

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 18, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added: 7. Zoning Roundtable Discussion
8. Waiving Attorney/Client Privilege
9. Schedule Public Meeting – Intent to Apply for USDA Rural Development Financing

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

CWTA Presentation – Carrie Thompson, Interim Director

Ms. Thompson appeared before the Board to bring them up to date on the changes at the CWTA. They have a five member board with one liaison, Comm Howie. She began by providing the Board with the number of rides they provided for our community throughout the year. She then touched on the following things they will be working on: vision, solid foundation, improved technology, and work with the community.

Ms. Thompson then explained their revenue and expenditures and how they are received. Other things they will be working on: developing a Policy and Procedures manual; advertising on buses; call riders 10 minutes before pickup; install cameras on buses; and bike racks on buses. Her goal is to be part of the fabric in the community and work hard with YMCA and festivals in the area.

Public Comments

Joe Thompson is not in support of paying the committee members of the Soldiers and Sailors to provide services to our veterans.

Matthew McGara appeared before the Board as the acting Commander of Amvets. He is opposed to paying volunteers. He does not believe the committee members should be

paid. He does not believe the voters approved the millage to provide pay to volunteers. If these volunteers are paid it will take money away from the veterans who are struggling.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 4, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission Compensation
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Policy No. A-7.0, Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission Per Diem, Expenses and Official Business, as presented.

It was pointed out that if the committee members of the Soldiers and Sailors were paid it would come out of the General Fund.

Adm. Hinton explained that under a Statute passed in 1899, the County is to provide reasonable compensation to members that serve; however, reasonable is not defined. It was pointed out that the Board did not have to levy a millage as it was learned that the County can levy up to .1 mills to support veterans. Adm. Hinton provided Board members with a draft policy as directed by both the Human Resources Committee and the Finance Committee. If the recommended draft policy was approved, a budget would have to be established from General Fund money. There are 3 members all appointed by the Probate Judge on the Soldiers and Sailors Committee. In the past, \$15,000 was used from the General Fund to establish an annual budget. Some Board members felt that \$13 per hour was reasonable.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. AT&T Centrex Service Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the AT&T Centrex Service Agreement for the period of 24 months and to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. City of Manton Assessing Services Agreement

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Assessing Services Agreement between the City of Manton and the County of Wexford Beginning April 01, 2015 in the amount of \$9.50 per parcel and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Slagle Township Assessor's Service Contract
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Assessors Service Contract for the period of April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016 in the amount of \$9.50 per parcel and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Budget Amendments

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

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20150201	101.426.534.00	Homeland Security Grant	\$ 8,570	(a)
	101.426.957.00	Training		\$ 570
	101.426.980.00	Equipment		\$ 8,000
This budget amendment reflects additional revenues anticipated from the 2013 Homeland Security Grant Funding with the stipulation that the purchase must be acquired prior to the reimbursement of funds. The budget amendment is in the amount of \$8,570 and is cost neutral.				
20150202	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 200	(b)
	101.101.962.00	Miscellaneous		\$ 200
This budget amendment reflects the expense to host a luncheon meeting of the Cadillac Area Manufacturing Association (CAMA) at the Sheriff's Department. Funds will come from reserves in the amount of \$200.00.				

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the budget amendment(s) dated 02/18/2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Adm. Hinton stated it is a requirement to have a Public Hearing to announce the intent to apply for Rural Development money. Board members thought March 18 may be a good time. Also, representatives from the County have met with homeowners from around the area of the proposed jail site to answer any questions or concerns. Adm. Hinton also pointed out that the County was not going with a Construction Manager. There is still more to be done on the roads and utilities at the jail site.

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

All in favor.

Roadways and Related Utilities

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the proceeding with additional services for construction observation services for public improvements including roadways and related utilities in the amount of \$49,220, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Zoning Roundtable Discussion – *Added*
Board members discussed the earlier appointment of four Board members to a Zoning Committee. It was pointed out that the meetings must all be public meetings and open to the public. Board members then decided that a Work Session should be put together with Township Supervisors in the County to discuss the Zoning matter.
8. Waiving Attorney/client Privilege – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to waive the attorney/client privilege for the purpose of sharing the legal opinion regarding the use of Veterans Relief Millage funds with Judge Tacoma.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Schedule Public Meeting – Intent to Apply for USDA Rural Development Financing - *Added*
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to schedule a public meeting on March 18, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of public input on the intent to apply for the USDA Rural Development Financing, as presented.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton has been working on the RFP for the Janitorial service. He will be on vacation beginning March 27 (1/2 day) to April 7, 2015. He is also looking at hiring a temporary staff member when one of his office staff member will be out on a leave.

Correspondence

Public Comments

Emily Gram from Tustin works at the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She would like to be kept abreast of the jail project. She also discussed keeping one of the roads in the area closed or not extended.

Liaison Reports

Comm Taylor announced that the Soil Conservation would soon begin selling their spring trees and shrubs.

Comm Goodwill stated that the MSU Extension will be developing a group in support of their millage.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald is excited about the changes that may be happening at the CWTA.

Comm Taylor is also excited about the CWTA changes.

Comm MacCready was encouraged about the direction of the CWTA. However, he was disappointed to see the overall support for veterans. He believes the committee members need some type of compensation.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Mitchell is happy and pleased with the progress of CWTA. He believes the committee members of the Soldiers and Sailors Fund should be compensated.

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Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:40 p.m.
All in favor.**

Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk