

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \*Wednesday, July 15, 2020

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Joe Hurlburt, Michael 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.7. Octagon Building
2. Add: J.8. Letter of Support for the Establishment of the Cadillac Regional Incubation Center (CRIC)
3. Add: J.9. Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program

### **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-**

Lisa Kaspriak, Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner, provided the Board with their annual report. They are working on adding more medical examiner investigators to get into the field. Currently all training is being done online to achieve national certification.

She classified 2019 as a “normal” year. Wexford County did not see any homicides and had 2 donors for the Gift of Life.

They were able to reduce the costs associated with autopsies, which is good news for 2020 because there has been an increase. June of 2020 was a record year for Wexford County.

One Commissioner asked about the highest level of training and how many we have in Wexford. Ms. Kaspriak informed them that level 3 is the highest level and Wexford currently has two. She further explained that to achieve that goal can take quite a bit of time because they are required to respond to scenes that we don't see a lot of in Northern Michigan.

### **Public Comment-**

Al Devereaux, W. 38 Rd, addressed the Board regarding the current Address Ordinance. He is unable to get electric to his pole barn because he is unable to get an address for his

property. There is not currently a residence there, only the pole barn. He would like to see the Board make a change to that ordinance.

Chairman Taylor formed a Committee to look into revising this ordinance. He appointed Commissioner Townsend, Bob Scarbrough, and Joe Porterfield to the Committee.

### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the July 1, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**All in favor.**

### **Agenda Items**

1. FY 2021 Budget Calendar

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar.**

One Commissioner stated he would like to consider the Octagon Building and AES when preparing the budget.

**Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.**

2. Bid Award-Historic Courthouse Windows

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to award the bid received from City Glass Shop for replacement of the Historic Courthouse Windows and authorize the Chairman to sign a contract approved by legal counsel.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

3. Canteen Services of Northern Michigan

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Canteen Services Contract Amendment 1 which temporarily increases the meal price an additional \$0.30 per meal until the average inmate count returns to 74 and while the increase is in effect a 30 day review with the Sheriff will take place.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

4. New Procedure for Grant Applications

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve a new procedure for the submittal of grant applications in which all grant applications will be submitted to the County Administrator for review and subsequent approval or ratification by the Board of Commissioners.**

One Commissioner questioned if this would then include grant applications for things like the Sheriff's Department vehicles, etc. He thought it made sense to have all COVID-19 grant applications to go through the Administration office.

Administrator Koch explained that there is a concern with double dipping on grants and the auditors are wanting to see a policy in place regarding grants.

Several Commissioners wanted to see the motion presented as all COVID-19 grant applications.

**Comm Nichols withdrew her motion, and Comm Bush withdrew his support.**

**MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve a new procedure for the submittal of grant applications in which all COVID grant applications will be submitted to the County Administrator for review and subsequent approval or ratification by the Board of Commissioners.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

5. Ratification of First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to confirm the submission for the First Responder Hazard Pay Premium Program funded under the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Budget Amendment

**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated 7/15/2020.**

7/15/2020

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

<b>Adj #</b>	<b>Acct</b>	<b>Acct Description</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	<b>Expense</b>	<b>a.</b>
20200702	101.215.702.03	Permanent Employees		\$650	
	101.215.860.00	Travel & Conferences		(\$650)	
		Step increase for an employee			

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Octagon Building

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to support the Restoring and Honoring the Octagonal Building Proposal with a contract to be considered at a following meeting.**

Crystal Lake Johnson presented the Board with the planned proposal. The Veterans Serving Veterans organization is wanting to secure the building, fundraise, and then move it to the Veterans Park. They are requesting a two year agreement with the County to allow them to raise the funds to complete this project. She has discussed it with Ted Meyer, Fairboard, and he supports this project.

Roger Bandeen touched briefly on what Veterans Serving Veterans is comprised of and explained that all labor would be volunteers. One Commissioner asked Mr. Bandeen why they needed two years. Mr. Bandeen explained that they could be done before those two years are up, but they are requesting a two year time frame to achieve these goals.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

8. Letter of Support for the Establishment of the Cadillac Regional Incubation Center (CRIC)

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Letter of Support for the Establishment of the Cadillac Regional Incubation Center (CRIC).**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

9. Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the County Administrator submit the application for the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Koch provided the Board with a written report and added that Jami is working hard on the Public Safety and Public Health Payroll Reimbursement Program. We will not get the entire amount, but we will be submitting for what we can.

She also thanked the Board for approving the bid for new windows. Ironically when they were completing the bid opening, it was raining heavily and there were several windows leaking.

**Correspondence-**

1. Notice of Hearing-Consumers Energy Company

**Public Comments-None.**

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Hurlburt attended a Road Commission meeting and had invited the members to the Board meeting. He introduced them all.

**Board Comments**

Comm Nichols congratulated City Glass on the bid award. She thanked all the guests for attending and was excited to see the room full.

Comm Townsend stated it was interesting that he gets to be a part of the Ordinance Committee. He's excited to proof whatever Bob Scarbrough and Joe Porterfield come up with.

Comm Bengelink read a quote from Theodore Roosevelt.

Comm Bush jokingly asked if he could be moved in order because it is hard to follow the quotes from Comm Bengelink.

Comm Theobald is very excited about the Octagon Building. She is also happy about getting new windows for the historic courthouse. She forgot to mention that at DHHS, they are losing the director, who is moving on to a higher position.

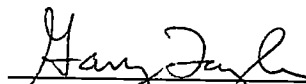
**Chairman's Comments**

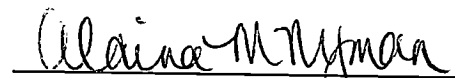
Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:31 p.m.

**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk