

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting * Monday, September 28, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Public Comments –

Gordie Maxwell expressed concern about how the bills were handled at the Finance Committee meeting. He believes the bulk of the bills should have been approved and further discussion on those in question. He also believes the Board may be going around the attorney's recommendation if the travel bonus is paid to the administrator before he arrives.

Agenda Items

1. Approval of the Claims

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to amend the travel/relocation reimbursement section of the employment contract to clarify the Board's intent to pay the \$10,000 as a travel/relocation bonus and pay the bills in the amount of \$881,412.09, as presented.

A commissioner questioned why payment of the bills at the Finance Committee came to halt and are now at Special Meeting to be approved. Maybe a policy should be put in place so this does not happen again.

Another Commissioner touched on the three bills that were not approved at the finance level. Out of the three bills, this commissioner understands the payment of the Title Commitment and Hiring Solution bill, and believes they have been clarified, but the early payment travel/relocation fee he was not comfortable with. He believes the fee should not be paid until the bills have been turned in for reimbursement. Another Commissioner did not believe that was the intention of the negotiating team; however, the agreement was put together the requirement to reimbursement travel expenses. Another Commissioner believed the \$10,000 relocation fee was a bonus. After counsel put the agreement together the requirement to not pay the travel expenses until the bills were

turned in was an oversight on the negotiating team's part. Another commissioner did not agree and did not feel that was the intention of the negotiating team.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to call the question.

Roll call: Motion passed five to one with Comm Fuscone voting against the motion.

The roll called was called on the initial motion.

Roll call: Motion passed five to one with Comm Fuscone voting against the motion.

Public Comments - None

Board Comment

Comm Theobald was sorry for the effect of not paying the bills timely had on departments.

Comm MacCready thought it looked like this committee was where the bills go to die.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler does not believe this will be an issue again.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn the Special Meeting at 5:43 p.m.

All in favor.

Leslie Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk