

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 16, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman John Fuscone.

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.

Vice Chair Fuscone asked for the Board's attention while he read a letter he received from Comm Mitchell. He will be stepping down as Chairman of the Board of Commissioner due to his work schedule. Comm Mitchell will remain on the Board and hopes to attend meetings in November as his schedule will permit.

Board members discussed whether or not Vice Chair would stay in place for the balance of the year. It was felt the policy manual supported that.

Board members questioned whether a new Chairman should be selected now or continue with the Vice Chair acting as Chair until the end of 2015. The Clerk was asked to contact legal counsel to get some direction.

A ten minute break was called for.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added -

1. Zoning Certification to replace Committee of the Whole – Jail Project Update
16. Child Care Grant
17. Operating and Maintenance Agreement for Water Production and Distribution Facilities
18. Policy C-1.0 Communication with Legal Counsel Discussion

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

The Clerk returned after speaking with Ms. Toskey, legal counsel for the Board. She explained that a vacancy has occurred and must be filled tonight or at the next meeting. Some Boards members preferred to have the election tonight.

The Clerk reminded the Board that in the past when the Board Chair was elected it was by a secret ballot which must be motioned up.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Housler to have a secret ballot for the election of Board Chair.

All in favor except for Comm Howie.

The floor was opened up for nominations.
Comm Howie nominated Comm Fuscone;
Comm MacCready nominated Comm Housler;

No other nominations were made and the Clerk closed nominations.

Board members were provide a ballot by the Clerk. The Clerk collected the ballots and announced that Comm Housler had been elected as Board Chair.

Vice Chair Fuscone shall remain in his position as Vice Chair.

Employee Recognition

1. Resolution 15-22, Extending Appreciation for Alicia Fewless
The resolution was read into the record by the Chair.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 15-22, Extending Appreciation for Alicia Fewless's Dedicated Services, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Resolution 15-23, Extending appreciation for Teri Rasey
The resolution was read into the record by the Chair.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 15-23, Extending Appreciation for Teri Rasey's Dedicated Service, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 02, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Zoning Certification – *Added* (Committee of the Whole-Jail Project removed)
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Zoning Certification for the Wexford County Jail and authorize the Chairman to sign the certificate on behalf of the County, as presented.

This is a requirement by the USDA for the Jail Project.

All in favor.

2. Signage at Lake Street
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the wording “Military Veteran Services” be added to the Lake Street building signage, as presented.

All in favor.

3. Civic Center Bid Awards
 - a. Ice Machine Hydraulic Pump Kit Parts
 - b. Ice Machine Hydraulic Pump Kit Installation/Labor
 - c. Brine Pump Rebuild
 - d. Ice Monitoring System alarm
 - e. Spare Motor Replacement
 - f. Garage Door/Opener

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone:

- To award the bid received by Icemann Arena in the amount of \$1,549.45 for the Olympia Ice Machine Hydraulic Double Pump Kit Parts, as presented;
- To award the bid received by Valley Repair & Fabrication LLC in the amount of \$160 for the installation and labor costs associated with the repairing the Olympia Ice Machine Hydraulic Double Pump, as presented;
- To award the bid received by AMR in the amount of \$6,554.32 for rebuilding the brine pump, as presented;
- To award the bid received by AMR in the amount of \$2,243.17 for the Simple Dial Out Temperature Monitoring alarm, as presented;
- To award the bid received by AMR in the amount of \$749.60 to rebuild and reinstall the Tower Pump, as presented;

- To award the bid received by Cadillac Garage Door, Inc. in the amount of \$1,675 for a new 10 x 10 steel insulated garage door and an electric operator Liftmaster door opener, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Civic Center Request for Reimbursement for Capital Expenditures
MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Fuscone to reimburse Boon Sports Management in the amount of \$8,279 for the replacement of a new 100 gallon hot water heater and for parking lot repairs, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. North Fights Request to Enlarge Garage Doors
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the request from North Flight to enlarge the garage doors on the Cobb Street Building utilizing North Flight's funding, as presented.

All in favor.

6. Public Utility Easement Agreement between Wexford County, NDF and Haring Township
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Public Utility Easement Agreement between Wexford County, the Northern District Fair Association and the Charter Township of Haring in the amount of \$1.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County and utilize the Wex Capital Millage Fund to pay for the connection of the Wex water and sewer lines to the new sewer line.

Attorney Corey Wiggins, appeared before the Board representing Haring Township. He discussed the hook up fee. At this time it is a guestimate. He felt it would be between \$5000 and \$6000.

MOTION by Comm Hilty, seconded by Comm Howie to amend the original motion to add "cost of \$5000 +/- 5%.

All in favor.

Roll call on the original Motion: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Airport Authority Agreement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve a County Commissioner be appointed as a voting board member to the Airport Authority beginning January 1, 2016, replacing one of the three county appointments expiring December 31, 2015, as presented.

The contract in place states that the County should have a voting member. The County appointments are to expire December 31, 2015 and at that time the County place a voting member on the board or do it now. Commissioners that are serving as liaisons now believe that some changes need to be made on the Airport board. There are times when it is difficult to have a quorum present for their meetings. After further discussion the vote was called for.

Roll call: Motion failed with a vote of four to four, Commissioners Goodwill, MacCready, Housler, and Hilty voting against the motion.

8. Personal Property Storage on County Property

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to remind the public that personal property is not to be stored on county property at any time, as presented.

A commissioner objected to the recording equipment being placed in the Commissioner's room. Committee members are unsure as to when the camera was being turned on and felt it was invading their space. Other commissioners felt this motion goes far beyond the camera equipment. After further discussion, Board members agreed to allow the microphone stand to remain in the Commissioner's room tucked back in the corner. The motion was withdrawn by Comm Howie and Comm Fuscone.

9. Resolution 15-24, Approving Community Corrections Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 15-24, approving the Grant between Michigan Department of Corrections and Wexford County for the Comprehensive Plans and Service Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. 2015 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the 2015 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Wexford County in an amount not to exceed \$6,500 with a local match of 25% or \$1,625, and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Bid Award for Bulk Paper Purchase

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid received by Central Michigan Paper in the amount of \$11,940.40 for the annual purchase of bulk paper, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Professional Services Agreement JE Tiffany and Sons

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Professional Services Agreement between J.E. Tiffany and Sons and Wexford County in the amount of \$4,000 for Phase I-Field Work and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

This has been through the Finance Committee and Drain Commissioner Solomon explained that this is a long term project. Commissioners requested that Drain Commissioner Solomon look into getting a bulk purchase rate, rather than drawing this project to several years.

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

13. Substance Abuse Treatment Services

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Non-competitive Purchase Order #0646-16-TS09 for substance abuse testing services in the amount of \$1,980 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement of behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approve unanimously.

14. Budget amendment(s)

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Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20150901	101.301.677.00	Misc. Income	\$ 2,718.20	(a)
	101.301.702.05	Overtime		\$ 1,036.49
	101.301.702.03	Permanent Employee		\$ 655.89
	101.301.719.00	Social Security		\$ 129.47
	101.301.722.00	Worker Comp.		\$ 41.75
	101.301.720.00	Retirement		\$ 854.60

Unexpected costs arose out of the Rainbow gathering held in the County. The costs were reimbursed by the Federal Forest department

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 09/16/2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

15. Closed Session to Discuss Union Negotiations (Moved to the end of the agenda)

16. Child Care Grant – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Hilty, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Basic Grant and In-Home Child Care Certification between Wexford County and the Michigan Department of Human Services for the period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 and authorize the Chairman to Electronically Sign the grant, as presented.

All in favor

17. Operation and Maintenance Agreement for the Water Production and Distribution Facilities – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to forward the Operation and Maintenance Agreement for Water Production and Distribution Facilities to County's Legal Counsel, Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, and to approve Infrastructure Alternative, Inc. as the service provider for the Cedar Creek Water System.

A commissioner explained that Infrastructure Alternative, Inc. has been approved by the BPW. It was touched on that a local firm was interested in submitting another bid. The agreement approved by the BPW is for 5 years.

Roll call: Motion approved seven to one with Commissioner MacCready voting against the motion.

18. Policy C 1.0 Communication with Legal Counsel

Board members were given an opportunity to review the policy. It was pointed out that the policy allows the following: Chairman, Board of Commissioners; Elected officials; County Administrator; other County officials as designated from time to time by the Board. Legal Counsel bills at an hourly rate of \$165. It was suggested that the policy would be adjusted and be more specific as to who may contact legal. Also, for those that contact legal without permission they may be asked to pay for the charge from legal.

Board members then entered into closed session which was passed over earlier

15. Closed session to Discuss Union Negotiations (6:40 p.m.)

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussion union negotiations pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being Section 8 (c).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Return from closed session at 7:25 p.m.

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, 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.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report

County Treasurer Stanton and I have been working with Blake Smith, USDA, on some of the paperwork needed for the financing protection of the jail project.

Correspondence

Board members received a letter from the Prosecutor – not provided to the Clerk.

Public Comments

Corey Wiggins, Legal Counsel for Haring Township, explained that engineers will have to be contacted to see what the hook-up fees may be for the County.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald expressed concern about the Airport Board.

Board Comment

Comm Howie arranged to have Tom Jordan, MERS Representative, appear at the Finance Committee to touch on two alternative plans for county employees at no cost to the County. The Finance Committee will continue to move forward on the MERS liability.

Chairman's Comments

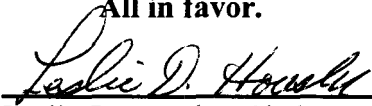
Comm Housler does not plan on making any Committee changes this year. He thanked Board members for entrusting him with the position of Chairman.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

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All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk