

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 21, 2014

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Removed from the agenda – Senate Bill 558, Mandatory Interagency Agreement.

Added to the agenda - EMS Project

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. Michigan Association of Counties

Tim McGuire, Executive Director of MAC, appeared before the board to update them on some of what MAC has been involved with:

- Funding for roads may come through
- MAC has been working with the Governor/Legislators on the 2015 Revenue Sharing and believe that we will receive 100% of our share
- MAC has also been working on timely payment of PILT money or the State will be fined
- Mr. McGuire touched on Federal PILT dollars

Board members were encouraged to attend MAC regional Summit in June.

2. Wexford County Technology Plan

Tom Stephenson appeared before the Board representing the Connect Michigan Program which is part of the Michigan Public Service Commission. Their goal is to expand the use, access and adoption of broadband across the State of Michigan. Mr. Stephenson's main job is community planning and outreach. Currently, there are several communities throughout the State of Michigan that are connected to the plan. Wexford is one of 22 communities that have completed the program. He outlined for the Board the value broadband can bring to our community for both residential and business as well as the education information that comes along with it.

Public Comments

Harry Yonkman from Boon touched on people being involved with 4H for horses and the easement requested by Haring Township.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 07, 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. Resolution 14-08, Commemorating 100 Years of MSUE
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Howie to approve Resolution 14-08, Commemorating 100 Years of Cooperative Extension, A Division of Michigan State University, as presented.

Chair Housler was joined by Shari Spoelman and Jill O'Donnell as the resolution was read into the record and to the public.

All in favor.

2. Resolution 14-07, Older Citizens Services Millage Renewal
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-07, Older Citizens Services Renewal Millage Proposal, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 14-10, CWTA Millage Renewal
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve Resolution 14-10, Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority 2014 Millage Renewal, as presented.

Roll call: Motion failed four to four with Comm Housler, Hilty, Devereaux, and Taylor voting against the motion.

4. Resolution 14-12, Library Services Millage Renewal
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve Resolution 14-12, Resolution Authorizing Millage Election for Library Services, and Certifying Ballot Language, as presented.

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

- 5. Housing Council Project W12-29
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the proposal provided by Raymer’s Dozer Service for the replacement of a septic tank in an amount not to exceed \$5,300, for Housing Council Project W 12-29, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 6. Budget Calendar 2015
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Calendar, as presented.

All in favor.

- 7. Senate Bill 558, Mandatory Interagency Agreement – *Removed from the agenda*

- 8. Request for Easement – Charter Township of Haring
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to have the County Administrator enter into negotiations with Haring Township for a utility easement on the Northern District Fairgrounds.

Board members discussed where the money would be applied if they receive any for the easement. It was suggested that it be used to upgrade the Civic Center. Once the negotiations have been completed, the information will be brought back to this Board for further discussion. The Board felt strongly that the Fair Board should be a part of the discussion.

All in favor except Comm Fuscone.

- 9. Budget Amendments
Amendments to the 2014 Budget

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20140502	101-215-800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 2,000
	101-215-702.03	Permanent Employees		(\$2,000)
	Funding for Manpower Services for the Clerk's Office.			

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a budget amendment reallocating salary monies in the amount of \$2,000 to fund contract labor in the Clerk’s department, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the Jail Architectural bids.

All in favor.

Board members discussed informally the bids that were submitted. The five bids that were submitted included: TowerPinkster; RQAW / Byce; Goldberg Group Architects; DLZ – Michigan, Inc.; Hooker DeJong, Inc.

The consensus of the Board was to meet with TowerPinkster and Hooker DeJong, Inc. for further discussion. A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for 5:00 p.m. on May 28, 2014.

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

All in favor.

11. Emergency Management Projects

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$38,184.60 for the purchase of 10 ballistic vests totaling \$18,500, 4 night vision goggles totaling \$14,200, 10 GPS units totaling \$4,814.60 and 1 fiber-optic scope camera totaling \$670, with funding provided by the Homeland Security Grant Program, as presented.

Ms. Benson assured the Board that the County would receive 100% of the expenditure back from the Homeland Security Grant.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton will be attending a MAC meeting both Thursday and Friday morning. The Finance Committee will have the draft audit for their review at their next meeting. The audit will then be presented to the Board of Commissioners at the June 4th meeting.

Correspondence

Missaukee County communication – not received by the clerk.

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Colvin announced that the Senior Expo will be June 19 at the Wex. They expect to have 50+ booths. Rink Management has been cooperative

Comm Howie attended a CAMA meeting where they attended a Job Expo at ISD. He had a good discussion at the CWTA about the millage.

Comm Mitchell explained that last Wednesday the Zoning Board voted to approve the tower that is going up in the Mesick area.

Board Comment – None

Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Devereaux to
adjourn at 5:55 p.m.
All in favor.

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk