

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, December 15, 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 (appeared virtually), Gary Taylor, Judy Nichols, and Brian Potter.

Absent- *None.*

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Added J11-Lake Street Office Space

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports-

Larry Walsh, Fair Board President, came before the Board to introduce himself. He is excited to be bringing back the horse harness racing and rodeo to the fair. He is excited that there is a lot of new people joining with new ideas. There is a lot of work to do, but they are excited for the 2022 fair.

Public Comment- *None.*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 1, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Monumentation Surveyor Agreements

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Monumentation Surveyor Agreements for Atwell at \$19,800 and Brent Clough at \$20,900 to perform professional services in accordance with Act 345 of 1990.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Peer Review Surveyor Agreements

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Peer Review Surveyor Agreements for Brent Clough, Craig McVean, Bill Sikkema, and George Smith at \$575 each in accordance with Act 345 of 1990.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Register of Deeds-Book Scanning Project

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the US Imaging proposal for Register of Deeds scanning and importing as there is no advantage to the County to proceed with a competitive bid.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. FY 2022 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. Year End Budget Adjustments

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Administrator and Treasurer to transfer funds from one department to another without Board approval to ensure no department is in the negative at the end of the year.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

6. MSUE Agreement for Services

MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the 2022 Agreement for MSU Extension Services.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

7. Opioid Settlement Agreements

a. Resolution 21-34 State-Local Government Intrastate Agreement

b. Resolution 21-35 Participation Agreements-Opiate Litigation

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 21-34 State-Local Government Intrastate Agreement and Resolution 21-35 Participation Agreements – Opiate Litigation.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

8. Extension of Option to Purchase Old Jail
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Potter to approve a 60-Day extension of the Option to Purchase with U.S. Federal Properties.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

9. Resolution 21-36 Public Act 152 Health Care Requirements
MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 21-36 Public Act 152 Health Care Requirements for 2022.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

10. Budget Amendments – *None.*

11. Lake Street Office Space

Comm Hurlburt requested that the office space at the Lake Street building be added to the Recreation and Building Committee to discuss a price for renting. With MSU Extension out of the building, and the Building Department moving into that office space, there is room to rent. He would like that space offered to the Invasive Species group that are occupying the mail room currently at the courthouse, but the rental price needs to be researched and discussed further.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch gave the Board an update on House Bills 242 & 245. The House of Representatives has approved 4 year terms for Commissioners, and the bill is moving on. The change, if passed, would take effect with the terms beginning in 2025. She also thanked the Board again for passing the additional Covid leave and wage increases.

One Commissioner questioned if the signed union contracts had been received yet. She explained they have been ratified, but signatures are still being collected.

Correspondence-

1. ORPA Letter-City of Cadillac
2. ORPA Notice-City of Cadillac
3. Brownfield Notice-City of Cadillac

Public Comments- *None.*

Liaison Reports-

Comm Nichols attended the Area Agency on Aging and District 10 Health Department meetings.

Comm Hurlburt attended a Road Commission meeting where the budget is looking well. He also met with Paul Owens, North Flight, and they have done a few interviews for paramedics.

Comm Townsed attended an Airport meeting. They have three new people excited to join.

Comm Bengelink attended a Lake Mitchell Improvement Board meeting.

Comm Taylor attended a District 10 Health Department meeting.

Board Comments-

Comm Theobald commented that with the emergency remote attendance not being extended, she will be in attendance for the next meeting.

Comm Nichols said she missed Julie and her Christmas sweater. She thanked everyone for the prayers for Les. He is home and they would appreciate the continued prayers. She also thanked the Walsh's for attending.

Comm Potter wished everyone a happy and safe holiday. He also thanked Melanie for her hard work while Alaina was out.

Comm Hurlburt wanted to clarify that he wanted that addition added to Rec & Building so that they could vote on it.

Comm Townsend commented that he missed Melanie but was glad to have Alaina back. He thanked Melanie for her hard work and wished only Melanie a Merry Christmas.

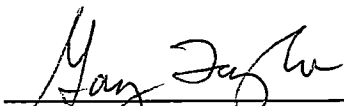
Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor wished everyone a happy holidays and thanked everyone for coming.

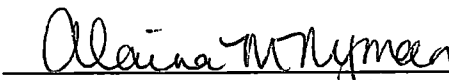
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:16 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk