

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting *Wednesday, May 20, 2020

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

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

Absent- *None.*

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

1. **Add: J.6. 911 Grant Application**
2. **Add: J.7. Stay Home Order Employee Compensation Discussion**

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports- *None.*

Public Comment-

Michael Hayes, Cadillac, introduced himself to the Board. He has filed to run for Circuit Court Judge. He currently sits on the CWTA Board, United Way of Wexford/Missaukee County Board, and the Parent Counsel for St. Ann's. He hoped everyone was doing well and staying safe, and he is looking forward to things at least partially opening on Friday.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 6, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

Agenda Items

1. Asset Management Plan-Cedar Creek Water System
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Revised Asset Management Plan developed by Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. for the Cedar Creek Water System.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Two Seven Oh, Inc. Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the Reimbursement Grant Agreement from Two Seven Oh Inc. for March 12 through November 1, 2020 to spay/neuter animals prior to adoption with services provided by Meyer Veterinary Clinic and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. MIDC Cost Analysis-Grant Application

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the MIDC Cost Analysis for fiscal year 2021 with the local share funding of \$149,987.23 to be shared by Wexford and Missaukee Counties.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the budget amendments dated 5/20/2020.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5/20/2020

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2020 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	a.
20200503	245.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$25,060		
	245.904.970.11	Courthouse Improvement		\$25,060	
		Courthouse Upgrade for the Electronic HVAC			
20200504	101.253.410.00	Personal Property Tax	\$38,250		
	101.301.702.03	Employee Wages-Deputy		\$18,750	b.
	101.351.702.03	Employee Wages-Corrections		\$18,000	
	225.000.702.03	Employee Wages-Animal Control		\$1,500	

COVID-19 - Compensation for First Responders, Active Sheriff Deputies, Active Corrections Officers, Active Command Staff, Active Animal Control Staff

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Committee of the Whole-Central Dispatch-911 Center
MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Musta 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 the parking lot striping was done yesterday. They hydro seed was set to go in that week, however, because of the storm that might be delayed for things to dry up.

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

6. 911 Grant Application
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Wexford County collaborating with other 911 centers to apply for a grant to update the Viper Phone System.

911 Director, Duane Alworden, explained we do not know if we have the grant yet. The application will be done by the end of the month. CCE is handling the grant application because they have the oldest system and they are all together on the Viper System. It was initially thought that we would not meet the qualifications, but it was discovered that we do.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

7. Stay Home Order Employee Compensation Discussion
Administrator Koch addressed the Board because there is a lot of confusion surrounding the Stay Home Order. She has told employees to return to work on May 22nd. The building will remain limited access to follow the Court's orders. She also explained that some of the courts may not have enough work to keep all employees busy, and we need to look at options.

One Commissioner questions if the panel that was established in the Board's resolution came to this decision. It was explained that that resolution covered an Executive Order that is no longer in place, so the panel was not needed to reach that decision.

It was also questioned if we aren't mandated to be open, why not wait a week until the Stay Home Order is lifted? That Commissioner also questioned why we were bringing employees back if we can't open to full capacity. It was explained that we do not know when we will be able to open to full capacity due to the Courts.

Another Commissioner stated that it is the Department Heads responsibility to stay in their budget and to run their department as they see fit.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch thanked Adam and Skip from City Glass for their work on the sneeze guards that were installed.

She informed the Board we are still waiting on the signed Dispatch Union Contract and the MERs breakdown sheet.

She also brought up the topic of continuing virtual meetings or opening back to the public for meetings. As of now the Committee meetings scheduled for the following week will remain virtual.

Ms. Koch also explained to the Board that the Lake Street Building will be able to have a security guard, from the same company we currently use, from 10am-2pm Monday through Friday.

Correspondence-

1. Cash Investment

Public Comments-None.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Hurlburt hasn't been able to attend a meeting, but he has spoken with Al Cooper from the Road Commission and Paul Owens from North Flight.

Comm Townsend attended a library board meeting. Their attorney has established a plan for re-opening which will include curbside pickup for a time period. He has a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting scheduled for the following day.

Comm Bengelink attended a virtual Lake Mitchell Improvement Board.

Comm Theobald has been contacted by several individuals regarding the Fair and other fairs being canceled.

Comm Taylor attended a Council on Aging virtual meeting and said it was a disaster.

Board Comments

Comm Hurlburt stated this was his first meeting attended in person, and he missed the interactions. He thought that they work well together as a team and can't wait to be back.

Comm Musta is looking forward to some openings and being back together.

Comm Townsend jokingly disagreed with Comm Hurlburt.

Comm Bengelink attended a meeting at the jail, and there are 4 areas that need attention. Granger has guaranteed 3 of them will be fixed by the middle of June. The 4th is still being determined. He also shared a quote from Ronald Reagan.

Comm Bush wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Comm Theobald said she was happy to hear the quotes again, and she can't wait to be back.

Comm Nichols misses having everyone all together. She thanked all employees for their continued work. She also was able to watch Comm Potter live in court in his role as a probation officer.

Comm Potter stated it is a very fine line to walk between living safe and not living scared.

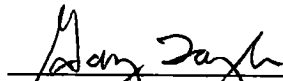
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.


Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk