

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

*Added* - 6. Resignation of Lester Barnes from Appointment to Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board; 7. Annual Equalization Report; 8. Resignation of County Administrator.

### **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** - None

### **Public Comments**

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek, expressed concern about the Cedar Creek water system. He believes pressure valves should be placed on many areas through the water system. He expressed concern about not having a plumbing inspector involved in the process.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the April 01, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm to Howie approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

### **Agenda Items**

1. Haring Township Utility Transfer Documents  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Bill of Sale and Assignment of Easement Rights, pursuant to the Agreement Regarding Optimal Redemption in Full of Wexford County Water Supply**

**System Special Assessment Bonds, Series 1996, dated June 1, 2014, as presented and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.**

Mr. Wiggins appeared before the Board representing Haring Township. He explain that to transfer the assets over to Haring Township is a two part process. First is the assignment of easement rights over to Haring. The second part is a Bill of Sale transferring ownership of the water system to Haring. A question came up about the Rigid Power Head 700 not being a part of the inventory list. Board members were willing to amend the motion to add it back in.

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to amend the motion to add in the Rigid Power Head 700 as part of the inventory list details.**

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

Roll call on the original motion was called for which amended the asset list attached to the Bill of Sale to include the Rigid Power Head 700.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

2. Resolution 15-10 Purchase of Real Estate

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to approve Resolution 15-10, Purchase of Real Estate, as presented.**

Adm. Hinton explained this is a vacant parcel (2-3 acres), not served by a paved road. The property to be purchased would be used for water run off at the new jail site.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Appointment of Dissemination Agent

**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to engage H.J. Umbaugh & Associates, Certified Public Accounts, LLP, for certain continuing disclosure services as quoted in their letter dated March 30, 2015.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Wexford-Missaukee County Inmate Housing Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Wexford-Missaukee County Inmate Housing Agreement for the period of May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Wexford-Osceola County Inmate Housing Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Wexford-Osceola County Inmate Housing Agreement for the period of July 01, 2015 to June 30, 2016, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Resignation of Lester Barnes from appointment of Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept, with regrets, the resignation of Lester Barnes as the Wexford County Representative to the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board.**

**All in favor.**

7. Annual Equalization Report - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2015 Equalization Reports and Form L-4024, and authorize the Vice Chairman and Clerk to sign said reports, as presented.**

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, appeared before the Board to explain the L-4024. This report is a state requirement that the Board signs off on every year. He pointed out that the equalized value for 2015 is \$1,907,130,200 which is a 4.49% increase over last year. The County Taxable Value for 2015 is \$934,894.362 which is an increase of 1.27% over last year.

Board members then discussed the veterans' property tax benefits with Mr. Porterfield. He believes most veterans who qualify have signed up. They must sign up annually.

Mr. Porterfield also pointed out that this is a 12 month report put together with a combined effort of his entire staff.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Resignation of County Administrator - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to accept the resignation of the County Administrator and refer consideration of extending his contract to the May 31, 2015 Executive Meeting.**

Adm. Hinton appeared before the Board to give some of his personal background on how he moved into this area some 15 years ago. He is now a great distance from his children and grandchildren and relocating to the southern part of the state would put him closer.

He believes the people around here are good solid people and he will be happy to assist in filling his position in any way. He will begin his new job on June 01, 2015. He will also

do his best to help in the transition and tie up as many loose ends as possible before he leaves.

The thought of sending this to the Executive Committee, he felt, was a separate issue. However, if the Board is not interested in extending his agreement to May 31 he will be leaving on May 1.

It was pointed out by a commissioner that this Board needs to do what is best for the county.

**Roll call: Motion failed two to six with Commissioners Goodwill, MacCready, Housler, Hilty, Theobald, and Taylor voting against the motion.**

**MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Housler to extend the County Administrator's employment agreement until May 31, 2015.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

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

Adm. Hinton explained the process for the 2014 audit is about finished. The auditors commented that the Clerk and Treasurer have done a great job. Adm. Hinton must supply records to the auditor on the updated remediation liability at the landfill.

He will continue to work on the jail project and work to get the USDA application in place before his resignation. He hopes to have the jail project documents out for bid by the time he leaves.

Adm. Hinton has been in contact with a veteran's service group that helps homeless veterans. He may offer them some space at the Lake Street building to keep veterans groups all together. Currently, Veterans Trust and Soldiers and Sailors are located there.

**Correspondence** - None

#### **Public Comments**

Mr. Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek, came back before the Board to discuss pressure valves and their importance.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Comm Howie attended a CAMA meeting on Monday that was hosted by the Sheriff. There was a small turn out but attendees were given a tour of the jail and many went to visit the new site.

**Board Comment**

Comm Goodwill thanked Adm. Hinton for services he provided for Wexford County. He hopes this Board will use him when looking at someone to fill his position.

Comm MacCready felt Adm. Hinton was very professional and tells it like it is. He then touched on the pressure valve matter brought up by Mr. Lohman.

Comm Housler has worked with Adm. Hinton for many years and he was happy he made it longer than two years. He has done a tremendous job and will be missed.

Comm Howie thanked Ken for his services. Although, they did not always agree on certain matters.

Comm Theobald also thanked Ken for the service he provided the county.

Comm Taylor wished Ken good luck and it has been a pleasure working with him.

**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Fuscone also thanked Ken and would appreciate his help in taking care of some of the county's pending projects.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to adjourn at  
6:25 p.m.  
All in favor.**

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John Fuscone, Vice Chairperson

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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk