

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 5, 2018

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Gary Taylor.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Bush to have a discussion on Cedar Creek backflow.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports –

1. Hiring Solutions

Todd Surline, Hiring Solutions, began by providing the Board with his background. All Board members were provided with a folder that included their “Proposal for Search Services” for the County Administrator; how they evaluate each possible candidate and copy of our job description for the position. Mr. Surline explained that “Hiring Solutions” fees are all outlined in the folder. A commissioner questioned if this position would be full time or part time. Mr. Surline encouraged the Board to look at a full time position as we would have trouble recruiting someone for a part time position.

Public Comments

Jack Dontje, Trustee at Cedar Creek Township, would like to learn more about the Cedar Creek water problems.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 15, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 18-24 Recognizing Joe Porterfield
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 18-24 Recognizing Clifford “Joe” Porterfield for being honored as the 2018 “Equalization Director of the Year”, as presented.

All in favor.

2. Resolution 18-25 Supporting Secondary Road
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 18-25 Supporting Wexford County Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 18-26 National Preparedness Month
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 18-26 Wexford County National Preparedness Month Proclamation, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Flu Immunizations
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Cadillac Family Physicians to provide on-site flu immunizations for Wexford County and the County to pay the full \$30.00 for any Wexford County employee whose cost is not covered by insurance, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Administrator Discussion
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to

A discussion on hiring of an administrator was held at the Human Resources Committee. They discussed whether or not the position should be full time or part time. Another Commissioner questioned hiring “Hiring Solutions” to help the County on the search. It was felt that maybe there was someone right here in the area who could fill the position. Another Commissioner felt it was important to have a vision and a goal for the Board and the Administrator. Planning and communication for a 5 year goal is very important for both the Board and the County.

Mr. Surline outlined “Hiring Solutions” fee structure which was in a packet provided to the Board earlier. If they are unable to fulfill our request we will receive a portion back. They will place the ad at various social media based agencies, as well as with the Cadillac News. They will be looking for full time candidates.

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

6. Budget Amendments – None
7. Committee of the Whole – Jail Update – None
8. Discussion on Cedar Creek

A commissioner questioned the cross connection ordinance that was just passed. This commissioner would also like to get additional information passed on to Cedar Creek.

Administrator’s Report

Treasurer Stanton explained that the budgets for 2019 are still being worked on and will be back to the Finance Committee at their next meeting.

Clerk Richardson informed the Board the Recycle building has now been purchased and the closing was August 31, 2018.

Correspondence

Comm MacCready addressed a letter received from Dr. Dubravac regarding air quality.

Public Comments

Jack Dontje would like a copy of the ordinance and the number of wells that are capped.

Brian Potter, Cherry Grove Township, was not in support of a part time administrator. He believes the position should be full time.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting and they will be sending out a survey online for trauma which will be used for possible grant funding.

Comm Nichols visited MSUE and went on a trip with them to a beer hops farm.

Comm MacCready attended a Veteran’s Summit in Traverse City dealing with mental health of our veterans.

Board Comment

Comm Bush thanked Treasurer Stanton and Clerk Richardson for taking on added duties of administration. He would like to see the Board work with "Hiring Solutions" to get an administrator to stay. Wexford County is a good place to live.

Comm Theobald thanked Equalization Director Porterfield for the award he received and the great service he provides for the County.

Comm Nichols attended the Manton Harvest Festival and found it enjoyable. She also congratulated Mr. Porterfield for the award he received. She also believes good things can happen in Wexford County if we all work together.

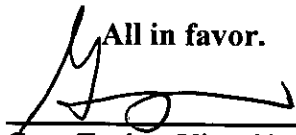
Comm MacCready thanked Mr. Porterfield for all his efforts and his recent recognition. He mentioned that a level 4 is not easy to attain.

Chairman's Comments


Vice Chairman Taylor congratulated Mr. Porterfield on his award for "Equalization Director of the Year".

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to
adjourn at 6:20 p.m.**

All in favor.


Gary Taylor, Vice Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk