

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, March 2, 2022

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

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

*Commissioner Nichols appeared via zoom pursuant to the Attorney General's opinion regarding ADA. After standard questioning, the Board voted to allow Commissioner Nichols to participate via zoom.

Absent- None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add- J6-Elevator Update

Delete-J5-Closing of Transition House Discussion

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports-

Eric Karbowski, the new MSU Extension Director, introduced himself to the Board. He briefly explained his background as a behavioral health expert. He wanted to thank the Board and the community for their continued support.

Public Comment-

Marilyn Passmore, Charter Spectrum, informed the Board that Spectrum is expanding in Wexford County due to a special program funding. They are able to do this in 33 counties. It is estimated this will take place over 6 years, but she was hopeful it would be quicker. If you visit www.spectrumruralexansion.com you can check the address this would effect.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the February 16 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Appointment to Standing Committee-Ben Townsend

Comm Townsend noted that the appointment is for Northern Lakes Community Mental Health.

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. MGT of America Consulting Agreement

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve a two-year extension of the Consulting Services Contract with MGT of America with a \$1,000 annual cost increase for the development of the 2020 Allocation Plan.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Sheriff Department Snowmobile Replacement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the quote from Peacock Ltd. in the amount of \$10,803.94 for the purchase of a snowmobile with 75% of the purchase being reimbursed by the DNR grant and 25% of the purchase coming from the Sheriff's 2022 budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the budget amendment dated February 23, 2022.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

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Amendments to the 2022 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2022.02.03	101-301-957.00	Training	\$8,084.00	
	101-301-702.03	Permanent Employees		-\$8,084.00

On November 3, 2021 the Board of Commissioners approved Deputy Scholarships for the Sheriff's Department.

4. Interim Admin Compensation

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Bush to approve compensating Jami Bigger an additional \$300 per week and Joe Porterfield an additional \$200 per week for the next 90 days for acting as Interim Co-Administrators.

One Commissioner questioned why was this for 90 days and not until the position is filled. It was explained this was a trial basis to see if they could handle their normal duties and these additional. They will be keeping a log of their time spent on Administrator duties.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. Closing of Transition Houses Discussion- *Deleted.*

6. Elevator Update

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to waive the sealed bid process for the renovations to the elevator in accordance with Section I.5. of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts and Sales.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Joe Porterfield stated he and Jami are still trying to figure out what they are doing. He asked that right now if there are questions regarding policies, procedures or anything else that they be directed to himself or Jami. The staff in the Administration office are brand new, and he doesn't want any misinformation to mistakenly be given out.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments- None.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Nichols attended a District 10 Health Department meeting. The minutes will be provided.

Comm Potter has still not been able to attend a road commission meeting. He also missed the Clam Lake DDA meeting that was scheduled that day.

Comm Musta attended a Wex Express meeting.

Comm Townsend attended a Library meeting. Ms. Logan wanted to thank the Board for their kindness and approving their millage language and increase

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting where they discussed the difficulty of finding placements for juveniles. They are currently going out of state for placements. They are also looking for individuals to work as CPS workers.

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Comm Taylor attended a District 10 Health Department meeting and a Fair board meeting.

Board Comments-

Comm Potter noted that he knows there are a lot of projects going on right now, and he appreciates all that are working on those.

Comm Hurlburt was happy to see Joe and Jami on board with helping. He asked that they not accept the position full time.

Comm Townsend stated it was good to hear Judy's voice.

Comm Bengelink read a quote from Teddy Roosevelt.

Comm Theobald was excited to see Spectrum expanding.

Comm Nichols thanked the Board for allowing the opportunity to appear this way. She thanked Joe, Jami and Alaina for getting her questions answered.


Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

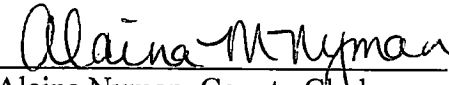
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk