

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 20, 2017

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

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent -

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added – Resignation letter from Judge Tacoma to Correspondence

Added - Discussion for a new Administrator added to item 15

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments

Prosecutor Elmore appeared before the Board to assure them that he will not be seeking the office of Probate Judge. He is very happy as Wexford County Prosecutor and he enjoys his job.

Bruce Rendon informed the Board he will be running for the 35th State Senate seat which will be vacated by Senator Booher due to term limitations. He was a State Rep for six years and was term limited out. Mr. Rendon gave the Board some background. He also explained what accomplishments he is looking to make if he is elected as 35th Senator.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 6, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes – Removed from Consent Agenda
2. Approval of Resolution 17-20 Opposing BS 386
3. Approval of Resolution 17-22 Great Lakes Restoration Initiative
4. Confirm Members of the 911 Advisory Committee

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the consent agenda items with the removal of the September 6, 2017, regular meeting minute from the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the September 6, 2017, as read.

A commissioner requested that the statements made by Comm Hilty at the last meeting be made part of the record: Comm Hilty reported that a meeting has been held with American Waste. A few months ago they claimed we owed them \$300,000 based on a certain volume of waste taken in each year - \$75,000 per year for 10 years. At the conclusion of the meeting American Waste forgave two payments and two more payments we do not owe. We now have a clean slate. A new document will be drafted and attached to the Agreement which explains the bench mark they are to follow. The County will still continue to receive their host fees.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing – Final 911 Plan

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to open the public hearing on the Final 911 Plan at 5:41 p.m. No one came forward.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to close the public hearing at 5:43 p.m.

All in favor

2. Public Hearing – Mesick Annexation

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to open the public hearing on the Mesick Annexation at 5:44 p.m.

Attorney Figliomeni has been working with the Village of Mesick to secure annexation of a small piece of property. The Village held a public hearing and no one attended. The public hearing for tonight's meeting has been published. Attorney Figliomeni provided the Board with some background on how this small piece of property became an island within the Village limits.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to close the public hearing at 5:46 p.m.

All in favor.

3. Final 911 Plan

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Final 911 Plan, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Ordinance #47 Emergency Services Communications Ordinance
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to adopt Ordinance #47 Emergency Services Communications Ordinance effective November 9, 2017, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Resolution 17-21 Village of Mesick Annexation
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 17-21 Order and Determination to Annex Certain Lands to the Village of Mesick, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Utilities Sales Tax Exempt Review & Recovery Agreement
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Utility Sales Tax Exemption Review and Recovery Agreement between EnStar Energy and Wexford County for Boon Sports Management to pay 50% of the gross amount recovered of sale tax paid on Civic Center utility bills, as presented.

All in favor.

7. Recreation Master Plan – Networks Northwest
MOTION by Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Networks Northwest Scope of Work for updating Wexford County's Recreation Master Plan in an amount not to exceed \$2,300, as presented.

Elizabeth Callcut, Networks Northwest Representative, appeared before the Board to discuss updating the Wexford County Recreation Plan. Ms. Callcut explained that this Plan cannot be shared with other Villages, Townships, and Cities in the area. However, if the other jurisdictions were involved they could use the Recreation Master Plan.

In consultation, the Board agreed to contact municipalities in the area to see if they have an interest in being involved so they can use the Recreation Master Plan for their needs. The municipalities may help with the financing of the plan if they are involved. Networks Northwest will help with drafting the letters.

All in favor.

8. Curfew Monitor Program Agreement

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the agreement between the MDOC and Wexford-Missaukee Counties for electronic curfew monitoring equipment and services beginning October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Substance Abuse Testing Services – US District Court

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Non-Competitive Purchase Order 0646-18-TS20, for substance abuse testing services for the Community Corrections Department beginning October 1, 2017, through September 20, 2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Resolution 17-23 Approving the Grant Agreement Between DOC and Wexford County

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 17-23, Approving the Grant between MDOC and Wexford County for the Comprehensive Plan and Service Agreement in the amount of \$116,873, beginning October 1, 2017, through September 30, 2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Network Northwest Contract Modification #2

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink approve the Networks Northwest Contract Modification #2 increasing the rate from \$20 per day to \$25 per day for structured housing, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Website Updates – IT Right

MOTION by Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve IT Right to perform website updates for ADA Compliance and cyber security in an amount not to exceed \$6,500, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

13. Budget Amendments - None

14. Committee of the Whole - Jail Project – No Report for this meeting.

15. Discussion on the Hiring of a New Administrator *added to the Agenda*
A couple of commissioners felt it was a good time to begin the search for a new Administrator. It was felt by some that Board Members are assuming the role of Administrator. There has been a lot of time and energy invested in the 911 Plan and Jail. The procedure should begin on hiring a new Administrator which may take as long as 6 to 8 months. Another commissioner felt the interim administrators have done a great job. The Board has not had much luck with administrators in the past.

Discussion on "Hiring a New Administrator" will be placed on the Executive Committee Agenda for further action.

Administrator's Report

Clerk Richardson, Co- Administrator informed Board members that the 911 Advisory Board will be having their first meeting on September 25, 2017 at 4:00 PM. At their first meeting they will have a draft copy of the by-laws and the operational procedures. The goal will be for them to set up some meeting dates and start the interview process. Once they have selected two final candidates, the Human Resource Committee will take it from there and to the full Board for approval.

Treasurer Stanton, Co-Administrator has been looking into either purchasing or leasing copy machines for the County. The approximate cost for the machines would be \$55,000.

Correspondence

1. Letter from Judge Tacoma announcing his resignation from Probate Court effective 10/31/2017.

Public Comments

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, announced that he passed his Master Assessor Class through the State of Michigan.

Liaison Reports

Comm Taylor explained the program that was recently held for WW II Veterans. They had 6 local vets that answered questions and talked about their experiences. Later in the day they did a 30 minute video segment, one and one, of each of the Veterans will be filed in the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

Comm Nichols attended a Housing Council meeting and they are working on some good projects.

Comm Goodwill announced that the CWTA is in the process of re-branding their vehicles to Wex Express. He also announced that the ridership is up 20% over last year.

Comm MacCready attended an RAC meeting and thought Wexford County was going to get more money. We have two projects and expect to receive \$48,000.

Board Comment

Comm Nichols read a portion in the Policy Book that says they can have a Commissioner Day open to staff. She also touched on statements being made on Social Media by a commissioner against other Commissioners. The statements are rude.

Comm MacCready touched on the agreement between Wexford County and American Waste and the benchmark they are using in the agreement. He also touched on the Chairwoman of Grand Traverse that went to Washington, D.C. . He talked about the MAC conference that was held on Mackinaw Island.

Comm Hilty informed Comm MacCready that he was not involved with drafting the agreement. American Waste and the County both agreed that some of the language was misinterpreted.

Comm Bengelink stated that if we have Commissioners overstepping their bounds, he was sure Roberts Rules could deal with that.

Comm Theobald thanked and congratulated Joe Porterfield on his Master Assessors certificate. Also, Lincoln Area Watch will be held next Tuesday at Lincoln. All are invited to attend.

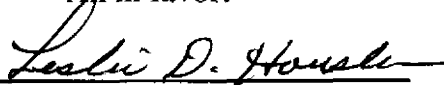
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler would rather see members on this Board work together rather than tear each other down. At the next Executive Committee meeting one of the agenda topics will be a discussion on the selection of a new Administrator.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:35 p.m.**

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk