

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 02, 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, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Michael Bush and John Fuscone

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Deleted: J.10. Discussion on 911 Call Answering System

Added: J.11. Amended Budget Amendment

J. 13.a. Partial Payment Request

J. 14. Windemuller Extended Warranty Proposal

K. Administrator's Report

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments – None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 19, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Appointment to the Airport Authority
3. Approval of the Appointments to the Construction Board of Appeals

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Closed Session to Discuss Current Litigation

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

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.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Theobald to authorize Counsel for the County to proceed with the Ferris vs. Wexford County et al (case no. 115-CB-00680) pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, as discussed in closed session.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Council on Aging 2017 Proposed Budget

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Council on Aging's 2017 proposed budget, as presented.

Kathy Kimmel, Director of the Council on Aging, was present to answer any questions Board members may have on their 2017 Proposed Budget. One commissioner suggested budget should be bid out next year. When questioned, Ms. Kimmel explained how their new location/building was purchased and where they received their funds. A commissioner was not happy with the contract renewal.

Ms. Kimmel explained that COA is not 100% funded by the millage dollars they receive. In their 2017 Budget revenue they have \$1.5million with \$900,000 coming from the millage.

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

3. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Probate Court

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for the Probate Court's full-time Juvenile Court Administrator, as presented.

Judge Tacoma came forward to explain that the vacated position is a statutory one. The Court cannot function without this position. The Judge stated that he is willing to work with the board but the majority of his staff are statutory positions.

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

4. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Prosecutor

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Hilty to approve the request to approve the request to waive hiring freeze for the Prosecutor's office part-time Child

Assistant Prosecutor Julie Valice was present to answer any questions the Board may have about the hiring of a part time staff member. This position handles abuse and neglect cases as well as support cases. They have spread the work around, but it cannot continue. A commissioner thought the Board needed to hold off filling the position until the 2017 Budget was in place. Another commissioner felt that with just four more pay in the year it was worth not replacing the position.

Ms. Valice explained that they are only asking for the replacement until the end of 2016.

Roll call: Motion passed four to three with Commissioners Taylor, MacCready and Howie voting against the motion.

5. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Register of Deeds
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for the Register of Deeds part-time Deputy Register of Deeds, as presented.

Lorie Sorensen, Register of Deeds, appeared before the Board to explain the need to fill this position.

Roll call: Motion passed five to two with Commissioners Hilty and Taylor voting against the motion.

6. Residential Stability Agreement Modification #6
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve contract modification #6 between Wexford County and Networks Northwest in the amount of \$11,050 for residential stability, extending the expiration to September 30, 2017, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Housing Council Project W 15-07
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Housing Council Project W 15-07 in an amount not to exceed \$15,320 using CDBG funding for a loan with repairs provided by Deverman Builders, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Housing Council Project W 15-08
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Housing Council Project W 15-08 in an amount not to exceed \$11,770 using CDBG funding for a loan with repairs provided by Deverman Builders, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Housing council Project W 15-12

MOTION by Comm Hilty, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Housing Council Project W 15-12 in an amount not to exceed \$12,540 which is 10% over the estimated proposed bid of \$11,400 using CDBG funding for a loan, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Discussion on 911 Call Answering System - *Deleted*

11. Amended Budget Amendment – *Amendment Added*

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the amended budget amendments dated 11/2/2016, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed five to two with Commissioners MacCready and Howie voting against the motion.

12. Discussion of Health Insurance

Courtney Box, representing Weadock and Associates, appeared before the Board to explain an insurance plan that could save the County money. She pointed out that most all the coverage was the same as the current policy. A couple of differences would be:

- Employees would receive a portion of their deductible up front at the first of the year – (\$1,250 single; \$2500 double/family)
- Employees would now be responsible for the full charge of a doctor's visit, and drug coverage, however, they can pay it out of the medical fund account given to them by the County;
- Once you reach your deductible, you will be covered 100% by your insurance carrier;

Before the Board will vote on this insurance package they would like Ms. Box to meet with the union to discuss the changes and get their approval. She felt she could do that soon.

13. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative, appeared before the Board to bring them up to date on the jail project. Granger Construction is about 15% completed. She touched on the weekly meetings that are held with the owner, architect, and contractor. They have had about 30 requests for information and they are handled at the weekly meeting. She believes the requests for information will get higher when more subcontractors are on the job site.

Ms. Vogler discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and the City involving the construction costs charged by Granger Construction for the "East Side Sewer Replacement Project. The estimated amount is \$382,500. The County will bill the City, the City will pay the County, and the County will pay Granger Construction.

There have been two change orders: 1. the sewer replacement involving the City; 2. Additional reinforcement in weight bearing areas of the project. The amount of change Order #2 is for \$16,758 and the administrator has the authorization by the Board to sign orders under \$20,000. Board members questioned the change order and why the County was being charged. Board members believe it is a structural change that should have been caught in the beginning by the Architect. Board members would like a representative from Hooker DeJong to come before the Board and explain it further. Ms. Vogler will make the arrangements.

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

All in favor.

13.a Partial Payment Request – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the partial pay request in the amount of \$733,988 submitted for October 1, through October 30, 2016 for the jail construction and related expenses and notify them we would like to discuss change order number 2.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

14. Windemuller Extended Warranty Proposal - *Added*

Adm. Jordan explained that he has been approached by our Windemuller about an extended warranty on the new phone system. By the first part of December all

departments will be provided a new and updated phone system with a warranty of 13 months. The warranty was discussed by the Board. They figured it would cost the County about \$20,000 over five years. The Board was not interested. No motion was made.

Administrator's Report – Added

Adm. Jordan provided Board members with a written statement. He also touched on the work that was done by the State Police on the 800 MHz. The estimated cost for pagers and amplified chargers would be about ¼ of a million dollars.

He informed the Board that the Judges, Sheriff Department staff and the administrator have been in discussion about security matters in the Courthouse. With the new phone system, the County purchased software which would allow for an announcement of the security matter. It will be discussed more at a later date.

Correspondence

1. Cash/Investment Report from Jayne Stanton, Wexford County Treasurer dated October 26, 2016

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended the Northern Michigan Community Mental Health meeting and good things are happening there. He encouraged Board members to go to Club Cadillac for a meal. They are doing a great job.

Board Comment

Comm Howie believes it is a serious issue in the Prosecutor's Office having employees working overtime and not being compensated. They need to receive comp time or be paid.

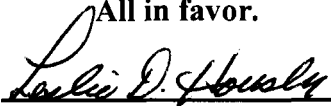
Adm. Jordan explained that they are renewing the Solid Waste Advisory Committee and asked Board members if they would be interested in being on that Committee.


Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 7:45 p.m.

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk