

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 07, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Changed – 10. Closed session to Discuss A Written Legal Opinion;

Added - 11. Public Utility Easement Agreement

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Howie to remove item 7 – Infrastructure Alternatives Agreement for O&M of the Cedar Creek Water System.

Roll call: Motion failed three to five with Commissioners Housler, Howie, Theobald, Taylor, and Fuscone voting against the motion.

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 25 Year Service Award – Vickie Boersma, Sheriff's Department
The 25 Year Service Award was read to the public and the Board will see to it that Ms. Boersma will receive her award.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments

Beverly Monroe, Chair of the BPW, addressed the Board regarding item 7 – Infrastructure Alternatives Agreement. She explained how the bid process was carried out when the bid was awarded to Infrastructure. After speaking with our legal, she pointed out that the Board of Commissioners had several options, including rebidding out.

Mike Mix, E. 16 Road Manton, questioned why the Board of Commissioners would spend about \$60,000 over the life of a contract when there is a lower bidder. He believes Wade Trim is the only bidder that will substantially reduce their bid. He suggested that the Board return this agreement from Infrastructure and back to the BPW to rework.

Mary Hallett, Cedar Creek Township, expressed concern as to why their legal counsel sent information on the Cedar Creek settlement agreement to Cedar Creek Township, Midland. Ms. Hallett contacted legal and she learned that a commissioner from this Board posing as a Cedar Creek Board member, contacting their legal counsel asking for materials to be sent to him. She clearly stated that Cedar Creek Board members were the only one that were entitled to contact their legal counsel regarding their settlement agreements. A bill for legal services will be sent to this commissioner.

Ms. Hallett then questioned where the County or the Department of Public Works was in supplying water to all property owners in the RAP area that do not have water.

Eleanor Sosenko, Manton, expressed concern on the responses received back on the RFP for the Cedar Creek Water System.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 16, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the September 28, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project Update - None
2. Approval of the MERS Delegate
MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to appoint Collette Rene Steinhour, Deputy Clerk District Court, as the Employee Delegate and Norma Kijorski, Senior Executive Assistant, Administration, as the Officer Delegate for the 2015 Annual MERS Conference, as presented.

All in favor.

3. Canvass Board Ballot

According to Statute, members of the Canvass Board are selected by a ballot process. However, it cannot be secret ballot. Each commissioner placed their name on the top of the ballot. Candidates for the Canvass Board were provided to the Clerk from the two political parties. The ballots were gathered and Robert Colvin (write in candidate) was selected as the Democratic Party representative and John Pike was selected as the representative of the Republican Party.

The Clerk will notify the two new canvass board members.

4. Property Access Agreement

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Property Access Agreement for each property owner within the Cedar Creek RAP area and authorize the Chairman of the Board and the County Clerk to sign each agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Page Link Software Request – Central Dispatch

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Sheriff’s Department request to purchase the “Page Link” software for Central Dispatch in the amount of \$4,381.44 which included a second year of maintenance, as presented.

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

6. GeoComm Mapping Software Request – Central Dispatch

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Sheriff’s Department request to purchase two (2) Intel 15 CPUs from Accucomp Computers in the amount of \$2,498 and to purchase GeoComm software from Tritech in the amount of \$10,966.80 for Central Dispatch, as presented.

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

7. Infrastructure Alternatives Agreement for O&M of the Cedar Creek Water System

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the proposal for the complete Contract Operation, Management and Maintenance of the Cedar Creek Township Water System Facilities and Distribution System submitted by Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. subject to final terms and conditions being negotiated and the contract being approved as to form the County’s Civil Counsel.

Some Board members felt it should go back to the BPW to reconsider. If the Board approves this motion before them tonight it will be out of the Board of Commissioners hands. The DPW recommended the agreement be given to Infrastructure. Concerns were expressed about the amount of time it could take if the project was rebid. Also, the prevailing party on the initial motion would be the only party that would request it be voted on again at the BPW. It was pointed out that additional information was ask for

from all three bidders and Wade Trim was the only one that came back with a lower bid. It was felt that if the project was rebid it would take about a week.

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

The Cedar Creek Water System Agreement with Infrastructure will go back to the BPW.

- 8. Agreement for the Collection of Water Special Assessment – Haring Twp.
MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Haring Township as the agent of the County for the purpose of collecting the remaining outstanding special assessments levied and confirmed by the BPW on the Special Assessment Roll, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 9. Budget Amendments
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the October 7, 2016 budget amendments, as presented.

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20151001	590.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$5,600		(a)
	590.000.932.00	Major Repair & Replacement		\$ 5,600	
	To pay for Pete's Contracting Services				
20151002	101.172.721.00	Health Insurance		\$ (6,125)	(b)
	101.172.720.00	Retirement		\$ (6,000)	
	101.172.860.00	Contracted Services		\$ 12,125	
	To pay Hiring Solutions for their services				
20151003	101.172.702.01	Elected/Appointed		\$(10,000)	(c)
	101.172.860.00	Travel		\$ 10,000	
	Moving Allowance for the Administrator				

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 10. Closed Session to Discuss a ~~Union Negotiations~~ Written Legal Opinion –

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering written legal opinion pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(h).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report

County Clerk updated the Board on where the County was on the financing portion of the Jail Project. Counsel Toskey has provided the County with a list of documents that will be provided by the County and Ms. Vogler, owner representative.

Correspondence

1. Email from Comm MacCready regarding the Operation of the Cedar Creek Water System
2. Comm Housler has been in contact with Ms. Vogler and she has been working on the road into the jail property as well as working on another project with Hooker DeJong

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald explained that the DHHS Board has a meeting coming up on 10/16 at 11:00 a.m. at Lakeside Charlies with MCSSA Board where Darwin Booher will be attending.

Comm Fuscone attended a meeting at Cedar Creek where they discussed the injection well that may be placed at the landfill to dispose of fluids generated. At their November Cedar Creek meeting American Waste will have an engineer present to discuss it and explain the process further. The meeting will be the first Tuesday in November at 6:30 p.m.

Comm MacCready attended the MAC Conference and listed off the people he met and was introduced to.

Comm Housler attended a North Flight meeting this week. They are moving forward with their joint venture with Grand Rapids. The problem at this point seems to be hangar

size, but they are working it out. It was also mentioned that their flight service is down 30% and they will be looking into that further.

Board Comment

Comm Howie expressed his budget concerns which include the pension liability the County will have under the millages. If the millages, such as Road Patrol and Animal Control do not pass, the County will be responsible for the liability. The Finance Committee is operating under Resolution 14-44, and yes there were some disagreements at the last Finance Committee meeting; however, they will continue to work through them.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler will work to solve the water problem in the RAP area as pointed out by Mary Hallet, Cedar Creek Township Treasurer.

Adjourn

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

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk