

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting *Wednesday, December 2, 2020

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

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

Absent- None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

1. Add J.8. MERS Agreement Addenda
2. Add J.9. MAA 2020 Property Tax Achievement Award

Approval of the Agenda

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

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports- None.

Public Comment- None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the November 18, 2020, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Resignation from the 911 Committee
3. Appointment to the Special Committees, Boards & Commissions

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

One Commissioner questioned an error in the November 18th meeting minutes.

Clerk Nyman explained that the error had already been pointed out to her by another Commissioner and the appropriate changes were made.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Agenda Items

1. Community Corrections Part-Time Wage Scale

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the wage scale for the Community Corrections Part-time Substance Abuse Testers to become effective January 1, 2021.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. MEI Special Consideration

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the request for special consideration for a Medical Examiner Investigation and approve the additional compensation of \$100.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Resolution 20-28 FY21 Snowmobile Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 20-28 Supporting Fiscal Year 2021 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Program Grant Agreement and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Health Insurance Rate 2021

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Potter to renew the current insurance plans with the exception of switching to Dearborn National for employer paid life, employer paid short-term disability, and voluntary life rates.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. 2021 Proposed Budget

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Musta to hold a Public Hearing on the 2021 budget on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

6. Team Life, Inc. AED's

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the Team Life Inc. quote for 21 AEDS in the amount of \$31,752.00.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

7. MERS Payment

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to delay the additional voluntary December payment to MERS until on or after March 31, 2021.

One Commissioner questioned the reasoning for this. It was explained that it was a budgetary concern.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. MERS Agreement Addenda

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the MERS reporting per the Hybrid Plan and Defined Benefit Plan adoption agreement addenda effective January 1, 2021.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

9. MAA 2020 Property Tax Achievement Award

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to send a letter to Joe Porterfield, the Equalization Department and local County Assessors recognizing their achievement and authorize the Board Chairman to sign the letter of behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch explained that she attended the MAC Webinar. The webinar focused primarily on bills that are hoping to get passed, Covid, and the Raffaele decision.

She informed the Board that the Chief Public Defenders position had been offered and accepted by Bob Champion. He is excited to meet the Board and get started.

She also informed the Board that there might be a nibble on the old jail. There is a phone call scheduled, and the information will be presented to the Executive Committee.

Correspondence-

Public Comments-

Alaina Nyman, County Clerk, informed the Board that she scheduled Judge Fagerman to attend the next Board meeting to swear in members one last time before he retires.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Nichols attended the NMCAA and District 10 Health Department meetings. That information will be emailed.

Comm Hurlburt stated that today was the first day for MMR to take over for North Flight. He had been in contact with Paul Owens and Duane Alworden, and both said things were running fairly smoothly.

Board Comments

Comm Bengelink read a quote from Joseph Stalin.

Comm Theobald congratulated Joe Porterfield and his staff for the award they received.

Comm Potter stated he hoped we could meet in person on the 16th.

Comm Musta thanked everyone for turning the budget around in such a short time frame.

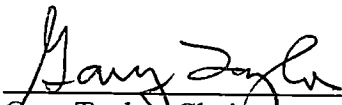
Chair Comments

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

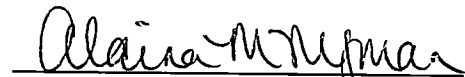
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn at 4:17 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk