

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

*Added* - 14. Schedule a Workshop at Lake Street / Zoning 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**

1. Overview of Financing Process for the Jail Project – Tom Traciak  
Tom Traciak, Bond Counsel for the county, appeared before the Board to review the financing of the jail project. The County is looking at the USDA to finance the jail project. The only legal way for Counties/Cities to borrow is through bonds. A resolution must be adopted and published in the paper. Citizens of the County have 45 days to file a referendum which may force a vote. Once the County receives their letter of conditions from the USDA within a month or two, the interest rates at that time will be locked in. However, if the rates have reduced at the time of closing the County will receive the reduced rate. The Bond Attorney and Tom Traciak will do some planning behind the scenes to put it all together.

Mr. Traciak expressed how good the timing was for the County to do the financing through the USDA. The county will receive a lower interest rate of around 3.5% and the loan can be paid off at any time. He again stressed the timing of this loan and the benefits the County will receive.

2. Update on Lake Levels – Mike Solomon, Drain Commissioner – *Removed*

### **Public Comments**

Gunther Schwartz of Tustin appeared before the Board to speak on the new jail being built so close to the Northview Seventh Day Adventist School. Mr. Schwartz is in hopes that the County will work together with the school to find an answer that will work for

everyone. He does not want to stop the process, but would like some dialog with the Board.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the March 4, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Resolution 15-08 Notice of Intent to Issue Bonds for Jail Construction  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 15-08 Notice of Intent to issue Bonds for Jail Construction, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

2. Village of Mesick/Haring Township DPW Funds  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to authorize the disbursement of amounts due Haring Township and the Village of Mesick pursuant to the agreements transferring ownership of the assets previously overseen by the Wexford County Board of Public Works.**

The Board was asked to amend the motion to include the dollar amounts in the motion.

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to authorize the disbursement amounts due Haring Township in the amount of \$169,866.88 and the Village of Mesick in the amount of \$41,750.04 pursuant to the agreements transferring ownership of the assets previously overseen by the Wexford County Board of Public Works.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Award Bid for Patrol Unit Cameras  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to award the bid for patrol unit cameras to Pro-Vision, in the amount of \$25,242, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Award Bid for Janitorial Services

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept the bid for janitorial services to Cadillac Janitorial, and approve a contract for their services for the 3-year period beginning April 1, 2015, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Residential Stability Services Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Residential Stability Services Agreement modification, increasing the amount to \$13,252 through September 30, 2015, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Northern District Fair Association Request

The Fair Board is asking for permission to remove some concrete on the grounds and replace it with grass for safety. They will cover the entire cost.

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to authorize the Northern District Fair to remove the concrete and install grass.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

7. NACo Membership Dues

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the invoice for 2015 membership dues in the amount of \$655, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Rotary Auction Procurement Request

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Rotary auction procurement request, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

9. Resolution 15-05, Kraft Hockeyville Resolution for the Wex

**MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Housler to approve Resolution 15-05, Kraft Hockeyville Resolution for the Wex, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

10. Budget Amendment(s)

3/12/2015

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Amendments to the 2015 Budget

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20150303	256.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance		\$ 30,000
	256.000.800.05	Equipment Leasing	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	
		New Computer Software and Hardware		

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendments(s) dated 03/12/2015, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

11. Discussion on Annual Board Goals

Board members discussed the idea of setting up a goals session. Some commissioners felt that the most important goal was the jail and that was underway. Others would like to see a more transparency on the County's website and work towards communication through internet and e-mails with the purchase of county laptops. Another suggestion was to update the County Policy Manual. After further discussion it was decided that Commissioners would each make a list of 5 goals and turn it into the Chair within a week. It will be discussed again at the next Board meeting.

12. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

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

**All in favor.**

Adm. Hinton has continued to work on the application documents for the USDA financing of the jail project with a few more things to be worked out. There have not been any more meetings to work out details; however, many of them has already been worked out. He believes another meeting will be scheduled early to mid-April. The County may receive the money within 6/8 weeks. Adm. Hinton thought the ground breaking ceremony will be held in late spring. It was felt that the City would not be upgrading and putting in the minimum the County needs still within our jail project budget.

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

**All in favor.**

13. Closed Session to Discuss Purchase of Real Estate

**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Howie 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, 67, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8 (d) and invite Steve Moe and Bruce Callen to participate in the meeting.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

**MOTION by Comm Howie, 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.**

**MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm Howie to authorize Adm. Hinton to enter into negotiations to purchase real property subject to the Board of Commissioner's approval.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

14. Workshop Session to be held at Lake Street / Zoning Discussion – *Added*  
It was suggested the Board would schedule a meeting with all the Township Supervisors to discuss the zoning options. It was later learned that the Planning Commission is in the process of sending out letters to all the supervisors and gather the information to be presented to this board. Board members decided to wait for the information to come in from the Planning Commission.

**Administrator's Report**

Adm. Hinton informed the Board that on Friday at 10:00 a.m. the County would be receiving an award for achieving the Connected Community Status. Wexford is one of 14 counties in the State that has made this achievement.

Adm. Hinton will be on vacation starting on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He suggested that the draft of his contract will be back from county counsel and could be part of the agenda at the next Board meeting.

**Correspondence** - None

**Public Comments**

Jeff Broddle, writer for the Cadillac News, announced to the Board that this would be his last week at the paper. He thanked the Board for working with him over the years.

**Liaison Reports** - None

**Board Comment**

Comm Theobald thanked Jeff Broddle for all his years at the paper.

Comm Taylor enjoyed working with Jeff Broddle.

Comm MacCready wished Jeff Broddle well.

Comm Housler felt Jeff Broddle treated him fairly.

Comm Howie was glad Mr. Broddle will have new working material.

**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Mitchell announced he will be attending the police academy for the next 16 weeks. He does not believe he will miss all the meetings during his training. He will then be working for the State of Michigan in September.

**Adjourn**

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

**All in favor.**

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Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk