

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 04, 2015

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added - 10.b Discussion on Audio Minutes

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 - None

Public Comments

Beverly Monroe, 7039 N. 41 Road, Manton, appeared before the Board to request the reappointment of Theron Parker to the Board of Public Works.

Mike Mix, 2399 E. 16 Road, Manton, asked the Board to reappoint Theron Parker to the Board of Public Works. He also urged the Board to eliminate public zoning.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 21, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Housing Council Resignation

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Soldiers and Sailor's Relief Commission Discussion

Steve Birdwell, Committee member of the Soldiers and Sailors Relief, has been working as a volunteer for the past several years. He works three days a week, seven hours a day and is on call for the other days. He would like to be compensated for his services since the recent passing of the Veteran's Millage.

Adm. Hinton came before the Board to explain that wages could not be taken from the millage money per discussion with County Counsel. Some commissioners questioned the difference between the Animal Control millage where salaries are paid from and the Veterans millage.

Adm. Hinton then touched on having a Veterans Affairs Department in Wexford County. The Board would make the appointments to this Department. Currently, Judge Tacoma makes the appointments to the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Commission. Adm. Hinton explained that if a Veterans Affairs Office was established, the Board members would be paid with a per diem rather than a salary. Adm. Hinton has a representative from Veterans Affairs who is interested in appearing before the Board to explain what they have to offer the County. This may be reviewed by the Finance Committee.

2. Board and Liaison Appointments

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to reappoint Raymond Hill to the Airport Authority with the term to expire December 31, 2016.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to reappoint Theron Parker to the Board of Public Works with the term to expire December 31, 2017.

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

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to appointment Alan Devereaux to the Board of Public Works with the term to expire December 31, 2017.

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

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to reappointment John Prebay to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term expire December 31, 2017.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to appoint Alan Devereaux to the Zoning Board of Appeals with the term expire December 31, 2017.

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

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to appoint Rosanne Denny to the Housing Council with the term to expire April 30, 2015.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to appoint Alan Devereaux to the Housing Council with the term to expire April 30, 2015.

All in favor except Comm Mitchell, Fuscone and MacCready (passed five to three).

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to appoint Eleanor Sosenko to the Housing Council as an alternate with the term to expire April 30, 2015.

All in favor.

3. Annual Planning Commission Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to appoint John Prebay for the Annual Planning Committee Appointment to Zoning Board of Appeals for the term to expire December 31, 2015, as presented.

All opposed the motion except Comm Fuscone.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm MacCready to appoint Beverly Monroe for the Annual Planning Committee Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term to expire December 31, 2015, as presented.

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

4. Michigan Centralized Birth Certification System-Request for Access
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Intergovernmental agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Wexford County Clerk for the Michigan Centralized Birth Certification System, expiring September 30, 2016, and to authorize County Clerk Elaine Richardson to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Resolution 15-04, Co-Placement of MPSCA Tower Sites 7605 & 7606
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 15-04, approving the agreement between the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget, Office of the Michigan Public Safety Communication System and Wexford County for placement of fire-paging communications on MPSCA Tower Site 7605 and 7606, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Resolution 15-07, MSUE Millage Proposal
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 15-07, Resolution authorizing election for a Wexford County Michigan State University Extension millage proposal and certifying ballot language, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. DBA Address Change Fee
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Hilty to approve the request to add a fee of \$5.00 for all address change requests for DBA/Assumed Name certificates, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

8. Purchase of Transport Van
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the purchase of a transport van for the Sheriff's Department from Berger Chevrolet in the amount of \$30,588.00, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant Application

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the MMRMA RAP Grant application for the purchase of in-car cameras for the Sheriff's Department road patrol vehicles in the amount of \$10,500, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. A. Resolution 15-06, Zoning Ordinance Recommendation

Board members discussed having a Work Session with the Townships. Commissioners Hilty, Fuscone, Howie, and Goodwill will represent the Board on this Committee. The joint meeting will be held in February or March. Michael Green, Zoning Administrator, passed out the draft of the Zoning Ordinance #5 for the Board to review.

B. Discussion on Audio Minutes

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Fuscone to no longer post the audio minutes on the County website and to delete all prior minutes from the website.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project.

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

All in favor.

Steven Moe, Hooker DeJong, appeared before the Board to update them on the jail project. Adm. Hinton, Lt. Webster, Sheriff Finstrom, Undersheriff Taylor and Mr. Moe have been meeting every two to three weeks. They have been discussing various details of the architectural phase including security locks, door access, kitchen consultant and security cameras. There has been some discussion with the City touching on streets in the area, access on site and utilities. Board members were provided with brief summary of the project along with a drawing of the jail layout.

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

All in favor.

Adm. Hinton explained that the architects were at a half way point and would like some instruction from the Board on how they would like the documents to be signed off. The

Board could schedule a Work Session to review all the documents before signing off. After further discussion the Board felt Adm. Hinton could sign off for the County as he has been involved along with the Sheriff and Undersheriff through the entire process.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton has been working with the Treasurer to help her with some questions that need to be resolved. The Treasurer is keeping the General Ledger for the County Clerk. The County has many transitions in assets from the funds that were managed by BPW. Adm. Hinton further explained that this is not part of his assignment but is happy to help out. The County will be closed on 2/16 for President's Day. Also, Adm. Hinton is working on finalizing the finance application for the jail project.

Correspondence

Cash/Investment Report for the fourth quarter of 2014 distributed by the County Treasurer, Jayne Stanton.

Public Comments

Beverly Monroe thanked the Board for her appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. She went on to provide some clarification as to why a Zoning Board of Appeals member is unable to vote on things they have already voted for as a member of the Planning Commission.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald went to a District Health meeting and the biggest thing happening there is the merger of CMH with DHS. Also, District Health just donated \$500 for books at the Cadillac/Wexford Library.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald really enjoyed the meeting with the County's Attorney Ms. Toskey.

Comm Fuscone learned some things from the meeting with Ms. Toskey as well.

Comm MacCready believe the new FOIA changes will have an impact on the Administrator's office. He would like to see body cams on the officers at the Sheriff's Department.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Mitchell will be working towards setting up a work session with the townships to further discuss County Zoning.

Adjourn

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**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to adjourn
at 6:45 p.m.
All in favor.**

Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk