

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 05, 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, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added:

12. Form L-4029, 2014 Tax Rate Request
13. Apportionment Report
14. Resolution 14-39, Winter 2014 Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 15 Year Service Award – Jennifer Sackett, Probate Court
Jennifer Sackett was not present to receive her award.

Presentations and Reports - None

Public Comments

Michael MacCready, Manton, would like the Board to think about the zoning ordinance revisions.

Dr. Cara Brenza, Doctor of Psychology, appeared before the Board to stress the importance of not placing the Jail near the Seventh Day Adventist School. She does not believe schools and jails belong together.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 15, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes
 2. Approval of the Magistrate Appointment
- MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. PUBLIC HEARING - Munson Healthcare Obligated Group

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:08 p.m. Mark Hepler, CFO of Munson Healthcare and Katrina Desmond, Attorney for Munson Healthcare, appeared before the Board to explain the reason for the Public Hearing. They are looking for funds to finance a Cancer Center, and the purchase of Cadillac and Grayling Hospitals. They will be using revenue bonds that will not obligate the County to the full faith of the County. The closing on the project will be 2/01/2015, however; they hope to close on the bonds earlier.

No one from the public came forward.

The Public Hearing closed at 5:10 p.m.

2. Resolution 14-37, County of Grand Traverse Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Bonds Issued in an Amount not to Exceed \$65,000,000.

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-37, County of Grand Traverse Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Bonds Issued in an amount not to exceed \$65,000,000, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Award Bid for Scanning & Microfilming Court Records

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid to Cardone Records Service for scanning & microfilming the County Clerk's Court Records in the amount of \$24,328, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Award Bid for Thinking Matters

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Taylor to award the bid to Catholic Human Services for Thinking Matters, Education Cognitive Behavioral Program, in the amount of \$12,500, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. CDBG Housing Grant Project

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid to Nichols Construction in the amount of \$11,700 for the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Grant project to replace a deck, repair front porch and steps and lead paint abatement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Discuss Zoning Ordinance Revision

At the Executive meeting members discussed the idea of turning over County Zoning to the townships. If townships do take it over, they would be responsible for a portion of the funding. Some commissioners did not feel that one Zoning Ordinance is good for the

entire County. It was pointed out that the Board had been presented with a draft some time ago of the updated Zoning Ordinance; however, it has been scaled down. If townships do agree to take on Zoning, the County may consider keeping Michael Green, Zoning Administrator, for enforcement. Also, any changes to the Ordinance would have to have a Public Hearing.

Other commissioners were not in favor of getting out of countywide Zoning and turning it over to the townships. Members discussed that by writing the plan and, if sued, the cost comes back on the county.

At the Executive Committee meeting they voted to eliminate the Zoning.

If townships did not agree to take over their Zoning on their own they could combine four or five townships for a cost savings.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to eliminate County Zoning in one year, beginning 1/01/2015.

Roll call: Motion approved six to three with Commissioners Goodwill, Colvin and Howie voting against the motion.

7. COAM Contract Ratification

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Colvin to approve the COAM Collective Bargaining Agreement effective January 01, 2015 through December 31, 2017 and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

This contract covers three individuals at the Sheriff's Department. Language for "Right to Work" was added to the contract.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Blue Care Health Insurance

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to direct the Administrator to secure a quote and proposed contract to change the County's primary health insurance provider to Blue Care Network effective January 01, 2015 for consideration by the Board of Commissioners at the November 19, 2014, regularly scheduled meeting.

All unions have been informed about the change by sending a letter of explanation to the business agents and union stewards for all unions. If the change is made to Blue Care Network, the County will realize a savings of \$165,000 next year. With the cost savings, employees may pay a lower co-pay amount.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Budget Amendment(s)

11/5/2014

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

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20141101	293.000.699.01	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$3,000		(a)
	293.000.800.00	Services & Charges		\$3,000	
	To provide additional funding, from reserves, for 2014 anticipated requests for assistance from the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Fund.				
20141102	367.000.699.01	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 40,000		(b)
	367.000.991.00	Principal/Special Assessment		\$ 40,000	
	To pay off Haring Township Water System Bonds				
20141103	590.000.626.01	Cont. Capital Improvement	\$ 464,005		(c)
	590.000.932.00	Major R/M Townships		\$ 418,875	
	590.000.747.00	Gas & Oil		\$ 5,200	
	590.000.741.00	Operating Supplies		\$ 400	
	590.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 8,500	
	590.000.804.00	Engineering Services		\$ 23,530	
	590.000.931.00	Equipment Maint. & Repair		\$ 7,500	
	Lake Mitchell wastewater townships are contributing the funds required for improvements to their system. This amendment reflects the contributions and related expenses.				

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Committee of the Whole

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Board members discussed hiring a Construction Manager for the jail project. The funding unit, Rural Development, must approve the idea of having a manager. The architect strongly recommends the county hiring the Construction Manager to manage the jail construction project. It was felt by most commissioners that the Construction Manager will save the county some money which will help to pay for his services.

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

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fuscone to direct Administrator Hinton to speak to the architect and bid out the Construction Manager.

All in favor.

11. Award Bid for Geotechnical Engineering Services

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid to Soils & Structures for geotechnical engineering services in the amount of \$6,050, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Form L-4029, 2014 Tax Rate Requested – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Form L-4029, 2014 Tax Rate Request, and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign the form, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

13. Apportionment Report – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2014 Apportionment Report and authorize Joe Porterfield to sign the report, as amended.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

14. Resolution 14-39, Winter 2014 Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-39, Winter 2014 Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2015 Budget, as amended with corrections.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton informed the Board that the law suit between Dennis and Wexford County, which was adjourned this month shall be back on the court's calendar in December. He also reminded the Board that the Courthouse would be closed for Veteran's Day.

Correspondence

1. City of Cadillac – Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption
2. YMCA – CWTA

Public Comments

Michael MacCready, Manton, stated that American Waste had recently purchased Best Trash. He questioned the lease on the recycling building. He also discussed the construction of the offices at the Road Commission.

Gunther Swarts, Tustin, touched on building the jail so close to the Seventh Day Adventist school. Building a jail that close to a school sends out a message to the community.

Eleanor Sosenko, Manton, does not believe there should be a fear to be near the jail. The community should respect the jail, not fear it.

Bethany Bullduck stated that as a member of the Seventh Day Adventist School she would like this Board to consider other properties not next to a school.

Andy Schafer, Cadillac, does not support the jail location. He believes that schools and jails do not belong together. He has a large security business and express concern of the possibility of something happening at the school. The school would like some assurances that there will be safe guards put in place.

Emily Graham is interested in the reasons why the jail site was recommended to be built next to a church/school.

Lynette Brando, former teacher, believes that our children are a precious commodity. She too would like the county to reconsider a different site.

Liaison Reports

Comm Colvin stated that the COA has been looking for someone to replace Bonnie Forbes after her resignation. The selected Kathy Kimbel. They believe she will be a good fit. Their 2015 budget will come before the Finance Committee this month.

Comm Fuscone reported the regular meeting for the BPW will be changed to this Friday at 3:30 p.m.

Board Comment

Comm Mitchell wanted to make it clear why he did not vote on the Ordinance because of its current law suit. He voted because this was discussed a year ago with this Board. He has the same position now that he had back then. He objected to this Board's thoughts being convoluted with the Jail's discussion or possible law suit that may take place later on.

Chairman Comments

Comm Housler congratulated the newly elected Board members.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk