

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, August 21, 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, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Michael Bush and Julie Theobald.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

A request to add the following was made by Comm Nichols

8. Discussion on Fair Ground property.
9. Discussion on sale of the old jail.

Comm Townsend seconded the discussion on the Fair Grounds but did not second the discussion on the sale of the old jail. Only number 8 was added.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the agenda, as amended.**

All in favor.

**Employee Recognition-None.**

**Presentation and Reports- None.**

**Public Comments- None.**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the August 7, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

**MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

All in favor.

**Agenda Items**

1. Resolution 19-21 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve Resolution 19-21 Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application in the amount of \$47,185, as presented.**

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Resolution 19-22 Opposing Legislation for Disclosing Party Affiliation  
**MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 19-22 Opposing Legislation to Prevent County Commissioner Candidates from Disclosing Their Party Affiliation on Ballots Provided to Michigan Voters – Board of Commissioners, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

3. Curfew Monitor Program Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the agreement with the State of Michigan, Department of Corrections, for the Curfew Monitor Program for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Letter of Understanding  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the Letter of Understanding with Mr. Robert Scarbrough for the responsibilities concerning the Construction of the Fawcett Communications Center, as presented.**

**Roll Call: Motion passes 7-0.**

5. Budget Amendments- *None*.
6. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center  
**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to form a Committee of the Whole for the purposes of discussing the Central Dispatch 911 Center.**

**Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.**

Bob Scarbrough, Project Manager, informed the Board that he would be putting together a report every month. He would be including pictures to show the progress of the building each month. It would be available in the Administrator's office for Commissioners to view, or he would gladly meet with anyone that wanted to go over the report.

Mr. Scarbrough advised that everything has gone accordingly so far. Each subcontractor should be providing their safety manuals and insurance information to the Administrator's office, and he believed everyone had done so.

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink seconded by Comm Musta to rise and report the finding for the Committee of the Whole.**

**All in favor.**

7. Closed Session-Real Property, Section 8(d)  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real property pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec.8 (d).**

**Roll call: Motion passes 7-0.**

**MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Bengelink to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.**

**All in favor.**

8. Discussion on Fair Ground Property  
One Commissioner raised the concern of the use of the property at the Fair Grounds. The Fair Board has been renting areas out even after the fair is completed. Another Comm suggested that an agreement be updated and that this issue be discussed at Recreation & Building Committee. If there is still a concern then that needs to be brought before the full Board, they could vote to do so. Another Commissioner explained that the Fair Board is allowed to do those things because they maintain the property for the County. They also suggested this concern be discussed at Rec & Building Committee.

#### Administrator's Report

Administrator Koch informed the Board that the idea of selling the old jail was brought to the Executive Committee. All that was discussed was placing "For Sale By Owner" signs at the location. She is currently 58% done with inputting budgets for 2020.

**Correspondence- None.**

**Public Comments- None.**

#### **Liaison Reports**

Comm Townsend attended the Library Meeting. He informed the Board that things are looking good. He thanked Chairman Taylor for placing him on the Library Board. They are very excited that they are being looked at.

Comm Nichols attended the Northwest Community Action Agency meeting. There is currently a legal issue with a former employee who has been accused of embezzling. She also stated that the Veteran's Salute went great and was well attended.

Comm Taylor reminded everyone the Veteran's Expo is Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. He also informed everyone that the Council on Aging is currently working on their budget.

**Board Comments**

Comm Townsend extended his appreciation to the Board for their diversity and being open to each other's ideas.

Comm Bengelink commented on the sale of the old jail. He explained there was an interest in the past and the signs were meant to try and spark interest again.

Comm Potter attended the MAC Conference in Traverse City and it went well.

Comm Hurlburt reminded the Board that they are nine individuals who work together.

Comm Musta suggested everyone take a look at Bob's book for the Dispatch Center.

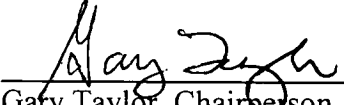
**Chairman's Comments**

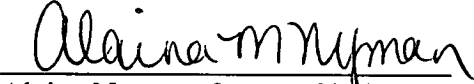
Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to adjourn at 6:14 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk