

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, January 20, 2021

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

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

Absent- *None.*

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add J.6. Virtual Meeting Capacity

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports- *None.*

Public Comment- *None.*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 6, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0

Agenda Items

1. GIS Data Licensing Agreement

MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the Missaukee County GIS Data Licensing Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Aerial Photography Proposal

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the proposal from Kucera International Inc. for 2021 Aerial Orthoimagery with the County paying two-thirds of the cost between Fund 245 PIC and Fund 261 Dispatch and the

Road Commission paying one-third of the cost and authorize the Chairman to sign the proposal.

One Commissioner was very excited to see this coming before the Board. He uses this daily and the current maps are out of date. This will make a big difference.

Another Commissioner commented that this should have been planned in the budget. Administrator Koch advised that this was included in the budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Powerphone Dispatcher Certification

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the request to purchase the Powerphone Dispatch Call Handling System in the amount of \$8,897.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Veterans' Program Services Agreement

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the one-year Veteran Program Services Agreement beginning January 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

5. Closed Session-Pending Litigation

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing current litigation pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec.8 (e).

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

6. Virtual Meeting Capacity

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the estimate of \$32,750 from MessageMakers Inc.

Administrator Koch explained that the quote was received this morning, and that was the reason for the late addition. The most expensive item involved in the wireless,

rechargeable microphones. Those will make the room more flexible for different things. She further explained that the CESF will cover over \$28,000 of this project.

Ms. Koch also noted that this was being brought today because installation is a possibility the following weekend. By waving the RFP process, we can get this project moving quickly.

Several Commissioners commented that this was something we needed to do because of the current state we are in. It also brings the room up to date.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch thanked the Board from approving the project with MessageMakers. She then introduced Bob Champion, the new Chief Public Defender. Mr. Champion thanked the Board for welcoming him, and stated Wexford County is very easy to work for.

Ms. Koch stated she had sat through a webinar where it was explained that revenues are higher than anticipated, but they are still lower than 2019.

Ms. Koch also explained that our initial payroll reimbursement was expected to be \$60,000 to \$70,000 and was anticipated to be received in December. That has now been pushed back to February, but we are now anticipating receiving more than \$100,000. We are also going to be receiving a credit from Priority Health for over \$19,000.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments- *None.*

Liaison Reports- *None.*

Board Comments

Comm Bengelink informed Board members that Baraga and Grand Traverse have recently passed resolutions that they may begin to see. He also reminded everyone that the administrator evaluations are due January 25th. If they are not received by then, they will not count.

Comm Bush thanked everyone for the phone calls, emails, and the card. It meant a lot to know everyone was thinking of him.

Comm Theobald was glad to have Commissioner Bush back.

Comm Nichols apologized for not being in person. She welcomed Mr. Champion to Wexford County. She also thanked everyone for the card she received.

Comm Potter made a comment about Bill Clinton.

Comm Townsend was happy to see Commissioner Bush back, and stated he would continue to pray for Commissioner Nichols.

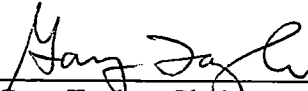
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor was also glad to see Commissioner Bush back.

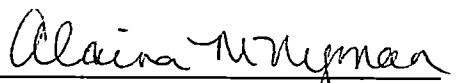
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 4:47 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk