

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 17, 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 (via zoom), Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, Brian Potter.

Absent- None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Delete J.2-POAM Non-312 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports-

Jim Blackburn and Drew Polak from Weadock and Associates discussed the changes in our health insurance coverage. They have worked diligently and shopped around to make sure our employees are taken care of and at a reasonable price. The coverage will not change this year and the cost will be roughly 5 percent higher than last year.

Public Comment-*None.*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the November 3, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Health Insurance Rates for 2022

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the recommendation maintaining the County's current health insurance plans at a 5.4% cost increase.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. MiSAIL Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the contract for State of Michigan compensation for 2021 aerial imagery.

Joe Porterfield discussed that the State of Michigan approached him about their intent to do some aerial imagery of the county and wondering if Wexford County wanted to buy in. He let them know that we had recently taken some aerial images and they offered to purchase the images. They are willing to pay \$12,000.00 to use the images. A Comm asked how much it had cost us to take the images and Joe stated about \$45,000.00 but that the Road Commission and Dispatch is paying a portion of the cost.

Another Comm asked if we have certain companies that want to purchase the images and Joe said that we have some established companies that usually want to purchase the images.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0

4. MIDC Agreement

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission contract for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. EMPG Agreement 2022

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the MSP Emergency Management Grant agreement CFDA 97.042 for fiscal year 2021 and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

6. Wex Dehumidifier

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Nichols to begin the Request for Proposal process for a Wex ice arena dehumidifier, with the project funding to come from ARPA funds.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0

7. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the budget amendment dated 11/17/2021.

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

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20211101	101.290.677.00	Misc Income	\$3,443		a.
	101.290.727.02	Copy Supplies		\$	
		Charge back to Dept. for paper useage		3,443	

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch was not in attendance.

Correspondence- none

Public Comments- none

Liaison Reports-

Comm Potter mentioned he has attended a Downtown Development Authority meeting and hopes to have some good news coming out of that soon.

Comm Townsend mentioned he had attended both a library meeting and also an airport meeting.

Comm Bush said he attended a Cadillac Area Manufacturers Association Meeting in Copemish last week.

Comm Nichols said she attended a meeting at MSU Extension. Shari Spoelman has retired but they have a gentleman as interim Director and are moving forward.

Board Comments-

Comm Townsend wished Comm Theobald well and hopes she gets better.

Comm Bengelink mentioned the County had received 8 applications for the Deputy Scholarship Program and gave a work from home tip.

Comm Bush wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Comm Theobald said she can't wait to be back.

Comm Nichols thanked everyone for attending and asked for a prayer for the Finstrom family.

Comm Potter thanked Jim and Drew from Weadock and Associates for the short presentation and wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

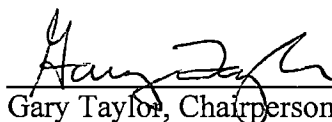
Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:13 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Melanie Danforth, Chief Deputy Clerk