

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:23 p.m by Clerk Nyman after some technical difficulties.

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.

Election of Board Chairperson

Alaina Nyman, County Clerk, began the meeting by explaining that under 46.3a the Commissioners are able to vote by secret ballot, if requested. Commissioner Hurlburt requested the vote be done by secret ballot.

Clerk Nyman opened the floor for nominations.

Comm Potter nominated Comm Taylor. This nomination was supported by Comm Bush. Comm Hurlburt nominated Comm Musta. This nomination was supported by Comm Nichols.

No other nominations were made. The floor was then closed to any further nomination.

Ballot vote; Comm Taylor received 6 votes, Comm Musta received 3 votes.

Election of Board Vice Chairperson

Chairman Taylor called for nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Comm Bush nominated Comm Bengelink. It was then stated that a second was not needed for a nomination.

Comm Nichols nominated Comm Townsend.

No other nominations were made. The floor was then closed to any further nomination.

Ballot vote; Comm Bengelink received 5 votes, Comm Townsend received 4 votes.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Deleted: L4-Closed Session: Attorney Consultation.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Judge Audrey Van Alst was present to receive her award for 10 years of service with the County. She thanked the Board for the recognition and stated she loved her job and those she works with.

Presentation and Reports- None.

Public Comment-

Corey Wiggins, Prosecuting Attorney, wanted to make the Board aware that the prosecutor in training, Maggie Marshall, had passed the bar and would be sworn in by Judge Elmore on Monday. He invited those that could to attend the ceremony.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. A. Designation of Committee Chairs
Chairman Taylor stated he was going to keep the Committee Chairs the same, with the exception of the Recreation and Building Committee, which he asked Comm Theobald to chair.

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the decision of the Board Chairman designating committee chairs to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

All in favor.

- B. Assignment of Committee Members
Chairman Taylor stated that all Committee Appointments would remain the same.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the decision of the Board Chairman designating the committee members to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

Motion passed 8-1 with Commissioner Nichols voting against the motion.

- C. 2022 Meeting Schedule
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the 2022 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule.

All in Favor.

2. Commissioner Code of Ethics
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Nichols to affirm Policy A-0.0, Code of Ethics and Conduct for Wexford County Commissioners and have each Commissioner submit a completed policy form to the County Clerk.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Adoption of Board and Committee Policies and Procedures
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the decision of the Board Chairman designating the committee members to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Closed Session: Attorney Consultation Regarding Settlement Strategies-*Deleted*.

5. Board and Liaison Appointments

Chairman Taylor stated all appointments would remain the same, with the exception of the Road Commission. He asked Comm Potter to be the liaison for that committee.

One Commissioner asked if someone was unable to attend a meeting, could they request another Commissioner to go in their place. After a brief discussion, it was noted that that would be a good idea. An update to the policy was requested.

MOTION by Comm Bengelink seconded by Comm Bush to accept the Chairman's 2022 Board and Liaison appointments to other Boards and Committees.

All in Favor.

6. Resolution 22-01, Wexford County Depository
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 22-01, Wexford County Depository.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

7. Resolution 22-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0 Investment Policy
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 22-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E1.0, Investment Policy.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

8. Resolution 22-03, Civil Rights, ADA, & Family Leave Act
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 22-03 Civil Rights Act/Americans with Disabilities Act and Family Medical & Family Leave Act.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

9. Resolution 22-04, Fair Housing
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 22-04, Fair Housing.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

10. Fair Housing Policy Statement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Fair Housing Policy Statement.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

11. Lake Street Rental
MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Bengelink to enter into an attorney-approved lease agreement with Mason-Lake Conservation District for 897 square feet of office space at 401 N. Lake Street, with the one-year lease to begin February 1, 2022 at a rate of \$6.36 per square foot, and authorize the Chair to sign the lease on behalf of the County.

Roll call: Motion passed 9-0.

12. Application to 911 Advisory Committee
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to appoint Lorne Haase to the 911 Advisory Committee as Village Representative.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

13. Application to the Airport Authority
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nichols to appoint Commissioner Ben Townsend to the Airport Authority.

Comm Townsend asked if he could recuse himself from voting. He was told he still needed to vote.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

14. Community Corrections Part-Time Employee
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the request to change the status of the part time Community Corrections Substance Abuse Testers from irregular to regular, effective January 1, 2022.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

15. Amendment Agreement-COAM CBA
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the amendment to the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Command Officers Association of Michigan and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

16. Empiric Solutions Agreement
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the renewal contract with Empiric Solutions for IT services at Central Dispatch.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

17. IT Right: Computer Network Purchases
MOTION by Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the IT Right costs for replacement of network switches, a 2021 purchase, and servers, a 2022 purchase.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

18. TKS Camera Purchases
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush approve the TKS quote for security camera purchase and installation.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

19. Windemuller New TV Locations
MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Nichols to approve the Windemuller quote for new TV locations in the Commissioner Room.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

20. Exterior Door/Frame Removal and Replacement

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the City Glass proposal for the removal and replacement of exterior doors and frames at the Lake Street and the Courthouse.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

21. Sheriff's Department Submunition Training Conversion Kits

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the recommendation to purchase ten Simunction Conversion Kits from CMP Distributors.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

22. Sheriff's Department Springfield Armory Rifles

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the recommendation to purchase ten Springfield Armory Rifles from CMP Distributors.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

23. Sheriff's Department Apex Training Simulator

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the recommendation to purchase the Apex Training Simulator from Apex Officer (2021 Purchase).

One Commissioner questioned if all the Sheriff's purchases were going to be coming out of 2021 funds. It was stated that they were.

Another Commissioner commented that she visited the website for this equipment and found it fascinating.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

24. Sheriff's Department 2022 Ford Edge

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the MiDeal Signature Ford-Lincoln quote for the purchase of a 2022 Ford Edge from the Sheriff's 2021 Budget.

One Commissioner questioned if this was for a TNT officer. It was explained that this vehicle will replace the one the State used to provide, but is no longer providing.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

25. Prosecuting Attorney Agreement with City of Cadillac

MOTION by Comm Nichols, seconded by Comm Potter to authorize the Chairman to sign the proposed agreement between the City of Cadillac and the Wexford County Prosecuting Attorney for prosecution services.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Koch informed the Board that MSU Extension has chosen a new director that will be starting February 1st, however, she did not know who that was.

Ms. Koch explained to the Board that the VA has chosen not to move forward with the purchase of the old jail. She also informed the Board that Sprouse Masonry was at the current jail looking at the roof for repairs.

She further explained that Adam has been working on getting HVAC proposals for the courthouse. This could be potentially part of ARPA funds. More information would be coming on that.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments- None.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend thanked everyone for the vote to the Airport Authority. He planned on approaching the City to ask to have one of their council members also join.

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting. They discussed 211 and that they are seeking information on those that use the service.

Board Comments-

Comm Bengelink wished Krisi a happy birthday. He was excited to see Julie back at the meeting. He also read a quote from George Wills.

Comm Theobald was very excited to be back at the meetings. She appreciated the support she received for the liaison suggestion.

Comm Nichols commented that it was great to have Julie back. She then read a statement discussing her disappointment in Committee appointments. She stated she did not feel her district had representation on two of the most significant committees from the Board. She also stated she was grateful for her liaison appointments.

Comm Potter stated he was glad the vote for Chair and Vice chair was over. He congratulated Chair Taylor and Vice Chair Bengelink. He further stated that he felt Building and Rec Committee was just as important as all of the other committees and did not agree with any statements made that it wasn't.

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Comm Hurlburt was glad to see Julie back and feeling better. He also congratulated the Chair and Vice Chair. He further wanted to acknowledge that Butch was in attendance.

Comm Townsend stated Building and Recreation was the most awesome committee. He also stated how thankful he was for all 8 commissioners. He reminded everyone their work is for the County, their people, and he is thrilled to do what he can.

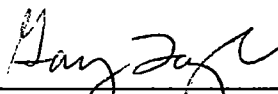
Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor was glad to have Julie back and thanked everyone for coming.

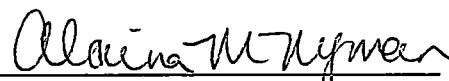
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 5:01 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk