

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 17, 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 -

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda - None

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports --

1. Northern Lakes CMHA

Karl Kovacs, CEO of Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, appeared before the Board to give his annual update. Board members were provided with handouts outlining the services Wexford County received from Community Mental Health as well as the dollars spent for the programs. An ACT Team member, Jessica Whetstone, explained the type of people they help and how rewarding it is. They help the sickest of the sick who really need help for housing, food, health, and transportation.

Mr. Kovacs thanked the Board for Wexford County representatives, Michael MacCready and Rose Denny, and the contributions they have made being a part of the CMH. He discussed some of the positive things they are able to provide our mental health community.

2. MERS Annual Report

Anthony Radjenovich, MERS Representative, addressed the Board on the County retirement plan: Defined Benefit and Hybrid Defined Benefit/Defined Contribution. Wexford County is 66% funded in MERS leaving a liability of approximately \$11,000,000. MERS earnings on investments are estimated at 7.75%. The County is not paying the phase in plan which is the highest amount MERS has requested the County to pay. The County also put \$703,000 into the DPW retirement plan and they are now 94% funded.

Mr. Radjenovich went on to explain MERS investment practices. With continued contributions from the County and good investments by MERS he believes the County's liability will be -0- by 2039.

Public Comments - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 3, 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. Amended Budget Calendar
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Calendar, as presented.

All in favor.

2. Council on Aging 2019 Budget
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Council on Aging 2019 Budget, as presented.

Kathy Kimmel, Director of the Council on Aging, presented their 2019 Budget. All Board members received a copy of their 2018 budget along with their 2019 proposed budget. Ms. Kimmel touched on some of the new programs they are working on for the elderly. She explained that they continue to look for ways to help people in the community that qualify and need COA services.

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

3. Budget Hearing on Unresolved Appeals from Department Heads
Sheriff Taylor addressed the Board on some suggested changes to his departments. He can live with the overtime reductions for both his Sheriff's Department and Corrections, however, he stressed he may be coming back later in the year asking for an increase. This budget was put together with the understanding Sheriff Taylor would be hiring six new deputies. He will hold off on hiring two deputies until June which will release some payroll dollars from his budget. He is asking for six patrol cars which has caused a shortage in the budget. He would like the payroll savings to be used to fund a portion of the six cars. The budget has been set up for the purchase of four cars. He will do away with the purchase of a detective car and the 4X4.

With the changes made, the budget will be closer to being balanced. Also, the Board added in \$6,900 for overtime in the Maintenance Department, but did not include a part time employee.

After further discussion, Comm Taylor called the question. Roll call: Approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Sheriff's 2019 budget request for six cars and have the Co Administrators present the 2019 budget at the November 7, 2018 BOC meeting.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Taylor to instruct the administrators to bring the amended 2019 Budget back to the Finance Committee for further review.

All in favor.

4. Livestock Committee Request

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the request from the Livestock Committee to upgrade the electrical in the livestock barn and send a letter informing the Livestock Committee, as presented.

All in favor.

5. Budget Amendments

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Amendments to the 2018 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20181004	225.000.699.01	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,700		(a)
	225.000.962.04	Pet Spade Education		\$ 2,700	

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Committee of the Whole – Jail Update

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to resolve into a Committee of the Whole for the purposes of discussing the jail project.

All in favor.

Jerrod Pung, representative from Granger Construction, updated the Board on the ongoing repairs at the jail. The major problem being leaks in the roof. Granger has continued to work on the problem. Granger presented the Board with an extended

warranty letter on the roof. The extension will be for another year – expiring 10/26/2019. Granger has had an employee on site between two and three days a week. He assured the Board that they will continue to work through the problems. When questioned whether or not Granger would consider replacing the roof if the leaks continue, Mr. Pung explained the decision would have to be made by someone above him; however, he has never replaced a roof at a new facility.

7. Committee of the Whole – Central Dispatch - None

Administrator's Report

Jayne Stanton, Treasurer/Interim Administrator explained the reasoning behind why some of the department line items were reduced in the proposed 2019 budget.

Elaine Richardson, Clerk/Interim Administrator informed the Board that the second Household Hazardous Waste drop-off was held on October 15 and was well attended.

Correspondence - None

Public Comments

Corinna Harvey, Auditor with Baird Cotter & Bishop, explained that as the tax preparer for the Wexford Council on Aging, she addressed the Board on the 990 form discussed earlier. These forms are online and can be printed off. She supports this process so charitable donors can see their investment. She then explained that the 990 Schedule A shows that the COA is supported by a large and varied group of people and not just a small group.

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health retreat last week. They were working on their 2019-2020 strategy. This committee does a lot for our community. He also touched on a child care facility being built for their employees to use when they are at work.

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting at Rexair. The big push in the manufacturing world is to encourage juniors and seniors to do a 13 year program at school where they can earn an Associate's degree.

Comm Taylor attended Northern Counties and they had seven county administrators come from northern Michigan to tell them what they do and what they think they are supposed to do.

Board Comment

Comm Nichols would like to see our meetings televised. She has been invited to sit on a panel at Cadillac High School to discuss civic organizations.

Comm MacCready touched on the different organizations that could be looked at for televising the meetings. He appreciates Ms. Hervey's work on the budget and the information on the 990 schedule.

Comm Theobald provided Board members with flyers about events that were happening in the area: Ed Kellogg Annual Food Drive; Project Christmas; Salvation Army Thanksgiving Food Basket sign-up. All three events could use additional help from the public.

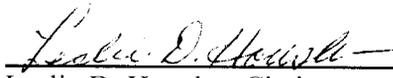
Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked Corinna Hervey for all her work on the budget.

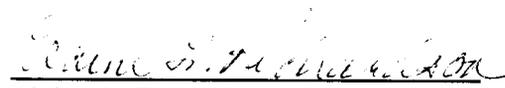
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk