

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, September 6, 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 - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

### Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

**MOTION** by Comm MacCready to have the County send a letter to the Missaukee Human Society asking them if they are interested in running our shelter. No support for the motion. Motion failed.

### Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports - None

### Public Comments

Carol Blake, MSUE 4-H Educator, announced that on August 31 4-H ended its fiscal year. She explained the many programs offered to children in the community. They need more volunteers as their programs are growing.

### Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 16, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

### Agenda Items

1. Purchase Order 17-2708  
**MOTION** by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Purchase Order 17-2708 to Tele-Rad in the amount of \$17,440 for increased radio transmission in the new jail using the jail contingency fund, as presented.

Greg Webster, Jail Administrator, appeared before the Board to explain the need for the booster system in order to make calls and transmit calls inside the jail. Also, there are several dead spots in the new facility and with the booster in place, those are eliminated.

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

2. 911 Advisory Committee Discussion

Clerk Richardson, Interim Co-Administrator, explained to the Board that most of the positions for the 911 Advisory Committee have been filled:

City Representative	Captain Eric Eller
State Police Representative	Lt. Frank Keck
County Sheriff's Dept.	Sheriff Taylor
Fire Department Representative	Michael Guernsey
Township Representative	Kerry Keith
Village Representative	James Schafer
Ambulance Representative	Paul Owens

A meeting date will be set up and a letter will be sent to all the members. Along with the letters a copy of the four applications the County received from those interested in being hired as the 911 Director will be enclosed. At the meeting, the committee will be asked to set up a good time for them to start the interview process.

3. Appointment to Standing and Special Committees

**Motion by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Jim Meier as the General Public Representation on the 911 Advisory Committee with a term expiring December 31, 2020, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

4. Budget Amendment(s) – None

5. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

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

**All in favor.**

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative, announced to the Board that the jail project was 95% complete. There are a few loose ends to finish up. One problem they have run into is the arrival of the jail doors. Granger is looking at mid-October to do a punch list. A Grand

Opening date has not been selected. Ms. Vogler stated that the City is looking for a utility easement deed. There will be more information on the deed to follow.

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

**All in favor.**

a. Partial Pay Request

**Motion by Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the partial pay request in the amount of \$833,337.20 submitted for August 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 for the jail construction and related expenses.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **Administrator's Report**

Clerk Richardson, Interim Co-Administrator touched on the following:

- 911 Advisory Committee
- AS 400 Computer System for the Courts
- Details on the new phone system at the new Sheriff's Office and Jail
- Indigent Defendant Agreement
- American Waste meeting
- MERS Employee Retirement

#### **Correspondence - None**

#### **Public Comments**

Gordon Maxwell, Cadillac, questioned what the \$450 was for in the Tele-Rad bill – PO 17-2708.

Dorie Williams was sorry the Board would not check to see if Missaukee County Humane Society was interested in running our animal shelter.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Comm Theobald explained that DHHS is training case workers on how to handle drama with children and families.

Comm Taylor attended a presentation on Cyber Security with Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director and Jayne Stanton, Treasurer – Interim Co-Administrator.

Comm Housler attended a Road Commission meeting.

**Board Comment**

Comm MacCready would have liked to see support on his motion to work with Missaukee County Humane Society. The 800 MHz radios are not the cure-all. There are many places that radios will not work. He also touched on the VA facility in Grand Traverse.

Comm Bengelink is comfortable with the Animal Shelter staying with the Sheriff unless he does not want it.

Comm Bush thought the organizers of Harvest Festival in Manton did a wonderful job.

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 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. (A correction made to the minutes requested at the 9/20/17 meeting.

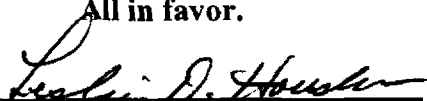
**Chairman's Comments**


Comm Housler explained that American Waste was moving the bench mark when calculating Solid Waste Agreement, however, we have all agreed on the figure for the future.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.**

All in favor.

  
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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk