

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 18, 2018

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

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Bill Goodwill; Absent - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

1. Discussion on Department of Veterans Services Additional Employee

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

1. Resolution 18-11 Honoring the Buckley Bears High School Basketball Team
MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-11 Honoring the Buckley Bears High School Basketball Team, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Members of the Buckley basketball team appeared with their Coach, Blair Moss, and his staff to accept the resolution. They thanked the Board for the recognition.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 4, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the April 12, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 18-07 Public Safety Millage
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve amended Resolution 18-07 County of Wexford Public Safety Millage

**for Law Enforcement Services Proposal and Certifying the Ballot
Language previously approved on April 4, 2018, as presented.**

This Resolution 18-07 was before the Board at the April 4, 2018 meeting. Several changes were made during the meeting and the resolution that went before the Board was the same but a cleaner / clearer copy for the Board to approve.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Tower Agreement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Option Agreement to Purchase Communications Easement and Tower between ATC Sequoia and Wexford County in the amount of \$295,000 for the old jail tower, the Easement and Assignment Agreement, and the Bill of Sale and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements on behalf of the County, as presented.

A commissioner questioned the easement the County was granting to the purchaser of the tower.

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

3. Bid Award Courthouse Security Upgrades

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to award the amended bid received by TKS in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for upgrades to the Courthouse Security System, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Networks Northwest Recreation Plan Agreement

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the agreement between Wexford County and Networks Northwest for services to review and update the Recreation Plan, and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Slagle Township Assessors Contract

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Slagle Township Assessors Service Contract for the period of April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 with a fee of \$10.00 per parcel per year and authorize the Chairman and the Equalization Director to sign the contract, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. City of Manton Assessing Services Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Assessing Services Agreement with the City of Manton Beginning April 1, 2018 with a fee of \$10.00 per parcel per year and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Resolution 18-12 Authorizing a Civic Center Millage
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-12, Resolution Authorizing Election for a Wexford County Civic Center Millage Proposal and Certifying Ballot Language, as presented.

Michael Figliomeni appeared before the Board representing the Civic Center, to request approval to the millage request. He explained some of the expenses they will be seeing in the near future, including, but limited to, a new roof on the civic. Boon Sports Management is in the process of applying for grants to be used for lighting/electrical where they will realize a cost saving of \$15,000 to \$20,000 per year. The Rotary gave them \$30,000 and the Cadillac Area Building Foundation donated \$10,000.

An audit of the building has been completed and the roof and parking lot is in need of immediate repair. Boon Sports Management has put a lot of money into the facility. The requested millage proposal will be helpful with some of the ongoing expenses. Mr. Figliomeni would like the proposal to be placed on the August ballot rather than the November General election.

A commissioner would like the users of the facility to pay for the ongoing expenses rather than to put a millage proposal on the ballot.

Board members agreed to move the millage from November to August.

- Comm Nichols withdrew her motion. Comm Taylor withdrew his support.
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-12, Resolution Authorizing Election for a Wexford County Civic Center Millage Proposal and Certifying Ballot Language, as presented, to be on the August ballot.

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

8. Fee for Fingerprinting, Sheriff's Department
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Sheriff's Department Fee Structure for fingerprinting, as presented.

\$57.00 - Code SE – School Employment

\$55.75 - Code CPV/CV – Child Protection Volunteer/School Volunteer

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Veteran's Wall Allocation

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve an allocation from General Fund Reserves for \$5,000 for further development of the Veterans' Wall at the Courthouse.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

10. Budget Amendments – None

11. 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.

Board members were provided with their final draw request which amounted to \$51,750. Commissioners would like a letter sent to Attorney Lisa Vogler thanking her for her services she provided on the jail project.

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

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the final pay request in the amount of \$51,750 for the jail construction and related expenses.

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

12. Discussion on Department of Veterans Services Additional Employee

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Department of Veterans Services to add an additional part-time employee to their roster to be funded by the Veterans Services fund.

Kent Myers, Director of Veterans Services, appeared before the Board to present his report for services performed in the first quarter of 2018. Board members were provided with a written copy for their records. He discussed the GDX which is the medical end of Veterans Services and the number of people they have helped during 2017. He went on to touch on the number of people they have helped at our local office and the benefits they have provided our veterans.

Renee Haley began by thanking the Board for the support in putting together the memorial wall on the ground floor which recognizes Wexford County veterans. Ms. Haley will be leaving Wexford County at the end of June. She came to Wexford County as a temporary part time employee from Clare County to help with training and educating staff. Ms. Haley explained the benefits the County will receive by getting Mr. Myers access to NACVO and NVAA. He can receive this access through an accreditation training which is coming up this May.

All in favor with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

Administrators Report

Jayne Stanton, Treasurer and Interim Co-Administrator, explained that she has received draft of the 2017 audit. The auditors say it is the best we have had.

Elaine Richardson, Clerk and Interim Co-Administrator, informed the Board that the first meeting was held today on the Opioid Litigation with our counsel. More meetings will follow in an effort to gather information.

Correspondence

1. Certificate of Appreciation – Central Dispatch

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting in H&R Screw in Reed City. He learned about the programs they provide for people who never received their GED and Driver License. They also help with day care and gas cards to help people to get into the manufacturing area.

Comm Taylor informed the Board the Wexford County Soil Conservation District has hired Rick Gerhart as their Director. Their annual tree sale is this weekend. Also, he attended the MAC Environmental meeting and they are working on two bills: one on E.coli and another to help on the indigent defender fund.

Board Comments

Comm Bengelink believes we have a wonderful team here of elected officials and department heads. Sometimes the Board forgets their job is to set policy, procedures and budget.

Comm Theobald encouraged Board members to complete the recreation survey online. The information gathered from the survey will help to put our Recreation Master Plan together.

Comm Taylor agreed with Comm Bengelink's comments.

Comm Nichols also encourage Board members and members from the community to complete the survey. Soon the Animal Control position will be vacant and the position will be listed on our website.

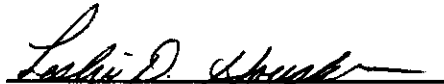
Comm MacCready reminded Board members that there will be an opioid meeting on Friday at 9:00 am. He also expressed concern about the relationship between American Waste and Pescador.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked Renee Haley, Kent Myers, and Susan Marcum for all their work in setting up the Veteran Service Office. He also thanked department heads and elected officials who help to keep things running smooth at the County.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to
adjourn at 6:30 p.m.**


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk