

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting *Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Taylor.

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

Absent- Commissioner Musta and Theobald

*Commissioner Theobald did appear by telephone, however she could not be heard due to a technical difficulty.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda- None

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed 7-0.

Employee Recognition-

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 20-15 Extending Appreciation for Janet Kelly's Dedicated Service.

Roll call: Motion passed 7-0.

Presentation and Reports- None.

Public Comment-

Crystal Lake Johnson addressed the Board regarding the Octagon Building. She worked on it for several years with Mary Stark before she passed away. She explained there have been some recent developments with individuals willing to embrace the project of the Octagon Building. She hoped to have more information at the Executive Committee meeting.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 20, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Roll call: Motion passed 7-0.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 20-17 Supporting the PA 511 Wexford-Missaukee Grant Application

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to approve Resolution 20-17 Supporting the PA 511 Wexford-Missaukee Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2021.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

2. VHF Tower Equipment

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the bid from Grand Traverse Mobile Communications in the amount of \$8,250 for the removal of VHF equipment on four towers and the removal of one tower located on the property of Wexford Township Hall.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

3. Networks Northwest-MI Works Lease Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the one-year lease agreement beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021 between Wexford County and Networks Northwest in the amount of \$5,144 a month for space at 401 Lake Street and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

4. Resolution 20-16-2020 Summer Millage Rate

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve Resolution 20-16 2020 Summer Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020 Budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. 2020 Tax Rate Request, L-4029

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the 2020 Tax Rate Request, Report L-4029, and authorize the Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign the report on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

6. 2020 Taxable Valuations Report – L-4046

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the 2020 Taxable Valuations Report, Form L-4046, and authorize the Board Chairman and the Equalization Director to sign the report on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

7. Position Elimination-FOC Level 2

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the elimination of the Level 2, Department Aide, position in the Friend of the Court effective June 3, 2020.

One Commissioner asked if there needed to be two motions regarding Friend of the Court. Administrator Koch explained that the HR Committee had the authority to approve the other motion, and it did not need to be presented to the full Board.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

8. Additional Assistant Prosecutor

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve an increase in the 2020 Roster for the Prosecutor's Office to hire an additional full-time Assistant Prosecutor October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

One Commissioner asked what the purpose of this was for just a few months.

Prosecutor Elmore explained that he is running for Circuit Court Judge. If he prevails, he would most likely resign because of the issue it would cause with the caseload. He would be unable to hear any of the cases in Circuit Court that were charged while he was the Prosecutor. They are wanting an attorney there to train to take over that position.

Another Commissioner pointed out that the candidate running for Prosecutor is running unopposed, and either way there would be a position open on January 1st. This gives them the opportunity to train someone.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch explained that more sneeze guards would be installed once material was available. The Courts have requested tabletop ones for the tables in the courtroom.

She informed the Board that Finance and Executive Committee meetings would be held in the Commissioners Room, however, the next Board meeting is still to be determined.

She found out that the County did not qualify for reimbursement for the hazard pay because we are not large enough.

The Courts plan for Phase 1 has been approved, and the earliest they can be advanced into Phase 2 is June 15th.

Correspondence-

1. Saving the Octagonal Building-Crystal Lake Johnson

Public Comments-None.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend attended a Networks Northwest meeting the day before. The main thing they focused on is broadband. Benzie and Leelanau counties are working on it.

Comm Nichols attended a District 10 Health Department meeting. One of the physicians explained that this pandemic could rear its head for years and that each county is effected differently.

Comm Potter attended a Clam Lake DDA meeting. The grant they were working on has gone away now.

Board Comments

Comm Hurlburt said he was sad there was no quote.

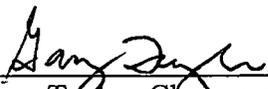
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor informed everyone that Comm Potter has stepped down from the Airport Authority, and he asked Comm Townsend to take over. He thanked everyone for attending.

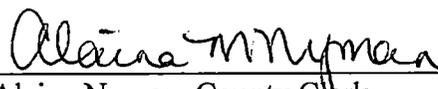
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Hurlburt to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

Roll Call: Motion passed 6-1 with Comm Hurlburt voting against the motion.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk