

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, December 7, 2016

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

*Added – Presentations – Department of Health and Human Services; Agenda items: 7 Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Probate Court; 8. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Treasurer; 9. Request to Waive the Sealed Bid Process – Jail Washer/Dryer; 10. Change Road Commission Board Members from 3 to 5 Discussion;*

### **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**

Department of Health and Human Services – Luther Lovell, Director of the DHHS, appeared before the Board to explain the importance of the Prosecutor's role in representing DHHS. He explained that 95% of the counties in Michigan are represented by County Prosecutors. If they were forced to hire someone they would likely come from the Traverse City area due in part to the experience needed in their cases.

### **Public Comments**

Michael Figliomeni, Boon Sports Management, would like the Board to include them in any discussion involving the WEX. They have had no contact from the Board or any subcommittee. Boon Sports Management would like to be a part of helping the County solve the problem. Mr. Figliomeni asked to please include them in the discussion in the future.

Alan Cooper, Director of the Road Commission, touched on some e-mails going around by a commissioner suggesting special treatment was being provided to a sitting commissioner. Mr. Cooper explained that the Road Commission allows businesses to file a Bond with them to keep up their roads due to business travel.

Jason Elmore, Prosecutor Elect, would like to dovetail on the remarks made by Mr. Lovell. Mr. Elmore would be interested in continuing to represent the DHHS in the future. He believes it is important to help the children of our community.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the November 16, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Appointments to Standing and Special Committees, Boards  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. 2017 Recommended Budget and Set Public Hearing  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the holding of a Public Hearing on the 2017 proposed budget, as presented.**

A Board member questioned if dollars have been set aside for the Civic Center Contract which is \$50,000. He also questioned the Jail budget's permanent employee wages being high as well as the health care expense being low.

The Motion was amended as follows:

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the holding of a Public Hearing on the 2017 proposed budget on December 21, 2016, as amended.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

2. Benzie County Housing Wexford County's Prisoners Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the agreement between Benzie County and Wexford County for housing Wexford County Prisoners for the period of August 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017 in an amount of \$32.50 per bed/per day, and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Consulting Services Agreement-MGT of America  
**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the consulting services agreement between MGT of America, Incorporated and Wexford County to prepare a Countywide 2 CFR Part 200 central services cost allocation plan for fiscal years 2016 through 2018 and authorize the**

**Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.**

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

4. Resolution 16-43, Waiving the County's Right to Review Township Zoning Ordinances and Amendments  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Hilty to approve Resolution 16-43, Resolution Waiving the County's Right to Review Township Zoning Ordinances and Amendments, as presented.**

Adm. Jordan explained the need to pass the resolution before them tonight. County Counsel explained that any zoning amendments made in the townships would have to come back before the County for approval unless this motion is passed tonight.

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Budget Amendments  
12/7/2016

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Amendments to the 2016 Budget**

<b>Adj #</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Acct Description</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>
20161201	101.101.860.00	Travel & Conference		\$ 4,000 (a)
	101.101.713.00	Per Diem		\$ 3,000
	101.172.727.00	Office Supplies		\$ 250
	101.290.935.00	DP-Maintenance Contract		\$ (7,250)

To cover additional expenses incurred by the Commissioners and to cover unexpected office supplies needed.

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve a budget amendment dated 12/07/2016, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Committee of the Whole-Jail Project  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to resolve into a committee of the whole for the purpose of discussing the jail project.**

**All in favor.**

Lisa Vogler, Owner Representative, appeared before the Board to update them on the jail project. Board members were provided with a copy of the current application for payment; however, the architect has not signed off.

Granger has put together a dashboard of the project. Board members questioned if the project dashboard could be posted on the County's website. At this point it was unknown if Granger would approve of it.

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

**All in favor.**

**MOTION by Howie, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the pending payment to Granger in the amount of \$810,855 upon receipt of other signatures.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

7. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Probate Court - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for the Probate Court's full-time Receptionist/Clerk, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

8. Request to Waive the Hiring Freeze – Treasurer - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the request to waive the hiring freeze for the Treasurer's full-time Deputy, as presented.**

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

9. Request to Waive the Sealed Bid Process – Jail Washer Dryer - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the request to waive the sealed bid process for the purchase of two commercial washers and two commercial dryers for the new jail facility in an amount not to exceed \$35,642, as presented.**

Adm. Jordan explained that the jail administrator has the funds to cover this purchase in his inmate housing fund. He thought there may be other purchases made before the end of 2016. Commissioners questioned if the County would have to take possession of the Washer/Dryer now or if the vendor would hold them until the jail project was farther along.

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

10. Change Road Commission Board Members from 3 to 5 Discussion – *Added*  
A commissioner felt it was a good time to address the Road Commission Board moving from 3 to 5. It was mentioned that the County tried this before and it did not happen. Mr. Cooper, Director of the Road Commission, was in the audience and explained that they have had a three member board for 108 years. It was pointed out that there would need to be a 28 day notice for the Public Hearing.

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm MacCready to hold a Public Hearing to change the Road Commission Board from a 3 member to a 5 member board.**

**Roll call: Motion passed five to three with Commissioners Goodwill, Hilty, and Howie voting against the motion.**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to hold a public hearing at the Board of Commissioners meeting scheduled for February 1, 2017.**

**All in favor except for Comm Goodwill voting against the motion.**

#### **Administrator's Report**

Board members were provided with a written report from Adm. Jordan.

#### **Correspondence**

1. Worker's Compensation Audit

#### **Public Comments**

Alan Cooper has no problem with the Public Hearing being held. He also explained that another e-mail was sent saying the Road Commission was not being run properly. This same person sat on their Board and complemented them for doing a good job.

#### **Liaison Reports**

Comm Taylor attended a Northern Counties meeting with Adm. Jordan. They had a presentation from the juvenile detention center. They also heard some legislative updates from MAC.

#### **Board Comment**

Comm Howie felt the County got lucky this year with the budget. He believes the pension will eat the County alive.

Comm MacCready mentioned a meeting is being held by MDOT regarding the 131 work process. He reminded the Board that there would be a Veterans Open House at Lake Street on 12/14/2016. He also touched on a place for homeless veterans being looked

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into. The City will be holding a public hearing on 12/19/2016 to address the Homeless Shelter.

**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Housler agreed on the budget. The surcharge passed on 911 helped the 2017 budget. He foresees some problems next year. He would like to see the budget process begin early next year for the 2018 budget.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to adjourn at 6:27 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk