

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, September 02, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson John Fuscone.

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**

- Added* – 8. Interim Administrator's Compensation;  
9. Administrator's Contract

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in favor.**

**Employee Recognition** - None

**Presentations and Reports** - None

### **Public Comments**

Michael Bush appeared before the Board as a candidate for City Council representing Ward #1. If elected to the position, he would like the City and County to work together.

Gordie Maxwell, City of Cadillac, felt as a property owner of 50 some parcels of property, he would like to see the Board have a public session before the County Administrator is hired. He does not want to see the County offer the administrator a severance package. Also, he does not support keeping MSUE. He questioned the amount of square footage they were using and the in kind dollar amount charged.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the August 13, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the August 19, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Acceptance of Resignation from Special/Standing Committees
4. Appointment to the Zoning board of Appeals

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

**All in favor except Comm MacCready voting against the motion.**

### **Agenda Items**

1. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project Update – No Report
2. Flu Immunization  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Cadillac Family Physicians to provide on-site flu immunizations and for the County to pay up to \$30 for any employee of Wexford County whose cost is not covered by insurance, as presented.**

**All in favor except Comm Housler voting against the motion.**

3. Child support specialist Position Description Update  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the revised Child Support Specialist position description, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. MSUE Funding for 2016  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to provide MSUE's in-kind approximately \$33,000 for the cost of utilities and office space in the 2016 budget based on an estimate of \$11.00 per square feet for 3000 square feet.**

It was pointed out that MSUE will absorb the operational cost for the 2016 budget. The operational funding for 2017 will come from a voted millage that will be levied in 2016.

**Roll call: Motion passed six to two with Commissioners MacCready and Goodwill voting against the motion.**

5. Harrietta Hills Trout Farm Grant Amendment Request  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve an increase of \$9,203.75 in grant number MSC 214049-RLF for the Harrietta Hills Trout Farm RRLF, as presented.**

Jayne Stanton, County Treasurer, explained that administration fees and attorney fees were not figured in when the first grant was requested. The amount requested in this grant is approximately \$9,000 with no county funds needed.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. MOU's Between Wexford County and the State of Michigan Dept. of Health & Human Services for Child Care Fund Social Welfare Fund Services

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm MacCready to approve the memorandum of Understanding 15-83001 and 15-83002 between Wexford County and the State of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services beginning October 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2099, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

7. Budget Amendment(s) - None

8. Interim Administrator's Compensation – *Added*

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve a bonus of \$4,500 and an increase of \$500 weekly going forward for the interim administrator until a new county administrator assumes the position, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

9. Administrator's Contract - *Added*

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the contract with Mr. Patrick Jordan for the position of Administrator, as presented.**

Board members discussed the position offered to Mr. Jordan for the City of Manistee, which he turned down. The reduced offer as suggested by Attorney Toskey was accepted by Mr. Jordan. However, he requested a severance package of 120 days and increased the moving allowance from \$5000 to \$10,000. Some commissioners felt the severance package protects both the County and Mr. Jordan. Others felt it was too high for the area.

**Roll call: Motion passed six to two with Commissioners Howie and Fuscone voting against the motion.**

**Administrator's Report** - None

### **Correspondence**

Commissioners were provided with a letter from the Cedar Creek Township Treasurer, Mary Hallett. The letter was from Wexford Water Technologies and talked about putting a well on the property owned by Wexford County Landfill, LLC to help manage non-hazardous landfill fluids generated from the Wexford County Landfill. Some Board members expressed concern on the possible impact this may have on the County. When more information is available it will be presented to the County Board.

**Public Comments** - None

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**Liaison Reports**

Comm Taylor reported that the Council on Aging is purchasing the Knight's of Columbus Hall and will be moving their operation to the facility.

**Board Comment**

Comm MacCready questioned who the County Attorneys are. He was glad the contract was approved for the administrator.

**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Fuscone voted against the administrator's contract; however, he will work with him.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to adjourn at  
5:58 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

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John Fuscone, Vice Chairperson

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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk