

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 6, 2018

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

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, and Judy Nichols; Absent – Robert Hilty and Bill Goodwill.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added - 4.a. Resolution 18-16 2018 Summer Millage Rate for FY 2018 Budget; 4.b. L-4029 Report; 6. Two Seven Oh Grant; 7. New Jail Update;

Remove – 3. Resolution 18-15 Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana.

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to
remove Resolution 18-15 Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana.**

**All in favor: 4 commissioners; opposed 3 commissioners – Comm
MacCready, Housler and Comm Nichols.**

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 –

Kathy Kimmel, Director of the Council on Aging, reported that all is going well at the Council on Aging. Board members were provided with a copy of their annual report. Ms. Kimmel took a few minutes to review the document. She was very pleased with the report as it showed how beneficial COA has been for the elderly and they are still growing. They recently developed a way to streamline requirements for their vendors. In 2019, they will be working with the same vendors, but will be branching out in 2020.

The Senior Expo is scheduled for June 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They have scheduled 72 vendors to be at the expo and about 750 to 800 people attend. COA is working on attending every township/city meeting in the County to make sure they know the services provided to our aging population. COA is also working with people 60+ in the rural area to provide address signs. They have partnered with Home Depot for the supplies and the Fire Departments around the area in helping research the areas in need.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 16, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Wexford County 2017 Financial Audit
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Wexford County's December 31, 2017, Financial Statements and Independent Audit, as presented.

Steven Peacock, from Rehmann, provided Board members with a copy of the 2017 Financial Audit for Wexford County. He began by explaining that the audit before them did not include the audit for component units. They have their own audit and supply it to the County.

Mr. Peacock went through the audit in detail beginning with the management analysis showing at the end of the year the County was up over last year – 2016 - \$16,502,267 / 2107 - \$17,500,000. The County is trending up. He discussed the performance of MERS. He suggested the Board have our MERS Representative come and speak to the Board. He did point out that our retirement liability has gone down: 2016 (\$11,016,158) to 2017 (\$9,639,139). He commented that he is not seeing this trend in other counties. Also, he learned that Wexford County will be paying it down by another \$700,000 shortly. In conclusion, Mr. Peacock stated that the audit for 2017 was very good.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Mutual Aid & Warrant Officer Deputization Agreement
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Mutual Aid and Warrant Officer Deputization Agreement between the Sheriff of Missaukee County and the Sheriff of Wexford County and authorize the Chairman, The Sheriff and the Circuit Court Judge to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 18-15 Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana – *Removed*
4. L-4046 Report
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2018 Taxable Valuations, Report L-4046, and authorize the Board

Chairman and the Equalization Director to sign the report on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

a. Resolution 18-16 2018 Summer Millage Rate for FY 2018 Budget – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 18-16 2018 Summer Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, as presented.

Roll called: Motion approved unanimously.

b. L-4029 Report - *Added*
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2018 Tax Rate Request, Report L-4029, and authorize the Board chairman and County Clerk to sign the report on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Budget Amendments
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 06/06/2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Two Seven Oh Grant – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve a Reimbursement Grant Agreement between Two Seven Oh, Inc. and Wexford for the time period of April 19, 2018 through December 1, 2018 to spay and neuter animals prior to adoption and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Break – 6:25 to 6:30

7. New Jail Update - *Added*
Lisa Vogler, Project Attorney, on the Jail project, appeared before the Board to update them on some of the problems after the Sheriff's Office was opened. On May 1, Ms. Vogler met with Sheriff Taylor, Undersheriff Doehring, Lt. Webster, and Lt. Denison.

They determined there were eight issues that needed to be addressed. Most of the problems have been resolved. The four outstanding are as follows:

- Floor drains in pod collecting hair – Suggested remedy: strainers in floor drains for easier cleaning.
- Gaps in caulking – Suggested remedy: replacing with pick proof caulk; (not all areas, just some.)
- Hard water staining – Suggested remedy: Get water tested by the Health Department; flushing by the City; water softener.
- Leak in Roof - Suggested remedy: believe the leak is in the H pod; in contact with the roofing company.

Ms. Vogler will be looking into the cost of the drain filters. She will also be working on the staining problems, and checking on whether the system has been flushed.

Administrator's Report

Both Treasurer Stanton and Clerk Richardson were very pleased with the Audit Report.

Correspondence

DEQ Sampling at Community Public Water Supplies

DEQ Administratively Complete Application – Wexford County Landfill LLC

Public Comments

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek Township resident, discussed the water problems he believes are still in Cedar Creek Township.

Liaison Reports

Comm Nichols attended a Housing Council meeting and a Cedar Creek Township meeting. Comm Nichols also attended a Road Commission meeting.

Comm MacCready attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting. They are working with corrections and homelessness.

Comm Bengelink attended a Morgue Authority meeting and they are moving forward at getting a pathologist.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald thanked all for the positive audit. She also thanked Kathy Kimmel for her report on the Council on Aging.

Chairman's Comments

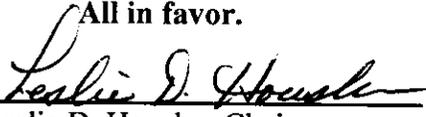
Comm Housler thanked all for coming.

Adjourn

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**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to
adjourn at 6:55 p.m.**

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler
Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson
Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk