

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 19, 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- *None*.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition-

1. Lorie Sorenson-30 year Service Award
Lorie Sorenson was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 30 years of service by Chairman Taylor.

Presentation and Reports-

Karl Kovacs, Chief Executive Director of Community Mental Health, explained a proposed redesign of the behavioral health system. It is proposed that funds would be taken from mental health and run through Medicaid. He believes this proposal would disrupt the mental health system. He thought this would also cause them to lose local control. He encouraged everyone to attend the Public Forum that was scheduled in Grayling for the following day.

Public Comment-

Deb Fogarty, Boon Township, spoke on behalf of the group supporting the 2nd Amendment. She asked the Board to pass the resolution as written. If passed, Wexford County would be the 16th county to do so. She explained that laws are being created to limit their Constitutional rights. The group understood that this resolution would be non-binding but explained that they thought of it as symbolic.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 5, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. MOU with Boon Sports Management-Passport Grant
3. Retention Schedule for 3-day Marriage Waiver Form
4. Recreation and Building Committee Schedule Change

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 20-05-Second Amendment Sanctuary County
MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 20-05 Resolution to Declare Wexford County to be a "Second Amendment Sanctuary County."

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Resolution 20-06-CWTA Millage Renewal
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve Resolution 20-06 Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority 2020 Millage Resolution.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Resolution 20-07-BSM-DNR Project Agreement
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 20-07 Resolution to Approve the DNR Project Agreement for the Wex Capital Improvements.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Request for a Public Hearing Cadillac Pathway Single Track Project
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to hold a public hearing on the DNR Grant Application for the Cadillac Pathway Single Track Project at the BOC meeting of March 4, 2020 and to advertise the Public Hearing in the Cadillac News beginning February 20, 2020.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. 2020 Revised Remonumentation Plan Approval
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the 2020 Revised Monumentation & Remonumentation Plan for Wexford County and authorize the Chairman to sign the plan on behalf of the County.

Lorie Sorenson, Register of Deeds, explained that this plan was revising the plan from 1992. It is a pre-approved plan that establishes local control.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Monumentation Surveyor Agreements

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the two Monumentation Surveyors Agreement, which are Atwell and CC Land, in the amount of \$37,400 each, to perform professional services in accordance with Act 345 of 1990 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements on behalf of the County.

Ms. Sorenson explained that this was a grant received by the State. She presented a map from Surveyor, Craig Pullen, for the Board to review.

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

7. Peer Review Agreements

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the four Peer Review Surveyor Agreements, which include Brent Clough, Craig McVean, George Smith and Bill Sikkema, in the amount of \$500 per agreement to perform professional services in accordance with Act 345 of 1990 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements on behalf of the County.

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

8. Prosecutor's Request for Part-Time Clerk

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Prosecutor hiring an additional part-time Deputy Clerk for the Prosecutor's Office, a Level 4 position, with the \$16,060 for ten months of wages and associated costs to be transferred from the General Fund's fund balance, and to revise the Employee Roster accordingly.

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

9. Maintenance Department Vehicle Approval

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the bid provided by Berger Chevrolet, the MiDeal Vendor for the State, in the amount of \$39,032 for a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado vehicle for the Maintenance Department and authorize the County Administrator to develop and sign a purchase order for the vehicle.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

10. Consulting Services Agreement-Veterans

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consulting Services Agreement between Wexford County Veteran Service Office and Catholic Human Services, Inc. for a Mental Health Counselor and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of Wexford County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

11. IT Right Service Contract

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the revised IT Right Service Contract, Option 1, from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contract on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

12. Budget Amendments

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the budget amendment dated 2/19/2020.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

13. Committee of the Whole-Dispatch Center

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter 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 gave the Board a written progress report. He had met with the architect and contractor to go over items for the punch list. They wanted everything done before moving things into the building. There will be a few projects that need to be done on the exterior in the Spring, but he was expecting occupancy by Friday, February 21st. The Open House is scheduled for March 12th.

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

All in favor.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch had received more information on the 911 outage several areas experienced. It was due to a failed piece of equipment that caused corruption and wiped out several areas.

The Census is needing some boundaries corrected and she has been working with GIS and Equalization to get that to them.

The Sheriff's Department has a 2016 Dodge Charger that the Family Court is interested in. Their current vehicle is in need of replacement.

She also reiterated the Dispatch Open House is scheduled for March 12th from 11am-1pm. There will be an article in the Cadillac News regarding that also.

Correspondence-

1. Cheboygan County Resolution 20-03 Stepping Up Initiative
2. MMRMA 2019 Annual Report
3. Northern Trellis

Public Comments-None.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Musta attended the CWTA meeting where they talked about the millage request.

Comm Townsend attended the Library meeting. He had followed up on the children in Manton, who have to pay \$25 for a library card because they live in Missaukee County. The Rotary Club has funded cards for those kids now.

Comm Bush attended the CAMA meeting where they visited a factory that now makes dog toys.

Comm Potter attended the Clam Lake DDA where they are working on lots of projects. He mentioned the Airport Authority still has an opening and he is hoping for an appointment to come out of Human Resources.

Comm Taylor attended the Conservation District meeting. They are working on their Winter workshop and Spring Plant sale.

Board Comments

Comm Townsend mentioned the Resolution for the 2nd Amendment. He did not take this responsibility lightly. He bounced several ideas off of others. He needed to resolve the idea of "sanctuary." In the end, it isn't for the right to carry, but the right to carry provides for sanctuary.

Comm Bengelink read a quote from Teddy Roosevelt.

Comm Theobald believed we are moving in the right direction with the Veterans Counselor. She thanked Bob Scarbrough for his work on dispatch. She appreciated the 2A group's efforts and for coming to the meeting. She also thanked Comm Townsend for helping the children in Manton.

Comm Nichols thanked Deb Fogarty for speaking professionally to get her point across. She thanked Karl Kovacs for coming and speaking. She also thanked Bob Scarbrough for his written projects and pictures in his reports for dispatch.

Comm Potter thanked the 2A group from coming informed. He complimented them for doing their homework and for always being polite when discussing the topic.

Comm Hurlburt thanked everyone for coming. He mentioned there were several Manton faces in the audience. He complimented Comm Townsend for being the most compassionate and for going to bat for the kids in Manton.

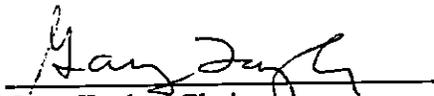
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor congratulated Lorie Sorenson on her 30 years. He thanked Bob Scarbrough for his work on dispatch and he thanked everyone for attending.

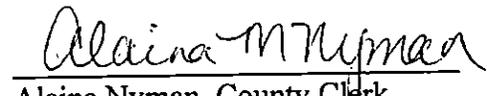
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk