

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 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, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Julie Theobald

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

J1B-Motion to close public comment on 2022 Budget

Approval of the Agenda

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

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports-

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Annual Presentation

Joanie Blamer, Interim Chief Executive Officer presented the annual report. She highlighted the projects that had benefited our county and surrounding counties including a diversion program to keep people from going to jail and an opioid use and abuse program she is working on with local physicians.

Ashley Poineau, Peer Support Specialist, also spoke about her own experiences with Community Mental Health and her struggles that eventually led her to become a Peer Support Specialist with NLCMH.

Public Comment-

Shari Spoelman from MSU Extension reported that she will be retiring at the end of October. She mentioned that they have a transition plan in place. She also shared that MSU Extension is in the process of moving into the Baker College building.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Agenda Items

2. FY 2022 Proposed Budget

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Hurlburt to open the Public Hearing on the 2022 budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

The hearing was opened at 4:24 p.m. There was not any public comment made.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to close the public hearing.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0 at 4:25 p.m.

3. Resolution 21-29 General Appropriations Act

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 21-29, Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Resolution and General Appropriations Act.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Resolution 21-26 Approving the Agreement with MI State Police.

MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Resolution 21-26, approving the agreement between MI Dept of State Police and Wexford County for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement.

Roll Call: Motion approved 8-0.

5. Resolution 21-30 Supporting Enactment of House Bill 5026

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 21-30, Supporting Enactment of House Bill 5026.

A Comm asked for clarification of the 5% increase to 6% prepaid device user fee.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Two Seven Oh Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the Two Seven Oh Inc. reimbursement grant agreement for the period of September 27, 2021 through April 1, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0

7. Apportionment Report

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Apportionment Reports and authorize Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, to sign the Certification Statement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

8. Budget Amendments-

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Budget Amendment dated 10/20/2021.

10/20/2021

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**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2021 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
				\$	
20211001	259.000.702.05	Overtime		1,500	a.
	259.000.702.08	Sick Pay		\$ 500	
	259.000.800.07	Contracted Attorneys		\$ (2,000)	
		To balance the negative line items.			
20211002	101.287.528.08	ARPA Revenue	\$ 364,384		b.
	101.287.702.14	ARPA Direct payment		\$ 322,500	
	101.287.719.00	Social Security		\$ 24,672	
	101.287.720.00	Retirement		\$ 12,788	
	101.287.722.00	Workers Compensation		\$ 4,424	
		To account for the ARPA Grant.			
20211003	208.000.677.00	Civic Center-Misc. Income	\$ 129,637		c.
	208.000.934.00	Civic Center-Bldg. Maintenance		\$ 129,637	

DNR Grant Funds.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch gave an update on the jail repairs. Granger timeline is to complete all work by December 1, 2021, they will be replacing ceiling tiles, drywall, etc. if damage is visible from the leaks. They will be providing a letter regarding their commitment to resolving all issues.

Update on union contracts, we are still waiting for a union ratification vote for Corrections.

Public Defenders Budget for FY2022 was approved. Part of that budget includes a full-time corrections officer.

Two new employees will be starting next week in the Admin Office. Megan will start Monday and Brandi will start Thursday.

The new chairs have arrived and are in the Circuit Court room if anyone wants to take a look at them.

Correspondence- none

Public Comments- none

Liaison Reports-

Comm Hurlburt has met with Paul Owens from MMR and they have hired a few new people.

Comm Townsend attended a Library Board meeting where they discussed renewing the millage.

Comm Bengelink attended the last Lake Mitchell Improvement Board Meeting for the year and mentioned they had good results from treatments and less weeds.

Comm Bush attended a CAMA Meeting where John Walsh, CEO for the Career Tech Center spoke.

Comm Nichols attended and Area Agency on Aging where they are forming some new bylaws.

Comm Taylor mentioned he attended a Council on Aging Meeting.

Board Comments-

Comm Hurlburt mentioned that the flag was at half mast due to the death of Colin Powell. He urged everyone to take COVID 19 very seriously.

Comm Townsend thanked Joanie and Ashley for presenting from NLCMH and mentioned he has known Joanie since 2013 when he went through First Responders Training.

Comm Bengelink shared a quote from Ben Carson.

Comm Bush thanked each department for the work they put into their budgets. He also thanked Ashley from NLCMH for sharing her story.

Comm Nichols mentioned that she appreciates the work that Northern Lakes Community Mental Health does and that it benefits her son greatly. She also encouraged all of the Commissioners to fill out the NLCMH surveys.

Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:38 p.m.

All in favor.

Gary Taylor, Chairperson

Melanie Danforth, Chief Deputy Clerk