

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 20, 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

Added – 12. Resolution 18-19 Opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to add Resolution 18-15 that was voted on during the last meeting.

Roll call: Motion approved 5 to 4 with Commissioners Bengelink, Bush, Theobald, and Taylor voting against the motion.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Hilty, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports –

1. Conservation District Update

Theresa Williams, District Manager of Wexford County Soil Conservation, provided the Board background on how Soil Conservation got started. Their biggest event is tree sales, which just occurred. They were very successful. They also have a Forester in staff who offers qualified forest programs and workshops. Ms. Williams then explained some of the programs they provide in the area of healthy soil, food growing for both vegetables and fruit trees. Ms. Williams will be retiring soon. She introduced Tiffany Jones who will be taking her position.

2. Area Agency on Aging of NW MI Annual Implementation Plan

Bob Schlueter Executive Director of Area Agency on Aging, began by thanking Commissioner Taylor for his input and dedication to AAA. He thanked Lester Barnes who is also a Board member, as well as Eleanor Sosenko. He also said some very kind words about Kathy Kimmel, Director of Council on Aging, and all that she has brought to COA and AAA. Mr. Schlueter explained how COA and AAA work very closely to provide good services to the community. He explained one of their goals is to keep the elderly in their homes, rather than placing them in a commercial facility. The cost is a big part of commercial facilities. Their clients would all rather stay home in familiar surroundings. Board members were provided with handouts, which they were encouraged to read.

Public Comments

William Barnett, candidate for the 102nd Rep., appeared before the Board and explained some of the reasons he is running for office. He had no platform at this time. He has been busy speaking throughout the 102nd district to speak with people. He appreciates all the input from the community.

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek, touched on the water issues he believes are ongoing in Cedar Creek Township.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the June 6, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the FY 2019 Budget Calendar
3. Approval of Resolution 18-17 Approving the FY 2019 Annual Implementation Plan of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan
4. Approval of the Bid Award for Annual Bulk Paper – Lindenmeyr Monroe
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 18-14 Extending Appreciation for Renee Haley's Dedication and Leadership
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 18-14 Extending Appreciation for Renee Haley's Dedication and Leadership, as presented.

Chairman Housler read the resolution into the record. Ms. Haley thanked the Board for allowing her to partner up with our Veteran's Services Office for the past year and a half. Good things are happening at the office and she expects to see it continue to grow.

All in favor.

2. BOC Meeting of July 3
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve rescheduling the Tuesday, July 3 BOC meeting to Thursday, July 5 beginning at 3:00 p.m.

All in favor.

3. 2018 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the 2018 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement in the amount of \$7,400 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

All in favor.

4. MOA between Center for Shared Solutions and Wexford County
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the MOA between Center for Shared Solutions and Wexford County and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. MGT of America Consulting Services Agreement
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Consulting Services Agreement between MGT of American Consulting, LLC and Wexford County for the development of the dashboard requirements for fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019 with a cost of \$4,000 annually and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Housing Council Project W15-29 PI
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Housing Council Project W15-19 in an amount of \$10,694.25 using CDBG Program Income funding for a loan with services provided by Ayers Basement Systems and Deverman Building, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Contract Modification – CDBG Project Administration
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Contract Modification between NMCAA and Wexford County extending the expiration date to September 30, 2018 and authorize the Chairman to sign the modification, as presented.

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

8. Front End Loader Discussion – Fair Board
Adam Kerr, Maintenance Supervisor, provided the Board with what he had found out after being directed by the Finance Committee. The loader the Fair Board has been looking at has new tires, and the engine and transmission has been updated. The Grahek loader also includes a snow box.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to purchase a front end loader from Grahek's for \$25,000 pending inspection, then entering into a financial contract with the Fair Board for 50% of the difference between the scrap value of our current loader versus new. Fair Board is responsible for maintenance and liability insurance.

Board members discussed what the old loader was worth. Any money received from the old loader would be used towards the purchase of another loader. Some of the figures discussed were \$3,000 to \$2,546.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to two with Commissioners MacCready and Goodwill voting against the motion.

9. Establish Instructions for the Department Heads to Follow in Submitting Budget Estimates.

Letters will be send out to all department heads along with their 2019 budget preparation. Departments will be asked to stay within their 2018 budget and if there is a need to increase it provide a narrative explaining the reason. The same narrative will be requested for any large purchases department heads would like to make in 2019. The Finance Committee will review all requests.

10. TKS Security Acceptance Form

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the TKS Security Acceptance Form in the amount of \$27,875 for upgrades to the Courthouse Security System and authorize the Chairman to sign the acceptance form, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. Budget Amendments

6/20/2018

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

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20180605	101.253.695.00	Transfer In	\$ 48,000		(e)
	615.000.999.00	Transfer Out		\$ 48,000	
	Zuercher Computer Software - Sheriff & Central Dispatch				

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 6/20/2018, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

12. Resolution 18-19 Opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 18-19 Opposing House Bill 6049 and Senate Bill 1025, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, explained what the County may see if the two bills are approved, including staffing level and additional staff in his office. The bills will also limit the cost townships would have to pay for County assessments which is lower than what the County is currently charging. Mr. Porterfield explained some of the reasons the State was looking at these changes.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

13. Revisiting Resolution 18-15 Opposing the Legalization of Marijuana
**MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve
Resolution 18-15 Opposing the Legalization of Recreational
Marijuana in the State.**

A commissioner stated that during the last vote two commissioners were not present. By bringing the resolution back in front of all nine members it will show the transparency of our Board. Another commissioner objected to voting on this again. The question will be appearing on the November ballot. Our vote tonight will not make a difference. This commissioner also questioned what good would come by sending the resolution to Lansing for their review. And still another commissioner felt it was a waste of tax dollars to send it to Lansing. The decision to place it on the ballot has already been made. It was suggested by a commissioner that another resolution be put together with no statement about sending the resolution to Lansing. After further discussion, Comm Goodwill withdrew his motion and Comm Nichols withdrew her support.

Administrator's Report

Clerk Richardson, Interim Administrator, informed the Board that the asbestos cleanup was underway at the old jail and should be finished up this week. Also the environmental testing at the Recycle Center is about done and we should be receiving some documentation soon.

Correspondence

1. DEQ Compliance Inspection – Landfill
2. Trileaf Project #641443 Manton Tower

Public Comments

Robert Lohman, Cedar Creek Township, touched on the last Cedar Creek Township meeting and the water problems he believes are still in Cedar Creek.

Liaison Reports - None

Board Comment

Comm Nichols expressed concern for bringing Resolution 18-15 back before the Board tonight.

Comm Bush thanked Renee Haley for all the work she had done for Veteran Services.

Comm Theobald represents her constituents when she votes, not herself.

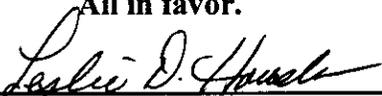
Comm Taylor also thanked Renee Haley for her work. He further stated that the marijuana issue should go to the people.

Chairman's Comments – None

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to
adjourn at 7:05 p.m.**

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk