

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 16, 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, Gary Taylor, Julie Theobald, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

1. Delete J7-Discussion on Drug/Sobriety Court Funding-Jason Elmore

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition-None.

Presentation and Reports-

Karl Kovacs, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health, presented the Board with a summary report of services provided in fiscal year 2018. He also invited Nancy Shaafsma and her caseworker, Bill Woodward to accompany him. In 2018, they saw a 2% decrease in the number of people served, but saw a 6% increase in the number of service transactions. One Commissioner asked about services provided to Veteran's. Mr. Kovacs explained that they do not track that number because it is a difficult number to track, but they do provide several services for them.

Mr. Kovacs called on Nancy Schaafsma to come explain to the Board what Northern Lakes Community Mental Health has done for her. She and her husband are the parents to a son with disabilities. They have been receiving services for several years. Through the help of CMH, they have been able to establish a plan that would allow their son to remain in their home even after they are unable to no longer care for him. She commended CMH for giving them hope and making their family feel supported.

Public Comments- None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 2, 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. Apportionment Report

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the 2019 Apportionment Report and authorize Clifford Porterfield to sign the Certification Statement, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, explained that this is a report the Board reviews every year for millages that will be levied for the winter. He was questioned by one Commissioner about what the increase is appearing to be, and he reported it was around 2%.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Board of County Canvassers

Alaina Nyman, County Clerk, explained to the Board that there were two terms expiring for the current Canvas Board. Election Law requires the chair of each political party to provide the names of three members who are wanting to serve on the Canvas Board. Once those names are received, the Board of Commissioners must vote by ballot for one Republican and one Democrat. Open Meetings Act prohibits secret voting, so each Commissioner signed and printed their name on their ballot. After the election Doug Brown was selected as the Republican member and Chad Phillips as the Democrat member.

3. Treatment Court-Case Manager

Janet Koch, Administrator, informed the Board the Kelly Dostal, District Court Administrator, and Judge Audrey Van Alst contacted her regarding the Case Manager position for the Treatment Court. This position was previously a part-time position and the state has now approved it to be a full time. This is a state position and will not be on the County's payroll or using County supplies.

4. Civic Center Parking Lot Repairs

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approved the request from Boon Sports Management to make minor repairs to the north end drain pipe and drain field with no cost to the County, as presented.

Mike Figliomeni spoke briefly to the Board regarding updates at the Wex. The chiller has been installed and there is ice. They were having issues with the heat exchanger not working properly, and that has since been repaired. Boon Sports Management has elected to pay for a 10 year warranty on the chiller. They are also expecting to put a fence around the chiller, as it is outside of the building.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. Budget Amendments

MOTION by Comm Musta seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 10/16/2019, as presented.

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

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20191002	101.290.677.05	Administration Fees	\$ 5,167	(a)
	249.000.812.00	Administration Fees		\$ 5,167
Per Finance Committee request on 10/2/19 not to charge the last quarter of 2019 Administration Fees to the Building Department.				

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center

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

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Bob Scarbrough, Project Manager, encouraged the Board to stop in the Administrator's office or his office to view the photos that go along with his report. He was anticipating the roof and insulation would be completed this week, but due to the weather they were unable to. There has been a discussion about possibly changing the driveway location now that the property is being purchased. They are looking at moving it for easier snow removal. That change order will be coming.

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

All in favor.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch advised the Board of a MAC Newsletter that explained grant funding for opioid addiction. She touched on the subject of the budget briefly. There are budget bills being introduced, but nothing has been approved yet. Regardless a proposed budget will be presented to the Finance Committee on November 4th.

Correspondence-

1. Cash investment report from Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer

Public Comments-

Jason Elmore, Prosecutor, was hoping to discuss a Drug Treatment Court with the Board today, but was unable to make it for the full meeting. Wexford County currently has a Sobriety Court and he is often asked about a Drug Treatment Court or a Veterans Court, but the major issue is funding.

Liaison Reports

Comm Bush attended the CAMA meeting and they went through the Meijer facility. They also got to see their distribution center.

Comm Townsend attended the White House Leadership Conference. He gave a full report to the County Clerk to distribute to the other commissioners.

Comm Bengelink announced that the Lake Mitchell Improvement Board will be holding a public hearing on lake assessments on October 24th at 10:00 am at the Cherry Grove Township.

Comm Taylor attended the Conservation District, Council on Aging, and the Veteran's Committee.

Board Comments

Comm Theobald thanked everyone for accommodating her while she was out dealing with family medical issues.

Comm Nichols applauded Ms. Schaafsma for getting up to speak to everyone. As a fellow parent, she understands what she is feeling. She welcomed the Career Tech Center students who attended, and thanked everyone else for attending.

Comm Hurlburt informed everyone that Larry Rogers, Cedar Creek Supervisor, passed away this week. He asked that everyone keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Comm Bengelink thanked everyone for their patience with his call in at the last meeting.

Comm Bush thanked Karl Kovacs and Nancy Schaafsma for coming to the meeting and speaking.

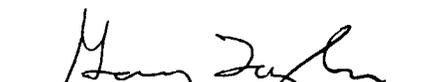
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 6:11 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk