

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 02, 2014

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Move item 9 – Millage Discussion for the Wex to 2.B.; Remove item 8 – Resolution 14-07, Older citizens Services Renewal Millage Proposal.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. District Health Department #10 Annual Report
Linda VanGills, Health Officer for District Health #10, appeared before the Board to give the annual report. Board members were provided with a brochure which she went through touching on certain topics. She reminded Board members that their Medical Director, Dr. James Wilson, stepped down on July 1, 2013, and later passed away. They are now using a Medical Director from Mid Michigan Medical which is being shared among other agencies.

Ms. VanGills went on to state they have been successful in receiving their Public Health accreditation from the Michigan Health Accreditation Board. They are now in the process of trying to receive their National Public Health Accreditation. The Health Department is also working with a program “Promote Health” in Michigan for adults from 19-64 years of age.

The Dental Clinic has invested over \$80,000 to upgrade their facility. Currently, they serve approximately 2600 Medicaid clients.

Ms. VanGills also would like this board to pass a Resolution to restore State/Federal funding to their department in the amount of \$2 million.

Public Comments

Phil Potvin, State Rep, appeared before the Board to let them know that he would be running again for State Representative. Mr. Potvin is a resident of the Cadillac area. He believes that if we all work together as a team it will help all of us. The Governor does not understand that one size does not fit all. Those of us in the more rural areas have different needs than those in larger cities and townships. They are currently working on the 2014-2015 budget and hope to have it completed by June 2014.

Michael MacCready, Manton, believes this Board will have a problem getting the Wex millage passed.

Crystal Johnson, Cadillac, thanked the Board for hiring a person at the Animal Shelter. This added position will help to keep the facility open more hours. She then touched on the dollars charged for licenses and the need to split out the revenue received. This will provide for a more detailed accounting to indicate dollars earmarked to make certain State mandated requirements are funded.

Robert Miller, Cherry Grove, touched on the millage renewal for COA. He does not support putting any more money into the Wex. If the Jail is constructed, he would like to see all hiring from within Wexford County.

Dee Robinson, Marion, also thanked the Board for hiring a new shelter attendant. She would also like to see the dollars spent for Animal Control pensions recently return to the Animal Control fund.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the March 19, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. State 911 Operational Surcharge
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the County's 911 Director to submit the required documentation to the State 911 Office stating the County's continued collection of the local 911 surcharge with no change for the period of July 01, 2014, through June 30, 2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Resolution 14-06, Supporting the Wexford County Civic Center

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve Resolution 14-06, Supporting the Wexford County Civic Center, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Comm Taylor voting against the motion.

2.B Millage Discussion for the Wex (*moved from item 9*)

Some Commissioners spoke up in favor of putting money into the Civic Center to update and repair some of the fixtures. A millage amount of .6 mills was suggested which would raise approximately \$530,000 and it would be only for one year. Others questioned if that was too much or not enough. After some discussion the consensus of the Board was to have both the Building and Recreation and the Finance Committee review this thoroughly. First it would go to Building and Recreation then to the Finance Committee.

3. Municipal Financial Advisor Proposal

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the agreement with Tom Traciak of H.J. Umbaugh & Associates for Financial Advisor Services with the terms stated in the engagement letter dated March 20, 2014, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Clerk’s Office

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for a full-time Deputy Clerk in the County Clerk’s Office and restore the full-time position to the roster to allow for the hiring of a replacement, as presented.

All in favor.

5. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Deputy Sheriff

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for a full-time Deputy Sheriff and restore the full-time position to the roster to allow for the hiring of a replacement, as presented.

All in favor.

6. Peer Review Surveyor Agreements

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve four Professional Services Agreements for Peer Review Surveyors, Craig

McVean, Jim Ray, Bill Sikkema, and George Smith, in the amount of \$650 each for a total of \$2,600 and authorize Chairman Housler to sign the agreements on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Monumentation Surveyor Agreements
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Axin Land Surveyors in the amount of \$28,350 for a period of April 1, 2014, through December 13, 2014, and authorize Chairman Housler to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve the Professional Services Agreement with CC Land Surveying in the amount of \$19,950 for the period of April 1, 2014, through December 13, 2014 and authorize Chairman Housler to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Resolution 14-07, Older Citizens Services Renewal Millage Proposal – *Removed from the agenda and sent to the Finance Committee for further discussion.*
9. Millage Discussion for the Wex – *(moved to 2B)*
10. FOIA Appeal

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to have the Board Chair respond to the FOIA appeal within 10 days issuing a written notice to the requesting person upholding the disclosure denial.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Commissioner Howie voting against the motion.

11. Budget Amendments

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Amendments to the 2014 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20140401	260-363-660.00	PBT Revenue	(3,000)		(a)
	260-363-760-00	PBT Expense		3,000	
	Community Corrections is requesting this amendment				
20140402	570-000-699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	(4,700)		(b)
	573-000-971.00	New Construction - CCPWS		4,700	
	This is the last remaining residence to connect with the Cedar Creek Public Water System.				

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to
approve the budget amendments dated April 02, 2014, as presented.**

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report - None

Correspondence - None

Public Comments

Michael MacCready, Manton, questioned if the Board should be putting any money into the Wex.

Robert Miller, Cherry Grove, agreed with Mr. MacCready. He also questioned how much revenue the Wex has raised and where has it gone.

Liaison Reports

Comm Colvin attended a Department of Human Services meeting. They now have extra volunteers in place to direct clients to the proper area. The department has also received a new computer system.

Comm Housler attended the Road Commission meeting. They are only \$20,000 over budget for snow plowing, which is good considering all the snow this year.

Board Comment

Comm Howie felt it was important that if a millage does go on a ballot this year, either August or November, it should be the election with the greatest turnout.

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Comm Mitchell stressed the importance of the ballot wording and to use millage dollars for what it is being collected for.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler agrees the millage should go on the ballot with the most voters.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to
adjourn at 6:00 p.m.**

All in favor.

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk