

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 15, 2019

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Joseph Hurlburt, Mike Musta, Ben Townsend, Mike Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Judy Nichols, Brian Potter, and Gary Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added-J.11 1st Choice Heating and Cooling Agreement

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the Agenda, as amended.

All in favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports -

1. Resolution 19-10 Recognizing the Mesick Robotics Team
MOTION by Comm Townsend, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 19-10 Recognizing the Mesick Robotics Team, Team Bone Yard, for their achievement, as presented.

Comm Townsend read the Resolution into the record and assured that he would be personally delivering it to the school himself.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Nurse-Family Partnership
Amanda Lick came before the Board to explain the benefits of the Nurse-Family Partnership. Currently they are serving 10 counties and around 1300 families. Families could have up to 65 visits with a specially trained nurse to set and work at achieving goals throughout the first 1,000 days of a child's development. Their primary focus is first time, low income mothers who have certain risk factors. If Wexford County were to look at working with NFP she suggested partnering with neighboring counties.

Public Comments-

Christopher Crain, Cedar Creek Township, came before the Board to ask for more support towards the passing of a local ordinance regarding the deep injection wells. He requested the Board amend their resolution to add financial, political, or communal assistance to help with any future challenges that may come should the ordinance be implemented.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 1, 2019, 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 19-07 Letter of Credit
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 19-07 Approving Letter of Credit for the Remedial Action Plan of the Wexford County Landfill, LLC, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Taxable Valuations, L-4046 Report
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the 2019 Taxable Valuations, Report L-4046, and authorize the Board Chairman and the Equalization Director to sign the report on behalf of the County, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, came before the Board to explain that this report is due in June. He is bringing it to the Board early in preparation of getting tax bills out by July 1st.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

3. Contract with Cade for Academy Tuition
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Contract for Reimbursement of Tuition Paid by Wexford County on Behalf of Employee for attendance at the MCOLES Police Academy with conditions and to authorize the Board Chairman and Sheriff to sign future agreements without approval of the board, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passes 9-0.

4. 2019 USDA Forest Service Annual Operating and Financial Plan
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the 2019 Annual Operating and Financial Plan between Wexford County and the USDA Forest Service in the amount of \$5,100 and authorize the Board Chairman and Sheriff to sign the plan on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. 800 MHz Console System

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to follow Section I.3 of the County's purchasing policy, and to enter into a contract with Grand Traverse Mobile Communication to purchase and install a Kenwood 800 MHz console system for the Central Dispatch department, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Fair Board Grant Request

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Fair Board's request for financial assistance to cover 50% of expenses for upgrades to the rabbit barn in an amount not to exceed \$11,085, as presented.

One Commissioner felt concerned with the information provided at the Executive meeting. They felt that the quotes were incomplete and lack specifics, and the project was unclear as to certain areas, like who would take possession of leftover steel, etc. They were also concerned with where the funds were going to come from.

Another Commissioner pointed out that the rabbit barn is a county building and falls on the County to maintain and keep up to date. They clarified that the money the County is spending will be being paid to the contractor, not the Fair Board. They also requested that should the Fair Board have the means to cover their 25%, they then repay the county.

Roll Call: Motion passed eight to one with Commissioner Nichols voting against the motion.

7. MOU with the Northern District Fair Association

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Wexford County and Northern District Fair Association changing the due date of the payments for the Front End Loader and authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU on behalf of the County, as presented.

A Commissioner raised the question of how it was intended to be paid back and why they would not be able to uphold the current agreement. It was explained that the Fair Board would have the funds to make the payments after the Fair.

Roll Call: Motion passed eight to one with Commissioner Nichols voting against the motion.

8. Bay County Resolution 2019-88

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Wexford County Resolution 19-12 Funding the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

9. Budget Amendment(s)- None.
10. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to form a Committee of the Whole for the purposes of discussing the Central Dispatch 911 Center.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator Koch advised that we are currently working with a placement agency and we are just waiting for the 45 day time frame to expire to start moving forward. There should be more information coming for the next meeting.

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

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

11. 1st Choice Heating & Cooling Agreement
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the revised agreement between Wexford County and 1st Choice Heating and Cooling, Inc. for a new Trane Air Cooled Chiller, Quote #2017QR dated 5/9/2019 at the Wexford County Ice Arena with Boon Sports Management paying the difference of \$2,007.55 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- K. Administrator's Report
Administrator Koch thanked the Board for passing the agreement with 1st Choice Heating & Cooling and that we could get that taken care of before hockey season started. She also noted that a resolution regarding J3 would most likely be coming forward at the next meeting.
- L. Correspondence- Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds.
- M. Public Comments-
Don Koshmider, Cadillac, came before the Board to suggest that each member talk to their constituents regarding Proposal 1 that was passed. He explained that a lot of surrounding areas are choosing to opt in or opt out. He feels like there is a lot of money that could come to the county should we choose to opt in.

Liaison Reports

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting. They are currently looking for children to send to camp for the summer.

Comm Nichols went to a special celebration for Homelessness for Veteran's eradicated. Several veteran's in our area, including our current director, received acknowledgement and awards for their work helping Veteran's.

Comm Bengelink attended the 911 Committee Meeting and everyone is very happy with the service they are receiving.

Comm Taylor advised the Conservation District just had another successful tree sale.

Board Comments

Comm Hurlburt congratulated Mesick Schools and their kids for the robotics achievement.

Comm Townsend also congratulated Mesick Schools.

Comm Bengelink, along with the Chairman, attended the funeral home visitation of our dispatcher Nicki Hudson and there is talks of doing a dedication to her at the new 911 center.

Comm Theobald went to a conference about an opportunity zone. She is going to try and locate the link to send to the other commissioners. She also thanked Janet for all her hard work and noted that people are noticing in the community as well.

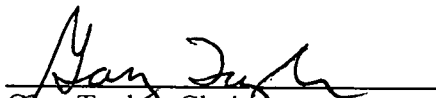
Chair Comments

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

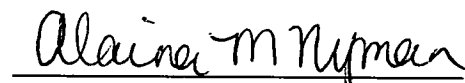
Adjourn

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

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk