

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 4, 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, Mike Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Approval of the Agenda

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

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
2. Acceptance of Resignation-Veterans Services Committee
3. Approval of Appointment- Veterans Services Committee

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Servers, PCs-Technology Purchase Update

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to to approve the purchase of three servers, approximately 74 desktop computers and Office 365 Business Premium software from IT Right, the county's current information technology provider following Section I.3 of County Policy D-1.0 Purchasing Contracts and Sales, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000, as presented.

One Commissioner asked if the County had received comparable bids for this update. It was explained that we had not because I.T. Right is an approved vendor and we were receiving a discount from them.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 2. Budget Amendment(s)

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the budget amendment dated 9/4/19, as presented.

9/4/2019

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2019 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20190901	101.301.720.00	Retirement		\$ 7,528 (a)
	101.351.742.00	Kitchen Supplies		\$ (7,528)
	To correct underfunded 2019 budget			

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 3. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to form a Committee of the Whole for the purposes of discussing the Central Dispatch 911 Center.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator Koch explained that the DK Design payment was run past Bob Scarbrough and he didn't have any objections to the payment.

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

All in favor.

- 3a. DK Design-Request Payment #2

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the request for draw #2 to Orshal Construction in the amount of \$172,454.67, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- 4. 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) and to invite Joe Porterfield in to discussion.

Roll call: Motion passes 9-0.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Nichols 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.

Administrator's Report

Administrator Koch informed the Board that the Register of Deeds looked into the property at the old jail and only discovered the easements we were already aware of. She has received one phone call asking what the price of the property is. She is hopeful Budgets will be done by Friday and available for pickup. She also informed the Board she will not be in attendance at the September 18th meeting as she will be in training.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments- None.

Liaison Reports

Comm Bengelink attended the Lake Mitchell Improvement Board and there is a public hearing on the 24th if anyone would like to attend.

Comm Nichols attended the District 10 Health Department meeting and will be forwarding a copy of those minutes on to everyone.

Comm Taylor attended the Conservation District and the Veteran's Exhibit last weekend which was a great success.

Board Comments

Comm Townsend wanted to recognize Les Barnes. He has been very influential in his life and helped him gravitate towards the current position he is in. He appreciates everything Mr. Barnes has done for the County.

Comm Bengelink clarified that the public hearing for the Lake Mitchell Improvement Board is October 26th. He also agreed with Comm Townsend that Les Barnes deserves recognition for what he has done for the County.

Comm Nichols thanked the voters for choosing her to serve as a Commissioner. She pointed out that not one Commissioner is more important than the other. She raised concern to the Board Chair and Vice Chair meeting with Department Heads when she felt that it should be brought to the full Board to discuss. There was also concern with a meeting held at the Sheriff's Department regarding matters at the jail, as well as a meeting regarding the animal shelter. The previous level increase decided at the HR meeting, without discussion, spoke volumes that matters are being decided on before the meetings are being held. It was requested that all Commissioners become more transparent and communicate on a professional level.

Comm Potter respectfully disagrees with the statements made. There are times and opportunities that they serve the people by taking the time for one or two Commissioners to look into things to decide if it is deserving to be brought before the full Board. He also disagrees because there are Boards and Committees that they each serve on and those not on those Boards should not be nit picking the decisions made at those levels. He contended that all Commissioners represent their people well, and they should trust in one another to continue to do that.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor said there was not a lot of discussion because most people do their homework before meetings.

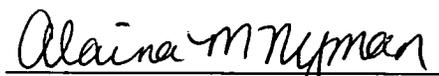
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 6:07 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk