

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 5, 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 John Fuscone; Absent - Gideon Mitchell and Bill Goodwill.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added - FOIA Discussion

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 - None

Public Comments

Anthony Badovinac, Wexford County Prosecutor, addressed the hiring freeze that will be discussed at the meeting tonight. He now has a job vacancy in his department for a part time position (22.5 hours per week) which is mostly State Funded. He is requesting that he be allowed to fill the position.

Bob Ford, Haring Township, expressed concerns about the road conditions in Haring Township. This topic has been addressed at the County Road Commission meeting as well as the Haring Township meeting. He would like support from the Road Commission for road maintenance.

Donald Koschmider, Cadillac, reminded the Board about the missing \$10,000 from the evidence room at MSP – Cadillac.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 21, 2016 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Acceptance of Resignation from the Dept. of Health and Human Services
3. Approval of Appointment to the Dept. of Health and Human Services

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Acceptance of Commissioner Gideon Mitchell's Resignation
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept the resignation of Commissioner Mitchell effective immediately.

All in favor.

2. Appointment of Michael Bush as Commissioner to District 5 for the Remainder of the Term
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to appoint Michael Bush as Commissioner to District 5 for the remainder of the term.

All in favor.

The oath of office was given by the Clerk to Michael Bush. He then took his seat as District 5 Commissioner Representative.

3. Resolution 16-37, To Authorize the Issuance of Refunding Bonds
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 16-37, Resolution to Authorize the Issuance of Refunding Bonds Not to Exceed \$3,500,000 as presented.

Paul Wyzgoski, Dickenson & Wright Bond Counsel, explained the purpose of the resolution before the Board tonight. The county bonds for the Courthouse expansion were originally taken out back in 2002. The bond was refinanced earlier in 2007. Dickenson & Wright are suggesting that we refinance them again for a cost savings of approximately \$450,000 over the life of the bond without extending the payoff date.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Tax Rate Request Form L-4029
MOTION by Comm Theobald seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Tax Rate Request Form, L-4029, and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign the form, as presented.

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

5. Resolution 16-36, 2016 Winter Millage Rate for FY 2017 Budget
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 16-36 Winter Millage Rate for FY 2017 Budget, as presented.

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

6. Veterinarian Services Agreement Extension
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve an extension through December 31, 2017 to Veterinarian Services Agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Discussion – Hiring Freeze
Some Board members felt it was a good idea to put a hiring freeze in place at least until the 2017 Budget was approved.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to establish a hiring freeze until 01/01/2017.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Comm Theobald voting against the motion.

8. Budget Amendments
10/5/2016

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Amendments to the 2016 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20161001	101.172.727.00	Office Supplies		(300) (a)
	101.290.726.00	Postage		300

The County Clerk notified the Administrator that the budget for postage, fund 290, was underfunded and an appeal to move funds from fund 172 fund is requested.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 10/05/2016, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project
a. Partial Payments Request – September 2016
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the partial pay request submitted for September 1, 2016 to September 30, 2016 for the jail construction and related expenses, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. FOIA Discussion – *Added*

A Commissioner expressed concern about receiving FOIA information timely. FOIA request should be disbursed timely.

Administrator's Report

Board members received a written report by Adm. Jordan dated October 5, 2016. He also mentioned that he has stopped by the USDA office last week to thank them for going above and beyond by working with the City of Cadillac and Granger to have them work together on the sewer project. He then touched on the 911 service. Some jurisdictions see dispatch as State mandated, but it is not.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments

Donald Koschmider, Cadillac, expressed concern about MSP TNT Center.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald, as the liaison for DHHS, will be providing the Commission with a written report as they have much going on.

Comm Taylor had a Veteran's Service meeting today with Renee Haley present. They believe the consolidation service agreement between Clare County and Wexford County has been worked out.

Comm Housler attended a North Flight meeting and they have entered into a joint venue with Spectrum in Grand Rapids. They seem to have a licensing problem that they are continuing to work on. They have their big helicopter now and are working on new hangars. They have three and are working on a new one. The joint venture is working well.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald explained that the Airport grant will be \$3.4 million of Federal Funding over the next 5 years. In 2017, the project they would be working on will be at a cost of \$670,000 with a portion to come from the City and County (\$33,500 City; \$20,100 County). Never Down for the Count has scheduled a benefit banquet for 10/15 with a silent auction.

Comm Taylor congratulated Robert Colvin for being named Citizen of the Year in Manton.

Comm Fuscone would like to see the BOC follow through with their hiring freeze beyond 2017. He believes cuts are needed and he would like to see the BOC stick with it.

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Comm Howie believes that the 911 surcharge is a sneak tax. He would like to see a tax reduction if the surcharge is voted in.

Comm Bush will do his best to represent the citizens in District 5 and thanked Board for the appointment.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler welcomed Comm Bush. The 911 letters that were sent out were to provide information to the Community and gather information.

Adjourn

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

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk