

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, February 16, 2022

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m by Chairman Taylor.

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Ben Townsend, Mike Musta, Mike Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald Gary Taylor, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Joe Hurlburt and Judy Nichols, who attended via zoom but was unable to participate due to Open Meetings Act.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

**Add- J5-County Administrator Resignation Agreement**

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in Favor.**

**Employee Recognition- None.**

**Presentation and Reports-**

Andy Ulrich, Executive Director of the United Way, came before the Board for a discussion on 2-1-1 Membership. He explained that 2-1-1 is similar to 911, and helps individuals find organizations that can help with their specific needs. It is a 24 hour a day, confidential service for non-crisis needs. He gave a few examples of situations that 2-1-1 was able to help with.

One Commissioner asked how people find out about these services. Mr. Ulrich noted that they are working on advertising better. They currently have business cards, hand out flyers, and just recently did a story on 9&10 News.

Another Commissioner requested seeing only Wexford County data, as the data provided contained Wexford and Missaukee. It was also questioned how Missaukee County covers their expense. Mr. Ullrich took contact information and will reach out to discuss further.

**Public Comment- None.**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the February 2 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Theobald voting against the motion.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Cadillac Wexford Public Library Millage Requests  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 22-08 and Resolution 22-09.**

One Commissioner noted that the library does an amazing job.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.**

2. VHF Equipment/Building-Cadillac Water Tower Site  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the City of Cadillac assuming full possession of the County’s VHF equipment and building at the City Water Tower.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Sheriff Department Patrol Vehicle Replacement  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ford Police Inceptor in the amount of \$33,699.00 through MiDeal.**

**Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.**

4. Budget Amendment  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the budget amendments dated February 10, 2022.**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2022.02.01	261-000-720.00	Retirement		\$75,335.00
	261-000-699.01	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$55,709.70	
	464-000-699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$19,625.30	

This expense is a result of Resolution 22-07 Approving Grievance Settlement Agreement. Fund 261 is Central Dispatch, Fund 464 is the fund where money was placed from the sale of the recycling center and the tower at the old jail. At the time of those sales, the historical intent was to use 464 funds to pay for the new dispatch center. Subsequently, funds from 464 were used for the architect and new dispatch equipment. The County bonded for the building construction itself, and Fund 261 is paying for the bond payments.

Corinna Hervey, the county's financial consultant, has reviewed the budget amendment and approved this use of the funds. This budget amendment will leave Fund 464 with a \$0.00 balance.

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Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2022.02.02	245-905-970.28	Vehicles		\$33,699.00
	101-101-699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$33,699.00	

This expense is to replace a patrol unit involved in a 2021 accident that resulted in the vehicle being deemed a total loss. Per recommendation of our financial consultant, the reimbursement check from MMRMA was placed in Fund 101 for the 2021 Fiscal Year, thus requiring a budget amendment.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.**

- County Administrator Resignation Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept resignation of Janet Koch as County Administrator and authorize Board Chair to execute severance and waiver agreement.**

One Commissioner questioned if this was done by a formal letter. It was stated that is was.

**Roll call: Motion passed 7-0.**

Commissioner Potter requested to add J6-Interim Administrator

- Interim Administrator  
**MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bush to appoint Joe Porterfield (Equalization) and Jami Bigger (HR Director) to temporarily fill in for County Administrator duties in the interim of the Board deciding on a replacement of the position.**

One Commissioner questioned if they accept that role. Joe Porterfield stated they were willing to do what they could to help the County.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 6-1 with Commissioner Townsend voting against the motion.**

**Administrator's Report- None.**

**Correspondence- None.**

**Public Comments- None.**

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Musta attended an AES Meet and Greet.

Comm Potter reported that Clam Lake DDA did not meet, and he has not been able to attend a Road Commission meeting yet.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Townsend noted that Judy Nichols was on Zoom and he wished her health and hopes she continues to recover. He also noted that Carol Haas just retired as the Treasurer of the Village of Harrietta after several years of service. Her husband was also attending via Zoom.

Comm Bengelink read a quote from Denzel Washington.

Comm Theobald appreciates Jami and Joe stepping up to help. She noted we have all done this before, and we will get through this again.

Comm Potter agreed with Comm Theobald and Comm Townsend.

Comm Musta commented that the library in Mesick is an awesome asset that he and his family frequent. Pre-Covid they visited a lot. During covid, they were able to go get stacks of books for his children.

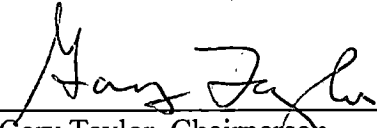
**Chairman's Comments-**

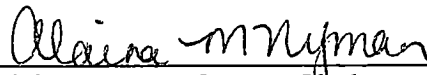
Comm Taylor thanked Joe and Jami for agreeing to help. He also thanked everyone for attending.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:24 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk