

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, January 15, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Mark Howie, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, Bill Goodwill, and Leslie Housler; Absent – Commissioners Robert Colvin, Robert Hilty, and Gideon Mitchell.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added – 7. Resolution 14-03, Fair Housing (Executive 01/14/2014)

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. Road Commission Annual Report (held after Commissioners came back from closed session)

Al Cooper, Manager of the Wexford County Road Commission, provided the Board with his annual report. They projected spending \$7,771,000 when in fact they only spent \$7,233,000. Part of the cost savings was due to holding off on a couple of projects.

Mr. Cooper provided board members with a verbal detailed report on what they had accomplished over the past year. He touched on the cost savings they realize due to equipment modifications and refurbishing. Also, after laying off a couple of employees and moving some work around they found they could get along with less employees; however, they do pay out some overtime, but not much.

Public Comments

Crystal Johnson reminded the board that the Animal Shelter is trying to form a 501(c)3. Also, there will be a garage sale this Saturday at the K of C Hall and all were invited to attend.

Judy Nichols, Haring Township, continues to volunteer at the shelter. She wants the board to know great things are happening at the shelter with great cooperation from all.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 2, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve the January 02, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Liaison Appointments

The Liaison Membership was reviewed by the entire board. A few changes were made and many agreed to keep their current position.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to accept the Chairman's Liaison Appointments to various agencies, as presented.

All in favor.

2. Risk Avoidance Program Application

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Risk Avoidance Program application to purchase tasers for law enforcement and authorize the Chairman to sign the application on behalf of the County, as presented.

Board members received a letter outlining the purchase of the Tasers. Sheriff Finstrom came forward and explained the value of the tasers in keeping law enforcement out of physical altercations. MMRMA supports this and we are receiving RAP (Risk Avoidance Program) funds to help with the purchase

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Animal Control Pension Discussion

The Finance Committee has reviewed this and has moved it to the Board of Commissioners. Adm. Hinton has been in contact with the auditors to make certain no exception will appear in our audit by the use of millage funds to be designated to go into a pool which has two animal control employees. The dollars that are being use are based on the 12/31/2012 MERS valuation. The total amount of unfunded current liability as reflected in 2012 is \$46,346.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, supported by Comm Howie to move a supplemental appropriation of unfunded liability from the Animal Control Fund to the MERS Pension fund.

Roll call: Motion passed four to two with Commissioners Goodwill and Housler voting against the motion.

4. Employees' 2009 Workstations

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the selling of the 2009 Employee Computer Workstations, without hard drives, at a cost of \$25.00 to current employees, as presented.

All in favor.

5. Consolidation of Services Initiatives

MOTION by Comm Taylor, Seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve the Consolidation of Services Plan, as presented.

Adm. Hinton explained it encourages the County to get involved with consolidation efforts with other units of government or send them a letter stating it is not possible. The project Wexford County is looking at is joint funding of an 800 MHz program with Meceola Central Dispatch. If it comes together it will establish a savings and improve services in dispatch. The County must make an effort at consolidation or we could lose a portion of our Federal Revenue Sharing.

All in favor.

6. Closed Session: Discuss Acquisition of Real Property

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Goodwill to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268, Section 8(d).

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously

Comm Hilty arrived at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Goodwill 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.

7. Resolution 14-03, Fair Housing

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Howie to approve Resolution 14-03, Fair Housing, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton informed the Board of the following:

- Mediation on a County lawsuit will be held on 1/16;
- “Cash Flow” bids for financing of the Jail Project are due in on 1/16;
- End of the month the new computer servers should be installed in all offices and the computer work stations will be sometime the first part of February;

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Fuscone attended the first BPW meeting. Robert Hilty is Chair; Beverly Monroe is Vice Chair; and Mike Mix is Secretary. They are receiving bids for the pump stations around Lake Mitchell with an approximate cost of \$420,000 to upgrade.

Comm Howie attended a Lake Mitchell Improvement Board. They will be looking at treating the lakes again, but it will be done differently this year and Comm Howie explained. At the CAMA meeting on Tuesday, Obama Care will be discussed.

Board Comment – None

Chairman’s Comments - None

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to
adjourn at 6:27 p.m.
All in favor.**

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk