

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, January 15, 2020

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Mike Musta, Ben Townsend, Mike Bengelink, Mike Bush, Gary Taylor, Julie Theobald, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Commissioner Joe Hurlburt

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-** *None.*

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

All in favor.

**Public Comment-**

Eric Molitor, Cadillac, handed out to the Board a Resolution on declaring Wexford County to be a Sanctuary County.

Larry Paquette, Cedar Creek Township, addressed the Board regarding the landfill sale to GFL. He believes millions of waste will be put into the ground and they will put in more injection wells. He believes there is nothing anyone can do and things are only going to get worse. He urged the Board to not wait to contact our legal counsel regarding this sale.

**Employee Recognition-** *None.*

**Presentation and Reports-** *None.*

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the January 2, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

**Agenda Items**

1. April 15, 2020 BOC Meeting Date Change

**MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Theobald to change the Wednesday, April 15, 2020 BOC meeting to Tuesday, April 14, 2020 for the same time, 5:30 p.m. for the purposes of approving the L-4024 Equalization report.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.**

2. Purchase Order Request

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve a Purchase Order request in the amount of \$150,285.78 for three additional Sherriff's Office vehicles and authorize the County Administrator to sign the purchase order.**

One Commissioner mentioned they had questioned why we were going through a downstate vendor, as opposed to someone local. Lt. Denison had explained that the supplier for the equipment that needs to go into the vehicles is downstate and closer.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.**

3. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, 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.**

a) Progress Report

Bob Scarbrough, Project Manager, provided the Board with a written report. He explained that the basement ceiling is 90% completed, plumbing fixtures should be finished that week, and painting should be started as well. The biggest hurdle will be some of the communication elements. He suggested asking Orshal Construction for a Temporary Occupancy Permit as soon as possible so that things could start being moved in.

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

**All in Favor.**

b) Application and Certificate for Payment

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the request for payment #5 to Orshal Construction in the amount of \$282,930.03.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Koch explained she is trying to contact legal counsel regarding the landfill sale. The attorney who wrote the purchase agreement has passed away, so she is trying to find the appropriate person to help.

**Correspondence-** *None.*

**Public Comments-***None.*

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Theobald met with Community Corrections. They discussed the male T-House and the repairs that need to be done.

Comm Bush attended the CAMA meeting where they visited the new Crandall Machines building.

**Board Comments**

Comm Nichols thanked Eric Molitor for getting up and addressing the Board. She attended the Cedar Creek and Haring Township Board meetings. The Haring Township Clerk is planning on retiring, and they are looking for someone to run for the position.

Comm Potter saw the repairs being done at the T House.

Comm Bengelink asked the Board to fill out the Evaluation forms for the County Administrator and have them turned in by the following Wednesday. With regards to the Sanctuary County Resolution, he had discussed it with the Prosecutor and received an opinion.

Comm Theobald appreciates all of the hard work at the 911 Center and also appreciated that the subcontractors were mentioned when discussing the work.

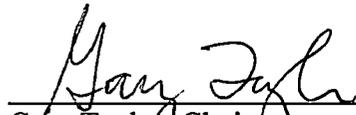
**Chairman's Comments**

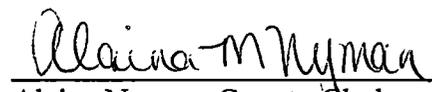
Comm Taylor thanked Bob Scarbrough for his work at 911 and thanked everyone for attending.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk