

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, December 17, 2014

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Comm Fuscone arrived at 5:02 p.m.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

- Added – J.* 11a Motorola Solutions Service Agreement;
 13. Amendment 001 – Hooker DeJong Professional Services Agreement
 14. Budget Amendment for Fund 285
- Added – L.* 1. Public Hearing on Proposed Zoning Amendment
 2. City of Cadillac – Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition – None

Presentations and Reports (All presented by Chair Housler)

1. Resolution 14-41 Extending Appreciation for Dawn Ewald’s Service
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 14-41, Extending Appreciation for Dawn Ewald’s Service and Leadership, as presented.

All in favor.

2. Resolution 14-42 Extending Appreciation for Robert Colvin’s Service
MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-42, Extending Appreciation for Robert Colvin’s Service and Leadership, as presented.

All in favor.

3. Resolution 14-43 Extending Appreciation for Alan Devereaux’s Service

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 14-43, Extending Appreciation for Alan Devereaux's Service and Leadership, as presented.

All in favor.

4. Introduction – New chief Executive Officer – Northern Lakes Community Mental Health

Greg Paffhouse, CEO of Northern Lakes Community Mental Health came forward to introduce his replacement. Karl Kovacs will be taking his position on January 1, 2015 with Mr. Paffhouse staying on full time for January and part time for the next few months to have a smooth transition. Mr. Kovacs came forward to provide Commissioners with his background for the job. Mr. Paffhouse thanked the Board for all their support and cooperation over his years at Northern Lakes Community Mental Health. He has enjoyed his current position with Northern Lakes Community Mental Health and is looking forward to his new position and working with this Board.

Public Comments

Robert Lowman, Cedar Creek, came forward to discuss his water problems with DPW in Cedar Creek Township.

Steven Cunningham, Harrietta, thanked the Board for continuing to fund MSUE. He then addressed the Board with his concern about doing away with Zoning. If the problem was keeping Zoning or continuing to fund an employee, they are two different things that need to be dealt with different. He expressed the need for Zoning in the area by comparing Wexford County to parts of Missaukee that does not have Zoning.

Bethany Bullduck, Sherman Township, came before the Board regarding the proposed placement of the new jail.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 3, 2014, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Resignation of Housing Council Member

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. PUBLIC HEARING – Wexford County 2015 Budget
Time: 5:25 p.m.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to open the Public Hearing on Wexford County's 2015 Budget.

Adm. Hinton explained a couple things to be modified after the budget was printed. The revenues were overstated by \$54,000 in the Friend of the Court reimbursement budget. The other change is an in/out change with the Road Commission.

Michael MacCready, Manton, touched on an article in the paper. He ran through a list of Counties in the area and the Fund Balance they have on their books. He feels that Wexford County is lucky to have a Fund Balance.

Public Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m.

2. Resolution 14-44, Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution and General Appropriations Act

MOTION by Comm Colvin, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 14-44, Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution and General Appropriations Act, as presented.

A commissioner questioned whether or not MSUE had cut 2% like other departments were requested to do. It was pointed out that the contracted service amount is \$42,454 and the additional budgeted amount is for a part time staff person/supplies totaling \$56,534.

Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Commissioners Howie, Mitchell, Devereaux, Taylor and Fuscone voting against the motion.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-44, Fiscal Year 2015 Budget Resolution and General Appropriations Act, but cut 2% from the MSUE budget, as amended.

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

(It was later noted that the 2% would be coming from the contract amount of \$42,454, making it \$41,324)

3. Appointments to Standing & Special Committees

MOTION by Comm Colvin, seconded by Comm Hilty to reappoint Raymond Hill to the Airport Authority with the term ending December 31, 2016, as presented.

A commissioner express concern about the appointment. People from the business community would like to see some changes at the Airport.

Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Commissioners Howie, Mitchell, Devereaux, Taylor and Fuscone voting against the motion.
It was requested that the position be advertised again.

MOTION by Comm Hilty, seconded by Comm Colvin to reappoint Theron Parker to the Board of Public Works with the term ending December 31, 2017, as presented.
Some Board members felt that Mr. Parker has done a good job but some felt the appointee should be from the DPW area.

Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Commissioners Taylor, Fuscone, Howie, Mitchell and Devereaux voting against the motion.
The position will be advertised again, at the request of the Board.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to appoint Lee Jones to the Cadillac/Wexford Public Library Board with the term ending December 31, 2018, as presented.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to reappoint Roger Hopkins to the Department of Human Services Board with a term ending December 31, 2017, as presented.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Colvin, seconded by Comm Taylor to reappoint Leslie Nowlin to the Networks Northwest Board with a term ending December 31, 2016, as presented.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Howie to appoint Robert Engels and reappoint Corey Wiggins to the Planning Commission with a term ending December 31, 2017, as presented.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Hilty, seconded by Comm Howie to reappoint Loren Haase to the Wexford County Road Commission with a term ending December 31, 2020, as presented.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Colvin, seconded by Comm Howie to reappoint John Prebay to the Wexford County Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending December 31, 2017, as presented.

Again, commissioners felt there should be a change on this Board. They also felt the Board needed more educational programs.

Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Commissioners Taylor, Fuscone, Housler, Mitchell and Devereaux voting against the motion.

4. Veterinarian Service Agreement

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve a one-year extension for the Veterinarian Services Agreement with Meyer Veterinary Clinic, for the period of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Resolution 14-45, Annual Energy Savings Contribution

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve Resolution 14-45, Annual Energy Savings Contribution, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Thinking Matters Agreement with Catholic Human Services

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Thinking Matters agreement between Wexford County and Catholic Human Services for the period of December 1, 2014, through September 30, 2015, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Resolution 14-46, Village of Mesick Project, Series 1995B

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 14-46, To Call Wexford County Sewer System Special Assessment Bonds, (Village of Mesick Project), Series 1995B for Optional Prepayment in Full and to approve the authorized Execution

of Prepayment Agreement and First Amendment to the Sewer Agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Budget Amendment(s)

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

Acct#	Description	Dept	Revenue	Expense
101.166.721.00	Health Insurance	CC Family Couns		900
101.253.677.00	Miscellaneous Income	Treasurer	11,400	
101.253.502.00	PILT	Treasurer	3,419	
101.270.920.00	Heat	Jail Bldg		4,000
101.270.921.00	Electric	Jail Bldg		3,000
101.275.538.00	Beaches Grant	Drain Commission	477	
101.275.702.03	Permanent Employees	Drain Commission		477
101.290.677.04	Workers Comp Refund	Gen Services	67,900	
101.290.808.02	County Counsel	Gen Services		15,003
101.301.721.00	Health Insurance	Sheriff		20,000
101.334.543.01	State Grant	Snowmobile	1,000	
101.334.721.00	Health Insurance	Snowmobile		1,000
101.351.677.05	State Inmate Housing	Jail	25,000	
101.351.721.00	Health Insurance	Jail		10,000
101.351.895.00	Inmate Health	Jail		15,000
101.426.534.00	Homeland Security Grant	Emerg Mngmnt	2,400	
101.426.980.00	Equipment	Emerg Mngmnt		2,400
101.526.805.03	Lab fees	Landfill		20,000
101.526.921.03	Electric	Landfill		8,000
101.890.999.02	Payroll Contingency	Contingencies		(5,000)
101.890.999.05	Transfer- Other	Contingencies		(5,584)
101.966.999.01	District Health	Appropriations		11,000
101.966.999.07	Northern MI Substance Abuse	Appropriations		11,400
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	This budget amendment is for miscellaneous changes for year-end review			
101.526.677.07	Solid Waste Fees	Sanitary Landfill	15,000	

101.526.962.00	Miscellaneous	Sanitary Landfill	15,000
	This budget amendment is for legal fees and engineering costs		
590.000.626.01	Cont. Capital Improvement	Wastewater #1 Lk. Mitch	86,000
590.000.921.00	Utility Electric	Wastewater #1 Lk. Mitch	16,000
590.000.804.00	Engineering Services	Wastewater #1 Lk. Mitch	7,000
590.000.932.00	Major R/M Townships	Wastewater #1 Lk. Mitch	58,000
590.000.776.00	Repair/Maint Site	Wastewater #1 Lk. Mitch	5,000
	Money received from the townships for the Lift Station Project & Force Main Relocation Project		
592.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	Haring Water System	24,000
592.000.748.00	Chlorination	Haring Water System	4,000
592.000.776.00	Repair/Maint Site	Haring Water System	7,000
592.000.923.00	City Water Usage Charge	Haring Water System	200
592.000.970.00	Capital Outlay	Haring Water System	20,500
592.000.804.00	Engineering Services	Haring Water System	2,300
592.000.800.00	Contracted Services	Haring Water System	(10,000)
	This budget amendment reflects costs associated with the Haring water tower repainting, as approved by the township.		

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve the budget amendments dated 12/17/2014, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

9. MSUE Annual Work Plan

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Howie to approve MSUE's Annual Work Plan for FY2015 with a budget of \$41,324 in contracted services, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Contract Between DPW and Pescador LLC

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fucson to approve the agreement between Wexford County and Pescador LLC for environmental services for the period beginning January 1, 2015

through December 31, 2019, in an amount not to exceed \$11,200 annually and authorize the Chairman of the Board and the County Clerk to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

It was pointed out by a commissioner the amount of \$11,200 needed to be increased by \$4800. The motion was amended.

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fuscone to amend the original motion to request \$16,000.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Roll call: (Original Motion) Motion approved unanimously.

11. Resolution 14-47, To Approve Conveyance of Assets of the Lake Mitchell Sewer System

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-47, To Approve Conveyance of the Assets of the Lake Mitchell Sewer System and Matters Related Thereto, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 11 a. Motorola Solutions Services Agreement - *Added*

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve a five year service agreement between Wexford County and Motorola Solutions Services for the period of January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2019 in an amount not to exceed \$263,127.08, as presented.

Undersheriff Taylor appeared before the Board to explain that this agreement was for a 5 year term rather than a 1 year, which will be a cost savings to the County.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project - None

13. Amendment 001 to the Hooker DeJong Professional Services Agreement – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Amendment 001 to Hooker DeJong Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$12,075 for food services consulting and authorize Administrator to sign Amendment 001, as presented.

There has been some discussion about hiring a consultant for putting together the kitchen in the new jail. The Consultant would work with Canteen, our meal provider, on the

project. This Consultant was not part of the original cost estimate. Some Commissioners felt that should have been include in the cost estimate. Adm. Hinton has a stack of drawings to show how far they are into the project. He felt there may be more amendments but not a bunch.

Roll call: Motion passed six to three with Commissioners Howie, Mitchell and Fuscone voting against the motion.

14. Budget Amendment – *Added*

MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a budget amendment in the amount of \$4,265 for Fund 285, Michigan Justice Training, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton thanked Comm Colvin and Comm Devereaux for their hard work and service to the County. He enjoyed working with them. Soon there will be a series of meetings with Rural Development, Architect, and jail staff. The Representative from Rural Development does not support a Construction Manager on this project. Also, the Connect Michigan plan is moving forward.

Correspondence

1. Public Hearing on the Proposed Zoning Amendment
2. City of Cadillac – Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption

Public Comments

Michael MacCready, Manton, is looking forward to being a part of the Board of Commissioners next year.

Liaison Reports

Comm Fuscone had a meeting at the DPW today and they are looking at areas to cut back. Lake Mitchell residents will be given one year notice on the operations with the DPW. There will be further discussion on this topic.

Comm Colvin attended a COA meeting and their budget is doing well due to the lack of snow. He believes that the new director is settling in quite well.

Board Comment

Comm Howie thanked the Board for the presentation of flowers for his mother's funeral.

Comm Mitchell thanked Comm Devereaux and Comm Colvin for being on the Board. It was a pleasure.

Comm Devereaux was thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this Board and his involvement with the Administrator and County Employees.

Comm Taylor said good-bye to Comm Colvin and Comm Devereaux.

Comm Fuscone felt that Comm Colvin and Comm Devereaux were an asset to the Board.

Comm Goodwill stated it was a pleasure to work with Comm Devereaux and Comm Colvin.

Comm Colvin felt it was an eventful two years and he learned a lot. He appreciated working with county staff members as well as Board members.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler stated that he appreciated the work done by both Comm Colvin and Comm Devereaux. He then touched on the Zoning matter and that citizens of the county will still be required to get building permits.

Adjourn

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

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk