

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 04, 2014

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added - CWTA Millage; Soil Borings at Jail site

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 15 Year Service Award
 - a. Kelly Dostal, District Court
 - b. Madeline Hunter, Department of Public Works
2. 20 Year Service Award
 - a. Randy Powell, Sheriff's Department

Board Chair read the recognition awards on each employee.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments

Michael MacCready of Manton, expressed some interest in the soil boring at the Jail building site. He was glad the Board was looking at the CWTA organization as a whole.

Stephen King of Cadillac, addressed some concerns he was aware of with the CWTA. He would like to see a Citizens Advisory Committee formed before the millage language gets on the ballot. He too believes the entire operation should be looked at, which may affect the millage amount to be requested.

Dan Smith of Cadillac, raised concern about the operation and/or loss of the CWTA. He works for YMCA and CWTA has a direct impact to the youth.

Judy Nichols, Haring, has been actively volunteering for the Animal Shelter for 18 months. Many positive things have been happening there. She listed the amount of adoptions/reclaimed/euthanized animals. She would like to see this Board consider a millage for Animal Control.

Crystal Johnson, Cadillac, does not believe it was one commissioner's fault the CWTA ballot language did not get approved at the last meeting. Some commissioners on the Finance Committee supported its language, but when it came before the Board, voted against the motion.

Stan Fawcett, 10200 E. 34 Road, Cadillac, supported the suggestion made by Mr. King. The citizens of the County need public transportation.

Gordie Maxwell, Cadillac, would like to know where and what the millage money is being spent on at the CWTA.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 21, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the May 28, 2014, Special Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of Housing Council Appointments

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

1. Wexford County 2013 Financial Audit

Steven Peacock, Rehmann Auditing Firm, appeared before the Board to review the 2013 County Audit. The audit performed was a single audit. Other component units had their own audits performed by independent auditor firms, which were made a part of this audit. Rehmann gave the County a clean audit report, the highest level the County can receive. It was pointed out that the County's retirement through MERS has an unfunded liability of \$7,800,000, which, under GASB 68, must be reported as part of the audit in 2015. Mr. Peacock reviewed the audit in full and concluded by stating the County had a good clean audit with no material weaknesses.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the Wexford County's December 31, 2013 Financial Statements and Independent Audit, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Budget Amendments(s)

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the budget amendments dated June 04, 2014, as presented.

6/4/2014

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2014 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20140601	570.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,000		(a)
	570.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 1,000	
	This transfer covers the \$1,000 deductible for the replacement of a garage door				
20140602	101.301.674.02	Contribution/Donation	\$ 588		(b)
	101.301.980.00	Equipment		\$ 588	
	Fox Ford Lincoln of Cadillac donated the funds for the Sheriff's department to purchase ResQ Disc for each patrol car and marine patrol.				
20140603	101.301.674.02	Contribution/Donation	\$ 2,042		(c)
	101.301.980.00	Equipment		\$ 2,042	
	Mutual Aid donation received by Region 3 members for the purchase of Ballistic shields				
20140604	570.000.626.02	Rendered Services 591	\$ 2,000		(d)
	570.000.747.00	Gas & Oil - Haring Twp.		\$ 2,000	
	The 570 budget pays for Haring Twp. fuel and then invoices Haring Twp. for reimbursement. This amendment accounts for this change.				

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- Committee of the Whole – Jail Project (discussed after the CWTA)
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fuscone to resolve into a committee of the whole for purposes of discussing the jail architectural bids.

All in favor.

Commissioner Hilty was requested to get a quote on soil boring at the jail site. He reported that soil boring can be done within a 2 week period for estimated price of \$6,500. He explained how the process would work.

Board members then questioned the liability factor of having someone other than the, soon to be selected, architectural firm perform soil borings. A representative from TowerPinkster was present and felt any of the vendors that may be selected will do their own boring before building on the site. It would be their expense, which would be expensed back to the County. Board members agreed not to pay for the soil boring if the vendor would be doing their own borings.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Colvin to raise and report the findings of the Committee of the Whole.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fuscone to accept an offer to enter into a contract for architectural services with Hooker/DeJong and Harrison-Landmark as the architectural firm for the jail.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously

Adm. Hinton will notify all other firms that sent in bid proposals.

4. CWTA Millage – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell for the CWTA to make a presentation to the Board of Commissioners as part the July 2, 2014 Board of Commissioners meeting.

The final date the ballot language can be submitted to the County Clerk's Office is August 12, 2014 to be placed on the November General Election ballot. Board members have heard from a number of citizens concerned about the CWTA millage not being on the November ballot. A commissioner was concerned that this Board should let the public know that they are supportive of the public transportation and assure them that there will be something on the November ballot. Other Board members felt it may be premature statement before all the information was gather on the CWTA. All Board members felt there was a need for public transportation, but questions need to be answered about the funding. Board members would like CWTA to provide the Board with information before the presentation. It was noted that Comm Howie is a non-voting member of the CWTA Board. The Board is made up of four County and one City representative.

Roll call: Motion passed eight to one with Comm Colvin voting against the motion.

Some Board members felt that handling the millage was the first issue to be addressed with the advisory committee second. Mr. King believes the Citizens Advisory

Committee would be helpful to the Board. They will do their best to get the information to the Board at the same time the CWTA information is received.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to form a Citizens Advisory Committee for the CWTA.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm Mitchell to include the following citizens from the community on the Citizens Advisory Committee: Stephen King, Chair; Kelly Smith, Dan Smith, Dan Minor, Eleanor Sosenko as well as a member of the CWTA Board to be named.

(Please note this is a voluntary committee with no remuneration.)

This will be an advisory committee only and the information will be shared with the City of Cadillac as well as the Board of Commissioners. The reports will be brought to Human Resources/Public Safety which is scheduled for June 24, 2014.

All in favor.

Mr. King will notify all members who were just appointed.

5. Soil Borings at Jail site – *Added – dealt with during Committee of the Whole.*

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton reported on the following:

- June 5th, Mr. Hinton will be attending a meeting with Michigan Economic Development Corporation and the Northern Michigan Chamber, which may deal with State money coming into the County;
- Next Tuesday there will be depositions taken in Traverse City at 9:00 a.m. on the Kathy Dennis law suit;
- If the Executive Committee is cancelled, Adm. Hinton will be attending a hearing in Benzie regarding recouping cost in the defamation law suit. The County is seeking supplemental monies on the slander charge that was dismissed

Correspondence

- Board members received a letter from Pamela Blevins, Missaukee County Director for Council on Aging in support of CWTA.

Public Comments

Robert Miller, Cadillac, would like to see a clause in the jail project to make certain the construction company would be hiring locals from the community.

Mike Mix, 2399 16 Road, Manton, provided Board members with a copy of a payables report from CWTA. He reviewed some of the expenses in detail and questioned the dollar amounts being spent on certain items. He believes there are a lot of questions on this report that need some answers.

Michael MacCready, Manton, explained that he once dispatched for a busing company. He questioned the audit which calls the Cedar Creek water fund an enterprise fund.

Liaison Reports – None

Board Comment

Comm Goodwill touched on a recent letter to the editor in the Cadillac News regarding his attendance to Board meetings. He outlined some of his public service background. For the past four years and nine months he has missed only 14 out of 116 meetings held. He is concerned about the welfare of the people of the community and does not have a political agenda. He invited members of the Board to come to him if they have concerns about his commitment to the board and his history with the County.

Comm Colvin would like the Finance Committee to take up the question of the Animal Shelter Millage.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler believes there has been many positive improvements at the Animal Control with no tax dollars used.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to
adjourn at 7:05 p.m.
All in favor.**

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk