

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 5, 2020

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Taylor.

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Joe 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 J4-Disposal of Excess Computers

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition- *None*.

Presentation and Reports-

Carrie Thompson, Executive Director of the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority, gave the Board the annual update. In 2019 they saw around a 5.1% increase in services since 2018. One of their main priorities has become improving their dependability. Currently they are operating at 93% of rides being on time. They have also received a federal funded grant to provide transportation outside of Wexford County for medical appointments. She pointed out that every year since the last millage was passed, they have increased. She believes that is due to upgrades they have made with new dispatching software, new phone systems, mobile ticketing, cameras on busses, GPS on busses, as well as a redesign of most of their vehicles. She also credited the increase to their strong community partnerships.

Public Comment-

Laura Quist, Lake Township and MSU Extension, addressed the Board regarding a mock interview that is coming up on February 28th at Baker College. There are roughly 340 students registered. She asked the Board members to post the flyer and even volunteer if they could.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 15, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Acceptance of Resignation from the Airport Authority

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Public Defendant Lease Agreement-CanDew LLC
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the revised Public Defender's office space lease agreement with CanDew LLC for the term ending September 30, 2020 and authorize the Chair to sign the lease.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald 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 walls have been painted, the lights are up, and doors have been hung. They are working on hooking up the extensive things. It is looking like mid-March is still going to be the grand opening.

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

All in Favor.

3. Closed Session-Administrator Evaluation
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to enter into closed session to consider a periodic personnel evaluation pursuant to MCL 15.268(a).

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm 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.

4. Disposal of Excess Computers
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the disposal of the computers that were replaced in December 2019 and the disposal of additional equipment that has been stored for disposal.

One Commissioner asked if the data was being cleaned from these computers before they were being disposed of. It was explained that they were being cleaned by IT Right and then holes were being drilled into them. Another Commissioner asked if these computers were potentially being sold. It was explained that they were not going to be.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink to renew Janet Koch's contract, as Wexford County Administrator for a period beginning February 19, 2020 and expiring on February 18, 2021. Included in this new contract is an increase in pay of 5% as well as a list of goals and objectives and allow the Chairman to sign this contract on behalf of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch explained she had reached out to the firm who handled the purchase of the landfill, and the files have since been destroyed. She then reached out to Cohl, Stoker, and Toskey, and their opinion was the buyers would assume responsibility for the remainder of that contract.

There was a 911 outage that impacted the Upper Peninsula the Western Lower Michigan. There should be a full report coming later in the week.

She also informed everyone that the Council on Aging is going to assisting with online submittals for the Census coming up.

Correspondence-

1. 2-1-1 Statistical Reports

Public Comments-*None.*

Liaison Reports-

Comm Potter attended the Clam Lake DDA and they are currently having a guidance issue. He also noted the opening at the Airport Authority.

Comm Hurlburt attended the Road Commission meeting and he is happy to be serving on that committee.

Comm Townsend attended the Networks Northwest meeting where they are the conduit for funding for the Census.

Comm Theobald attended the DHHS meeting where they had 20 employees just become CPR and AED certified. She mentioned that she had it brought to her attention that the Manton School students who reside in Missaukee County are being charged \$20 to check

out books. She also offered some file cabinets that are available for a 501 c 3 or government agency at DHHS.

Comm Nichols attended the MSUE meeting that was all done online and a big part of that was the mock interviews mentioned earlier. She attended the District 10 Health Department meeting where the topic was the coronavirus. She also attended the Northwest Community Action Agency meeting where they are offering free tax help to those who qualify.

Comm Taylor attended the Council on Aging meeting where they helped nearly 800 seniors during open enrollment.

Board Comments

Comm Hurlburt wanted to help with the library issue at Manton Schools. He also acknowledged the members of the Cedar Creek Board that were in attendance.

Comm Musta has enjoyed the last year working with Janet and looks forward to the upcoming year.

Comm Townsend explained the Library Board has been discussing going outside the County. He thought the 3 commissioners could work together to resolve the library issue at Manton. He also pointed out that after a year of working together, they have all improved and need to keep communication open.

Comm Bengelink is proud of the year we have had with Janet. He also read a quote from Ronald Reagan.

Comm Bush thanked Janet for the year working together.

Comm Theobald thank Eric Molitor for coming back to a meeting and bringing his friends. She had a concern with the correspondence received regarding 211 and would like to see it going to a committee.

Comm Nichols thanked Janet for the year of service and those that came to the meeting. She was happy to see almost 1400 attend the high school Solo and Ensemble in the area.

Comm Potter thanked Janet and congratulated her on making it farther than others have. He also commented on how well the Board members represent there areas well. There are checks and balances with everything being done, and he reminded everyone to allow them to happen.

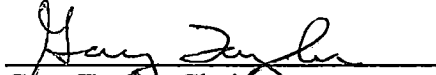
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

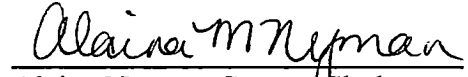
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 6:49 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk