

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 5, 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, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add J6-Resolution 21-15 Resolution in Support of National Correctional Officers Week

Add J7-Resolution 21-16 Resolution in Support of National Police Week

Add J8-CESF Prosecutor Grant Application

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the agenda.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

1. **MOTION by Comm Townsend, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 20-27, Extending Appreciation for Rene Steinhour's Dedicated Service.**

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. **MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 20-32, Extending Appreciation for Lorie Sorensen's Dedicated Service.**

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. **MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 20-33, Extending Appreciation for the Honorable William Fagerman's Dedicated Service.**

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. **MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 21-05, Extending Appreciation for Marsha Mellish's Dedicated Service.**

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Presentation and Reports-

Yarrow Brown, Executive Director of Housing North, presented the Board with an explanation about their Homes For Our Future program. The currently partner with Networks Northwest, and they are seeking governmental support. They currently have 7 of the 10 counties they cover that support their program. She briefly touched on the need for rental properties in Wexford County, which is high.

Public Comment- None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Roster Update-Public Defenders' Office

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve a revision to the Public Defender's Office roster by reducing one Staff Attorney and adding a Chief Assistant Public Defender.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Building Department Manager

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm to approve a revision to the Building Department's roster eliminating an Administrative Assistant and adding a Building Department Manager at an M2 level effective April 25, 2021 and approve the Manager position description.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Letter of Understanding-Building Official

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the one year Letter of Understanding for the Building Official and authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to sign the letter.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Resolution 21-14 Supporting the PA 511 Wexford-Missaukee Community Corrections Plan and Grant Application

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 21-14 Supporting the PA 511 Wexford-Missaukee Community Corrections Plan and Grant Application.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the budget amendment dated 05/05/2021.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

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 Amendments to the 2021 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20210501	573.000.390.00	Fund Balance	\$30,000		a.
	573.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$30,000	
BOC motion of 12-16-2020 approved the project at a not-to-exceed \$30,000. Cedar Creek Well #2 upgrade.					
20210502	101.253.695.01	Transfer in/Land Reutilization	\$125,000		b.
	101.290.971.05	Window Replacement		\$125,000	
	First payment for the Historic Courthouse windows				

6. Resolution 21-15 Resolution in Support of National Correctional Officers Week
MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Potter to approve Resolution 21-15 Resolution in Support of National Correctional Officers Week.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

7. Resolution 21-16 Resolution in Support of National Police Week
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve Resolution 21-16 Resolution in Support of National Police Week.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. 2021 CESF Prosecutor's Grant
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the 2021 CESF Prosecutor's Grant Application.

Administrator Koch explained that this is the second round of grant applications, and it is due May 14th. A completed version will be brought to Executive.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch apologized for not having a written report to the Board, but she will the next meeting. She received an email from the regional manager for MIDC who spoke very highly of our new chief public defender.

She touched briefly on information she received from MAC that there are discussions at the State level to provide a \$1,000 incentive to those receiving unemployment to return to work. She also noted that the four year commissioner terms would also be going to the senate next.

Ms. Koch informed the Board that the aerial photography has been completed, and the windows at the courthouse are moving right along as well.

Correspondence-

1. Alliance for Economic Success 2020 Annual Report

Public Comments- *None.*

Liaison Reports-

Comm Nichols attended the District 10 Health Department meeting where the main focus was covid and vaccinations.

Comm Townsend attended a library meeting where they discussed a millage renewal.

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting. They are currently accepting applications for kids to go to camp this year. She also mentioned an EBT program for kids who were out of school and receive free lunches. Those cards are being mailed directly to parents.

Board Comments

Comm Potter noticed a lot of years of experience during the last few employee appreciations. It says a lot about those that work here.

Comm Townsend thanked Brooke for her hard work. Others are also very impressed with her and what she gives to the department.

Comm Bengelink read a Ronald Reagan quote.

Comm Bush congratulated Brooke. He also noted that it was nice to have everyone back.

Comm Theobald said she was glad to be back in person. She pointed out that Saturday is Hazardous Waste day.

Comm Nichols congratulated Brooke. She mentioned that it was Animal Control week in April, and she would like to see something come forward. She also mentioned that it was nice to see a room of people in attendance at the meeting.

Chairman's Comments

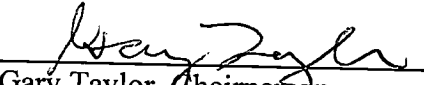
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Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

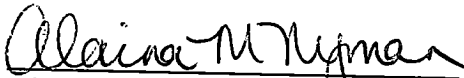
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:35 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk