

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 16, 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

Deleted – item 7 – ASB Services, Inc. Estimate for Asbestos Abatement – Central Dispatch

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports –

1. US Forest Service

Leslie Auriemmo, Forest Supervisor, appeared before the board to update them on some of the US Forest Services activities. Soon they will be moving from the current facility to the Chittenden Nursery in Manistee. She explained that it is an old CCC Camp with between 30/40 out buildings. The property has great historical value. In time they will be moving towards making this area a tourist destination with a museum and a fire tower. Many organizations have donated their time in renovating the building in a historical way. Also they have eight fire fighters living at the Chittenden Nursery.

2. MSUE 2017 Annual Report

Shari Spoelman, District Coordinator for MSUE, provided the Board with their 2017-2018 MSUE Annual Report. She began by first introducing staff members that were able to attend and having them describe their job duties. She also mention other employees who were unable to attend and their job duties. MSUE received \$130,000 from the County approved millage in 2017. They also received \$474,500 from MSUE to assist them in operations. The handout provided to the Board outlined some of their activities they have done over the past year and half, including: \$H Youth Cooking; Babysitting classes; Ag Olympics; Embryology/Hatching chicks; Youth development for 4-H members and non-members; Fun with Science; Early Childhood Development; Food Safety; and guidance in the Dairy/Farming – finances or expansion or getting out of the dairy business. They are growing and will continue to grow in the community.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 2, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Re-Approval of the Veterans' Services By-Laws

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

All in favor – 8 yes/1 nay by Commissioner MacCready.

Agenda Items

1. W. MI Forensic Pathology Services Authority Financing

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to accept the West MI Forensic Pathology Services Authority proposal for financing paid in quarterly installments, as presented.

Paul Bulock, Administrator for Mecosta County, appeared before the Board to discuss the hiring of a full time Pathologist. They have a state of the art morgue is in place built with State Funds. In order for the Morgue Authority to hire a full time pathologist they need buy in from Counties. They have 8 counties active with the authority. They need bodies and financing to make this successful. Mr. Bulock also mentioned that MMRMA may be announcing soon that they will be covering our Medical Examiners under our liability policy.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Northwest MI Community Action Agency Lease Termination

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve terminating the Lake Street lease between Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency and Wexford County and authorize the Chairman to sign the termination letter, as presented.

All in favor – 8 yes/1 nay by Commissioner MacCready.

3. Everstream Right of Entry Agreement – MI Works

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Right of Entry Agreement between Wexford County and Everstream Solution, LLC for property located at 401 N. Lake Street, Cadillac,, MI for upgrading fiber optic connection for voice and data services at the Michigan Works office and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

All in favor.

4. Fifth Third Bank Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the fifth Third Bank Letter of Credit Reimbursement Agreement and authorize the Chairman and Treasurer to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Policy B-14.3 Health Insurance
MOTION by Comm Nichols, Seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the amendment to Policy B-14.3, Health Insurance, adding A.7. effective January 1, 2019, as presented.

All in favor.

6. Resolution 18-13 Resolution Against Proposed Budget Reductions to the qualified Forest Program
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 18-13 Resolution Against Proposed Budget Reductions to the qualified Forest Program, as presented.

Larry Czelusta appear before the Board representing the Forest Assistance Program. He explained that program is in place to help private landowners at no cost. The current proposed budget request for 2019 includes a budget cut of \$130,000 which is used in part of fund the 20 FAP Grants through the Michigan Conservation Districts, which supports the Forestry Assistance Program. The resolution before the board will help keep the funds in place.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. ASB Services, Inc. Estimate for Asbestos Abatement – Central Dispatch – *deleted from the agenda*
8. Unfunded Liability Contribution – DPW
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the allocation of \$700,000 towards the unfunded retirement liability for Division 12, DPW employees.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Purchase Agreement – Recycling Center
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Purchase Agreement for Commercial Building and Property known as the Recycling Center property between Rita Meech and Luke Mattison and the

County of Wexford in the amount of \$130,000 and authorize the chairman and the Clerk to sign the agreement, as presented.

All in favor.

10. Budget Amendments

5/16/2018

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
Amendments to the 2018 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20180501	101.253.695.00	Transfer In/Land Reutilization	\$ 85,000		(a)
	516.000.999.05	Transfer Out		\$ 85,000	
	Land Reutilization Fund Report Transfer				

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 5/16/2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report - None

Correspondence

1. Letter from DEQ – Wexford County Landfill, LLC
2. Letter from the Tol Companies, Inc.

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting at Wexford Career Tech Center where they have booths set up for students to come through and view the process.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready touched on the letter Board members received from the DEQ in correspondence regarding the landfill.

Chairman's Comments


Comm Housler thanked all for coming tonight.


Adjourn

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

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All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler
Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson
Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk