

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, July 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

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to delete agenda item 6. Offer to Purchase the Octagonal Building.

All in favor.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor – eight; Opposed – Comm MacCready.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports – None

Public Comments

Crystal Johnson, Cadillac, thanked the Board for the quick action moving forward with the octagon building. However, she would appreciate it if the Board tabled the agenda item for 30 days. She has been in contact with the Buckley Steam Show and others and believes there is an interest in moving the building. Once she gathers more information she will bring it forward.

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek Township, addressed the Board regarding the cross connection ordinance.

Bruce Rendon, candidate for the 35th State Senate, appeared before the Board as he was making his campaign rounds.

Larry Rogers, Cedar Creek Supervisor, expressed concern about Robert Lohman's water connectors he has at his home. He would appreciate anything that can be done to help him out.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the July 5, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 18-20 To Adopt an Ordinance Regarding Cross Connection
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-20, a Resolution To Adopt An Ordinance Regulating Cross Connections With The Wexford County Public Water Supply System, and To Adopt A Cross Connection Control Program, as presented.

Brian Thurston, Cadillac District Supervisor, MDEQ, recommended that the Board pass the Resolution / Ordinance for the enforcement of the Cross Connection program. DPW passed a resolution to empower the program, but no enforcement law was included. There are a few places in the State with the same Ordinance through the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Mr. Thurston explained that once the Ordinance is in place the County will be the enforcement agency by way of Infrastructure. Mr. Thurston also pointed out that if any yard hydrants are connected to a private well, it would be in violation of the Ordinance.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. DNR and Hanover Township Land Exchange
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the land exchange between MDNR and Hanover Township involving Mr. Assaf, and notify the DNR in writing with no objections, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Class Action Lawsuit – PILT
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the County entering the Class Action Lawsuit involving PILT underfunding for FYs 2015-2017, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. MERS Annual Conference Attendees

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve an officer delegate and an employee delegate to attend the annual MERS conference in Grand Rapids on October 4 & 5, 2018, as presented.

All in favor.

5. Dissolving the Octagonal Building Committee
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to dissolve the Octagonal Building Committee and send a “thank you” letter to the committee members, as presented.

All in favor.

6. Offer to Purchase the Octagonal Building – *Deleted*
7. Budget Amendments – None

Administrator’s Report

Jayne Stanton, County Treasurer/ Interim Co-Administrator was given a \$1.00 to purchase the Octagon building at the last Finance meeting. Because there had been no agreement of the full Board and no agreement in place, the \$1.00 was given back and it was never receipted in.

Correspondence

1. Northwest Michigan Regional Prosperity Initiative
2. Treasurer’s Cash/Investment Report
3. Comm Nichols learned that a hockey team received an award. She would like the County Board to recognize them. (No documentation provided).

Public Comments

Robert Lohnman, Cedar Creek Township, discussed protection valves and his water system.

Larry Rogers, Cedar Creek Supervisor, asked who they could contact should one of the water lines break.

Liaison Reports

Comm Taylor attended a Northern Michigan Counties Association meeting in Grayling.

Board Comment

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Comm MacCready explained why he voted no on the removal of the agenda item on the Octagon Building. He questioned who would notify Cedar Creek when DEQ letters were received. Also, the truck show is this weekend in Manton.

Comm Bengelink questioned why the cross connection matter was taken to Executive. The Board may want to form another committee just for public water matters in Cedar Creek.

Comm Theobald thanked Comm Bengelink for explaining PILT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) to the audience. She also touched on the dissolution of the Octagon committee and why it fell apart.

Comm Nichols informed the Board that Animal Control just hired a new Animal Control Officer, Jamie Geeseman.


Chairman's Comments


Infrastructure contact information will be provided to Supervisor Rogers of Cedar Creek Township.

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn
at 6:25 p.m.**

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk