

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by County Clerk Richardson.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Joseph Hurlburt, Mike Musta, Ben Townsend, Michael Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter; Absent - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Election of Board Chairperson**

Elaine Richardson, County Clerk, began the meeting by explaining the election of Board Chair can be done by secret ballot or open roll call. Board members agreed to have the election by an open roll call.

Clerk Richardson opened the floor to nominations.

Comm Bengelink nominated Comm Taylor. The nomination was supported by Comm Theobald;

Comm Townsend nominated Comm Nichols.

No other nominations were made. The floor was then closed to any further nomination.

A roll call vote was called for Comm Taylor.

**Roll call: A unanimous vote was cast in favor of Comm Taylor**

A roll call vote was called for Comm Nichols.

**Roll call: The vote failed two to seven with Commissioners Musta, Bengelink, Bush, Theobald, Taylor, Potter and Hurlburt voting against the appointment.**

Chairman Taylor called for nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Comm Hurlburt nominated Comm Bengelink, supported by Comm Townsend.

No other nominations were made. Chair Taylor closed the floor to any further nominations.

**Roll call: A unanimous vote was cast in favor of Comm Bengelink.**

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda** - None

### **Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in favor.**

**Employee Recognition** - None

**Presentations and Reports** – None

**Public Comments** - None

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the December 19, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. December 27, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

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

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Board Organization Matters
  - a. Designation of Committee Chairs  
Chair Taylor named the following as Committee Chairs:  
Michael Musta – Chair of Finance and Appropriations Committee  
Mike Bengelink – Chair of Human Resources/Public Safety Committee  
Julie Theobald – Chair of Recreation and Building Committee

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the decision made by the Board Chairman designating the committee chairs to the Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Human Resources and Public Safety Committee, and Recreation and Building Committee, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

- b. Assignment of Committee Members  
Chair Taylor named the following as Committee Members:  
Finance and Appropriations Committee- Gary Taylor, Julie Theobald, and Joseph Hurlburt;  
  
Human Resources/Public Safety Committee – Gary Taylor, Michael Bush, and Brian Potter;  
  
Recreation and Building Committee – Joseph Hurlburt, Judy Nichols, and Ben Townsend;

Executive Committee will be made up of the chair persons of each committee and include the Board Chair: Gary Taylor, Mike Bengelink, Michael Musta, and Julie Theobald.

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the decision made by the Board Chairman designating the committee members to the Finance and Appropriations Committee, the Human Resources and Public Safety Committee, and Recreation and Building Committee, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

c. 2019 Meeting Schedule

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the 2019 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

2. Board and Liaison Appointments - 2019

Chair Taylor made the following appointments to:

Airport Authority – Brian Potter

CWTA – Michael Musta

Clam Lake DDA – Mike Bengelink

LPT – Chair and Vice Chair - Mike Bengelink

Northern District Fair – Julie Theobald

Road Commission – Joseph Hurlburt

Networks Northwest – Ben Townsend

911 Committee – Mike Bengelink

North Flight – Joseph Hurlburt

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health – Ben Townsend

Northwest MI Community Action Agency – Julie Theobald

Cadillac/Wexford Library – Ben Townsend

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to accept the Chairman's 2019 Board and Liaison appointments to other Boards and Committees.**

**All in favor.**

3. Resolution 19-01, Wexford County Depository

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 19-01, Wexford County Depository, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Resolution 19-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0, Investment Policy  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 19-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0, Investment Policy, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Resolution 19-03, Fair Housing  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 19-03, Fair Housing, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. Fair Housing Policy Statement  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Fair Housing Policy Statement which designates the County Co-Administrators as the persons to contact regarding the housing discrimination, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

#### **Administrator's Report**

It was reported that Wexford County was named in a lawsuit dealing with delinquent property taxes. Our insurance liability carrier, MMRMA, has been contacted and they will be handling it.

**Correspondence** – None

**Public Comments** - None

**Liaison Reports** - None

#### **Board Comment**

Comm Bengelink thanked the Board for appointment of him as the Vice Chair. Also, he recently learned that the Rotary Auction will be donating their contributions to the ice compressor at the WEX.

Comm Theobald welcomed the new commissioners. She thanked all for their support for her new grandson.

Comm Nichols welcomed Comm Theobald back and congratulated the newly elected commissioners.

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Comm Potter congratulated both the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board and is looking forward to working with the Board.

**Chairman's Comments**

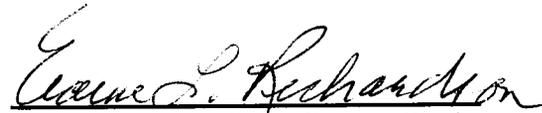
Comm Taylor appreciated the Board's vote of confidence and is looking forward to working with them all.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to  
adjourn at 5:45 p.m.**

All in favor.

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk