

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 6, 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 J5b.-Easement for Electric Facilities

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition-

1. Joe Porterfield, Equalization- 10 years
Chair Taylor presented Joe Porterfield with an Employee Recognition for his 10 years of service with the County. Joe thanked the Board for the recognition.

Presentation and Reports-

1. Dan Staub from Pescador presented the Board with the 2019 Landfill Groundwater Monitoring Report. He explained that all of their monitoring wells do not show any effects from the landfill. He showed the Board maps of the monitoring area and explained that the flow direction and hydraulic gradient has not changed. A request to test for PFAs was forwarded by EGLE. The results were non-detected in all but one well, and that well was below the drinking level standard. He was asked by one Commissioner if these reports or presentations were presented to the Cedar Creek Township Board. He advised that he has not done a presentation to Cedar Creek in some time, but that he does send hard copies of the report to the Township.
2. Drew Polak from Weadock and Associates gave the Board a report of the insurance rates for 2020. He provided the Board with the numbers for a renewal with the same plan and the financials for a new plan with a new provider, Sunlife. His suggestion was to change carriers to Sunlife. It was more cost effective, provided a larger dental network and offered voluntary options for employees.

Public Comments- *None*.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 16, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Acceptance of Resignation from the Veterans Services Committee
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Health Insurance Renewal Options
MOTION by Comm Nichols to approve remaining with the current health insurance plans with the providers being Weadock and Associates but switch to SunLife for dental, vision, life insurance, AD&D and short term disability and for the County to continue contributing to the HSA deductible in the amount of \$1,250 to a single policy and \$2,500 to a double/family policy, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to offer employees the option of purchasing additional life insurance, and long term disability coverage, if there is 20% employee participation with no cost to the County.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Motor Home Gift Update
MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the donation of a 2010 Phaeton Motor Home to the Wexford County Sheriff's Office.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Resolution 19-24 2019 Winter Millage Tax for FY 2020
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 19-24 2019 Winter Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, as presented.
Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, explained to the Board that this is something that is done twice a year.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Unresolved Budget Appeals from Department Heads
Administrator Koch informed the Board there were not any appeals.
5. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center
MOTION by Comm Musta, 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.

Administrator Koch explained that the Proposal being voted on is different from a change order. She also explained that the bonding cost was lower than actually estimated, so there is some extra funds available to cover things like the upcoming proposal. She also advised that the driveway change that had been discussed will cost too much money, so that change order will not be coming before the Board.

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

All in favor.

5a. Windemuller Proposal

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the proposal, JWS18-110 Revision 1, submitted by Windemuller in the amount of \$19,210.00 and authorize the County Administrator to sign the proposal, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passes 9-0.

5b. Easement for Electric Facilities

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to approve a permanent easement to Consumers Energy Company for the installation and maintenance of electricity at the Fawcett Communications Dispatch Center and authorize the Chairman to sign the easement on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch extended on her written report that was provided to the Board. Governor Whitmer signed a bill changing the age of those considered adults under the criminal justice system from 17 to 18 years old. This change will not go into effect until October 21, 2021.

She also informed the Board that there was a minor vehicle accident with the Equalization vehicle. Everyone was okay, but they will be seeing that claim come through MMRMA.

The State has released the Chart of Accounts that will likely be implemented in mid-2020. We will see some department numbers change with that coming into effect.

Correspondence-

1. Blue Zones Community

Public Comments-

Liaison Reports

Comm Hurlburt attended the Road Commission meeting and everything is going good.

Comm Townsend attended the Library meeting. The new library will be opening in Mesick and there will be an open house from 12-4pm on Saturday, November 9th.

Comm Theobald attended the DHHS meeting. There are three new CPS workers. She will also be attended Blue Zones on November 25th from 6-8pm. She also encouraged anyone who knows of someone who might want to be a foster parent to please contact DHHS.

Comm Nichols attended the District 10 Health Department meeting and all of that information is available online.

Comm Potter went to the Airport Authority where they are working on their budget. He also attempted to attend the Clam Lake DDA, but they are unable to get a quorum.

Board Comments

Comm Bengelink thanked Jim and Drew and for the staff for getting the cost of the health insurance covered.

Comm Theobald also thanked everyone for the health insurance costs. That is an important service to provide to our employees. She also thanked Dan Staub for keeping Cedar Creek in the loop regarding the landfill.

Comm Nichols thanked Joe Porterfield for his 10 years. She also welcomed Jim, the new supervisor for Cedar Creek. She thanked Comm Hurlburt for his comment at the Cedar Creek meeting the night before regarding helping the group move forward after the loss of Larry Rogers.

Comm Hurlburt introduced Jim Leggett, the new Cedar Creek Supervisor. We are here to all work together.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.


Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk