, Wexford County Treasurer

Public Comments

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, invited Board members in to meet a couple of new members of his staff.

Judy Nichols and another animal shelter volunteer, Barb Felsk, discussed the recent Doggie Show. They had about 200 people present with around 50 dogs involved. They raised \$1,215 which will be used for animal shelter needs.

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended the Northern Lakes Mental Health quarterly meeting. He mentioned that they review 4 to 5 policies each meeting in an effort to keep current.

Comm Theobald attended an Airport meeting and they still have not heard back from the City regarding the easement. Their audit has been completed and all looks good. Comm Theobald then attended a DHHS meeting where they announced that on 5/26 they will have celebrity server night at Culvers. Also on 5/19 they will be having senior appreciation day. And finally, CWTA is working to get transportation to Mt. Pleasant for methadone treatments at \$30 round trip.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready was glad to see the county starting down the path for a new jail. He attended the Dog Show and it was a very well attended event. He also thanked the people at the shelter for all their hard work over the past 5 years.

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Comm Theobald felt there are a lot of happy people in the community with the animal shelter. She also reminded the audience and Board that not all commissioners currently on the Board were in on the decisions made on the jail project.

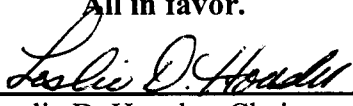
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler was glad the County and the School had reached an agreement. He felt the Board would be happy to work together with the school. Also, the thanked the volunteers for raising money for the animal shelter.

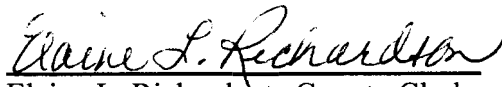
Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to adjourn
at 7:20 p.m.**

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk