

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 19, 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

Add – 9. Victim Rights Grant; Delete - 1. Resolution 18-27 – Recognition of Cathy Wright.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 20-year Service Award – Darlena Hortemiller, Central Dispatch
Ms. Hortemiller was not present to receive her award. It will be delivered to her later.

Presentations and Reports – None

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

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

A commissioner questioned why the minutes did not address Hiring Solutions not having to bid for the work they will be performing.

All in favor except Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 18-27 Recognizing Cathy Wright For Receiving Award – *Deleted*
2. US District Court Drug & Alcohol Testing Services
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Non-Competitive Purchase Order 0646-19-TS20, for substance abuse testing services for the Community Corrections Department beginning October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Resolution 18-28 Community Corrections Grant
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 18-28, Approving The Grant Between MDOC and Wexford County for the Comprehensive Plans and Services Agreement in the amount of \$112,285, beginning October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Discussion on Long-term Lease of the Animal Shelter
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Goodwill to direct the Co-administrators to contact the City of Cadillac to explore a long-term lease option for the Animal Shelter, as presented.

Commissioners discussed the property the Animal Shelter sits on is owned by the City and leased back to the County for \$1.00 a year. If the County opted to update the facility they would run the risk of the City exercising their out clause. Another commissioner suggested that this request be addressed when the millage is up for renewal. If the millage would be for five years, put a lease in place for the same amount of time. It was pointed out the Sheriff cannot afford to operate the Animal Control without the millage assessment. Some commissioners felt they did not have enough information to make a decision today.

A commissioner believes Animal Control is doing a great job. It is not that they are against the updates at the shelter for the animals and the care of the animals; however, more information is needed. A commissioner spoke of the animals with their family and how they care for them.

Recreation and Building Committee has discussed the use of \$164,000 that was a donation. Some members were not willing to spend the funds until a commitment has been made between the City and the County, either a long term lease with the City or ownership to the County. After additional discussion Board members voted on the motion.

Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Commissioners Bengelink, Bush, Theobald, Taylor, and Housler voting against the motion.

5. Project Christmas Request
MOTION by Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Project Christmas's request to place two storage sheds next to the Civic Center and request a contract from legal counsel, as presented.

Board members discussed the storage sheds to be placed next to the Civic Center. It was initially thought that Boon Sports Management and Project Christmas would be entering into a joint venture. Project Christmas learned that there would need to be more discussion with Boon Sports Management. The organizers for Project Christmas understood that liability insurance would be needed to cover the County. A commissioner spoke up in support of Project Christmas, but expressed concern about the liability the County may face. A contract can be drawn-up by legal with attention to be paid eliminating any County liability.

Roll call: Motion passed eight to one with Comm Theobald voting against the motion.

6. Menominee County Resolution

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 18-29 Opposing House Bill 5792 & 5793, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Budget Amendments

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Taylor to approve the budget amendment dated 9/19/2018, as presented.

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 Amendments to the 2018 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20180901	101.136.677.17	Drug & Alcohol Testing	\$ 10,000		(a)
	101.136.604.02	Probation Oversight	\$ 20,000		
	101.253.502.00	Pay in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 32,000		
	101.351.677.08	Prisoner Reimbursement	\$ 15,700		
	101.290.677.09	Liability Insurance Reim.	\$ 14,300		
	101.131.721.00	Health Insurance		\$ 14,000	
	101.136.721.00	Health Insurance		\$ 47,000	
	101.335.721.00	Health Insurance		\$ 13,000	
	101.351.721.00	Health Insurance		\$ 18,000	
	Due to health insurance personal plan changes				
20180902	101.290.677.19	Property Sale Revenue	\$ 49,200		(b)
	101.290.901.01	DP Software Development		\$ 49,200	
	Zuercher payment portion for dispatch 911, out of tower proceeds				

Roll Call: Motion passed eight to one with Comm MacCready voting against the motion.

8. Committee of the Whole – Central Dispatch Center

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to form a Committee of the Whole for the purposes of discussing Central Dispatch.

All in favor.

Duane Alworden, Dispatch Director, appeared before the Board to discuss the possibility of moving Central Dispatch from their current location at the old Sheriff's Department. The property donated to the County for building a Central Dispatch Center may have some costly factors attached to it due to the location. Mr. Alworden has been in discussion with Sheriff Taylor about the possibility of building on the Sheriff's property. There could be a cost savings for dispatch. The 911 Advisory Board is supportive of moving dispatch to an updated facility. If a new building is constructed, one of the requirements is that it would have to withstand up to 200 mile per hour winds.

Mr. Alworden has met with dispatch vendors to see what the cost may be to move the equipment to a different facility. The size of the structure would be approximately 2,500 square feet with a basement. After all the cost estimates were considered, Mr. Alworden suggested it would cost around \$856,730 with water and sewer included. He also believes dispatch will see some utility savings by moving from the old facility. It was also pointed out that the new facility will be large enough should the County look into consolidation.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to rise and report the findings for the Committee of the Whole.

All in favor.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald directing Administration to put together an RFP for a new dispatch center.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

9. Victim Rights Grant

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Victim Rights Prosecutor 2019 Grant between DHHS and Wexford County in the amount of \$40,470 and authorize the Chairman to electronically sign the grant, as presented.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report - None

Correspondence - None

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald attended a Community Corrections meeting at the Sheriff's Department Training room. It was very nice and there was no cost for the use of the room. She also pointed out that Community Corrections would be receiving \$68,324 less in their grant for next year.

Comm Taylor attended a Northern Counties meeting where they toured the Consumers Power, water, electric and wind turbine fields. Veterans Services committee granted four veterans' emergency assistance. Everything is running smoothly at the Council on Aging.

Comm MacCready attended a Networks Northwest Special meeting on Monday. They recently purchased the Beaver Island lighthouse. He explained what the property would be used for in the future and how important it was to purchase this prime piece of real estate.

Comm Bengelink just learned that the Morgue Authority is close to hiring a forensic pathologist.

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting where they toured the Ebel's facility.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald attended a City of Cadillac meeting on the labor lockout that affects some of the streets in Cadillac. Also discussed was adding fluoride into City water which may affect our jail. There is a Lincoln Area watch group. Deputy Nate Edwards came before the group and discussed some of the strangest things about drugs that none of them knew. The group gained a lot of good information.

Comm MacCready questioned why no bids were needed for the hiring of Hiring Solutions. Mr. Alworden is doing a good job for the County as 911 Director. He attended a VA Summit on Mental Health. He was very disappointed with the information he received back on CTE, brain problems.

Comm Bengelink grew up in an area with fluoride and spoke of the benefits he felt he received.

Comm Bush thanked Duane Alworden for providing a packet to the Board on the dispatch upgrade.

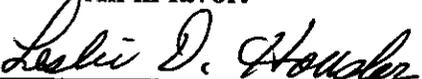
Chairman's Comments - None

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Adjourn

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

All in favor.


Leslie D. Housler
Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson


Elaine L. Richardson
Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk