

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, December 02, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

*Added* - J.8. Cedar Creek Letter with Pricing;

J.9. Resolution 15-29 to Approve Conveyance of Additional Real and Personal Property Related to the Lake Mitchell Sewer System and Matters Related Thereto;

L.1. Letter to Manton Senior Center;

*Remove* - J.2 – Revised Ordinance #5; Some Commissioners were not supportive to remove Ordinance #5. A request to call the question was made.

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded to Comm Fuscone to delete J.2.**

**Roll call: Motion to delete J.2 Revised Ordinance #5 passed 7 to 2 with Comm Howie and Comm Mitchell voting against the motion.**

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in favor.**

### **Employee Recognition**

1. 20-year Service Award, Brad Denike, Sheriff's Department  
Chairman Housler invited Brad Denike to come forward to present him an award for 20 years of Service to Wexford County.

### **Presentations and Reports** - None

### **Public Comments**

Dick LaBar, 6416 N. 33 Road, Greenwood Township, appeared before the Board to speak to them on the Zoning Ordinance. He touched on the impact the County may see if Zoning was eliminated. Cost sharing with the County may be an option that townships would be interested in.

Ron Vaughan, Cherry Grove Township Supervisor, believes the County needs Zoning. There are 13 townships that want County Zoning and may be willing to help support it.

The County needs to budget more than \$20,000 for this department. If there is some buy in from the Townships the revenue may increase between \$15,000 - \$20,000. The additional revenue would allow the County to have real zoning.

Mike Nix, Manton, requested that the Board pick the lowest bidder for operation of the Cedar Creek Water System.

Tony Rubio, 1081 Chestnut, Cadillac, would like to see a County Veterans Service. He feels it will bring many benefits for veterans and added revenue to the County. He offered to help in anyway.

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the November 18, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Appointments to Standing and Special Committees  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**All in favor except Comm MacCready.**

#### **Agenda Items**

1. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project Update – None
2. Revised Zoning Ordinance #5 - Removed from Agenda
3. Infrastructure Alternative Inc. Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the Infrastructure Alternative Inc. Agreement for the operation and maintenance of the Cedar Creek Water System, and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.**

The annual cost for the contract with Infrastructure Alternative Inc. agreement would be \$49,910, which was the second highest bid. Wade Trim bid amount was \$70,000. It was pointed out that the BPW did not approve Wade Trim to be the operator due to the much higher bid amount. Board members then discussed the additional information requested from the bidders and if that impacted the bid amount. One Board member felt Instructure provided additional services above the other bidders. Others felt Wade Trim would be a better fit because they designed the water system.

The question was called for.

**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Mitchell to call the question.**

**Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Comm Housler, Hilty, Taylor, Goodwill and MacCready voting against the motion.**

The discussion continued.

Some Board members explained their support for Infrastructure was partially based on the great job they are doing for Haring Township, currently. Other Commissioners felt that Infrastructure will be maintaining the intangibles, which is essential. It was also pointed out that the BPW supported Infrastructure after two separate votes (5/2 and 4/3).

**Roll call: Motion passed five to four with Commissioners MacCready, Housler, Hilty and Goodwill voting against the motion.**

4. Asset Recovery & Mgt. Services Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the agreement between Concierge Corrections and Wexford County for a period of 24 months beginning December 2, 2015 and ending December 1, 2017, and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Proposed 2016 Budget  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the 2016 Wexford County Budget, and hold a public hearing on Thursday December 17, 2015, as presented.**

The Finance Committee has been working on this long process for a number of months. Next year Adm. Jordan will be a great asset in budget preparation. For the 2016 Budget, \$406,000 was taken from the County's reserve. Also, at the last budget meeting both Judge Fagerman and Sheriff Finstrom agreed they will do their best to curb spending through the year. It was pointed out that the fund balance held by the County is used for paying County bills until June. It is used for cash flow for the County.

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

6. BOC Proposed Meeting Date Change  
**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the date change for the upcoming BOC meeting to Thursday December 17, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of a public hearing on the 2016 budget, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

7. Budget Amendment(s)

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendments dates 12/02/2015, as presented.**

12/2/2015

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 Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

<b>Adj #</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Acct Description</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>
20151201	101.225.702.03	Permanent Employees		\$(2,000)(a)
	101.225.932.00	Vehicle Maintenance		\$ (2,000)
	101.225.726.00	Postage		\$ 4,000

Printing tax bills for Haring Twp. and Clam Lake Twp.

20151202	101.325.702.03	Permanent Employee		(\$11,000)(b)
	101.325.800.05	Equipment Leasing		(\$10,000)
	101.325.931.00	Equipment Maintenance & Repair		(\$ 5,000)
	101.325.702.05	Overtime		\$26,000

To cover overtime expenses.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Cedar Creek Letter – *Added* – Moved to Correspondence

9. Resolution 15-29 to approve Conveyance of Additional Real and Personal Property Related to the Lake Mitchell Sewer System and Matters Related Thereof  
 - *Added*

**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 15-29, County of Wexford, State of Michigan Resolution to Approve Conveyance of Additional Real and Personal Property Related to the Lake Mitchell Sewer System and Matters Related Thereto, as presented.**

With the approval of this resolution, the DPW property will be transferred over to the townships using the sewer system. Adm. Jordan provided Board members with a packet of minutes and payables for the sewer project dating back to 1976 and 1977. It was pointed out that the property where the DPW building sits was purchased for \$8000 with sewer fees. They then discussed the assets that are now in the building. If Mesick and Haring make any claim to the assets at the DPW, that would be the problem of townships taking over the sewer system.

Motion withdrawn by Comm Fuscone and the support was withdrawn by Comm Taylor.

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 15-29, County of Wexford, State of Michigan Resolution to Approve Conveyance of Additional Real and Personal Property Related to the Lake the County Mitchell Sewer System and Matters Related Thereto with an additional clause that the townships' indemnify the County should outside parties make claim against the items transferred, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

**Administrator's Report**

Adm. Jordan hoped all Board members had a great Thanksgiving. He was given a tour of the landfill and the RAP system by Comm Fuscone and found it very interesting. He, counsel and a couple of Commissioners have a possible tentative agreement with the TPOAM General and Courts units on soon to be expiring union contracts. Sign up for the new health care plan is underway and going well. Administration has received most of the enrollment forms back from employees.

**Correspondence**

1. Letter to the Manton Senior Center – *Added*
2. Cedar Creek Letter with Pricing – *Added from J.8.*

**Public Comments** - None

**Liaison Reports**

Comm Fuscone thought he and Adm. Jordan had a good meeting at the landfill with Pescador.

Comm MacCready attended the Road Commission meeting. They are busy getting ready for winter.

**Board Comment**

Comm Howie addressed the Zoning Ordinance. He requested that Adm. Jordan look into the ordinance on the books and the reason to get rid of it. He reminded Commissioners that the Zoning Department was still in the budget for 2016.

Comm Mitchell complemented Comm Howie for getting the budget done. He also mentioned that past Commissioner Terry Oliver's father passed away a few days ago.

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**Chairman's Comments**


Comm Housler thanked Comm Howie and the Finance Committee for getting the 2016 Budget together and bringing it forward. Also, he wanted to point out that he was not anti-zoning but supports minimal zoning. He would like to see townships more active in zoning. Townships can use our Zoning Board of Appeals and they can adopt the County's Master Plan.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn  
at 6:40 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

  
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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk