

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

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

1. Added J10-City of Cadillac-LDFA

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in favor.**

**Employee Recognition- *None*.**

**Presentation and Reports-**

Joy VanDrie, Executive Director of the Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau, provided the Board with a goodie bag of different maps, catalogs, and items from the surrounding areas of Cadillac. They do not only promote for the City of Cadillac, but for several areas surrounding. She explained several tourist attractions to the area and how they have made steps to improve their advertisements. They recently spent around \$50,000 on Google advertisement so that they are appearing more frequently in searches. The Bureau is now also printing visitor guides four times a year, as opposed to once a year like they used to do. Ms. VanDrie highlighted on the increase in visitor spending, which has increased by 85% from 2011-2017. In other surrounding areas, they have seen an increase, but not as substantial as the Cadillac area.

**Public Comments- *None*.**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the November 20, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Acceptance of Reappointment to the Veterans Service Committee
3. Approval of Reappointments to Standing and Special Committees

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

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. 2020 Budget Presentation

Administrator Koch presented the Board with the latest revised version of the 2020 budget. She explained that there are some new features she has put on the draft copy. She has included footnotes to help explain the budgeted amount. She also highlighted the DPW expenditures for the pensions has dropped significantly in the last few years. Ms. Koch informed the Board that she had just received news that some of the Governor's line item vetoes were coming back to the County. The budget being presented did not account for those items.

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to hold a Public Hearing on the 2020 budget on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., as presented.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

2. Resolution 19-27 PA 152 Health Care Requirements for 2020

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush approve Resolution 19-27 Resolution to Implement the Public Act 152 Health Care Requirements for 2020.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

3. Cell Phone-911 Director

**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the 911 Central Dispatch Director have a county-owned cell phone.**

**Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Policy B-14.3 Health Insurance Amendment

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the revisions to Policy B-14.3 Health Insurance.**

**Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.**

5. Policy Revisions to Section A, C, D, E, & F

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the revisions to Sections A, C, D, E, & F of the Policy Manual.**

**Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.**

6. FY 2020 Snowmobile Grant Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the Fiscal Year 20 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement in an amount of \$4,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign the grant agreement.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

7. Recording Purchase-Friend of the Court  
**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the equipment purchase from BIS Digital for the Friend of the Court in the amount of \$6,435.45 following Section I.3 of the County Policy D-1.0 Purchasing Contracts and Sales and authorize the Chairman to sign Quote-8014797.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

8. Medical Marijuana Grant  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve applying for the Fiscal Year 20 Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-1 with Comm Hurlburt voting against the motion.**

9. Committee of the Whole-Central Dispatch-911 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 explained to the Board that due to the recent storm we had, the electricity would not be installed by the 10<sup>th</sup> as expected. It should be soon after, but they are a little delayed.

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

**All in favor.**

- 9a. Application and Certificate for Payment  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the application and certificate for payment to Orshal Construction in the amount of \$75,172.50.**

**Roll Call: Motion passes 9-0.**

10. City of Cadillac-LDFA  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to appoint Comm Bengelink to the City of Cadillac-LDFA**

**Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Koch informed the Board that she would not be attending the Recreation & Building meeting. She will be traveling for a conference. She thanked the Department

Heads for making the cuts that they could in the budget process. This is a trend that has been happening for several years and she doesn't think there will be many more areas to take from in the future.

### **Correspondence-**

1. City of Cadillac-DDA Public Information Meeting
2. Wexford Joint Planning Commission-Notice of Intent

### **Public Comments-**

One Commissioner asked Rick Charmoli, Cadillac News, if he could discuss the information, he had just learned about the Governor's line item vetoes. He explained that he didn't know much. He knew they had just done it but didn't know all of the specifics.

### **Liaison Reports**

Comm Nichols attended the Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency meeting. She arranged to visit a Head Start classroom, which she enjoyed. She also attended the District 10 Health Department Meeting, and those minutes are available online.

Comm Potter attended the Clam Lake DDA. They are up for renewal and are hoping to be voted in.

Comm Townsend attended the Networks Northwest meeting. There are lots of individuals interested in the jail and the Fawcett Communication Center. He extended an invitation to a Commissioner from Grand Traverse County to come tour the jail.

### **Board Comments**

Comm Hurlburt introduced Jack Dontje, who was appointed as the Township Supervisor in Cedar Creek.

Comm Bengelink thanked everyone who worked on the budget.

Comm Bush reiterated the thanks for those who worked on the budget and also thanked Joy for coming and bringing those dollars into the community.

Comm Theobald thanked Joy for the free spot to advertise. She also invited anyone who would like to ring bells for the Salvation Army to come do so. They are very short staffed this year and need all the help they can get.

Comm Nichols congratulated Jack Dontje on his new position. She also thanked Joy for coming to speak to the Board. She and her husband were also able to attend the Orchestra Concert, where Administrator Koch was playing and she congratulated her on a beautiful concert.


### **Chairman's Comments**

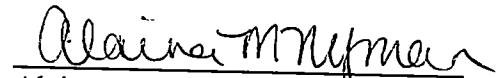
Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming and thanked Joy as well for speaking to the Board.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.

**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk