

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 20, 2022

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

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

*Commissioner Nichols appeared via zoom pursuant to the Attorney General's opinion regarding ADA

Absent- Mike Bengelink.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 22-10, extending appreciation to Alan Lucas's dedicated service and authorize the Chair to sign.

Comm Potter read the complete resolution. Alan Lucas was present and accepted the resolution with a round of applause.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Presentation and Reports-None.

Public Comment-

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 6, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Pescador-Financial Assurance Mechanism Update

Dan Staub, Project Manager for Pescador informed the Board that he had met with EGLE to ask for a reduction in the number of wells being monitored and the number of things they are monitoring for. They were given the verbal okay, but were asked to put that request in writing.

He also asked EGLE about closure activities and were advised to monitor for 3 years after all contaminants are out. One Commissioner asked about PFAS, which has not been an issue.

He did inquire about abandoning the 13 wells not being used and if hooking up with the Manton Water System would help move them closer to abandoning those wells. He explained that EGLE was not able to give a verbal commitment to that.

Mr. Staub had previously given a rough cost estimate to a Committee for abandoning wells, and after more research, he explained that would actually be closer to \$2,000.

2. Amended Interagency Agreement

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the amended Interagency Jail Diversion Program Agreement for a period of six months, as presented and authorize the Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Materials Management Grant

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the authorization for Co-Interim Administrators to sign the letter presented designating Northwest Michigan Council of Governments as the designated planning agency for the Materials Management Grant.

Roll Call: Motion approved 8-0.

4. Security Personnel

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Security Officer – Support Staff position description as presented, and approve adding three part-time security personnel positions to the employee roster, with a wage of \$14 per hour and a starting date of May 2, 2022.

The Board thanked Jami for getting this handled so quickly.

One Commissioner questioned if this pay rate falls on the part-time pay scale. It was explained that that scale is position specific and not a general scale. It was asked that that be added to an HR agenda.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Administration Executive Assistant Position

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to eliminate the part-time Executive Assistant position in the Administration office from the budget and employee roster effective April 30, 2022.

Roll Call: Motion passed 6-2 with Commissioner Hurlburt and Nichols voting against the motion.

6. MIDC Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2023

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the MIDC Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis Application for fiscal year 2023 with the local share funding of \$148,052.20 to be shared by Wexford and Missaukee Counties.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Jami Bigger explained that she had received a call from a 1st grade teacher at Cadillac Schools requesting a tour of the courthouse. She asked for volunteers to help with that.

She also reminded everyone of the Governor's Breakfast scheduled for Friday.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments-

Joseph Fox, candidate for the 101st District State Representative, introduced himself to the Board. He is retired from the Newaygo County Council on Aging, and his goal is to represent the people. His platform is faith, family and freedom. He feels that a good government is a limited government.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting where they discussed unemployment in the area.

Comm Nichols attended an Area Agency on Aging meeting.

Comm Potter attended a Road Commission meeting where they are dealing with budget issues. He also attended a Clam Lake DDA meeting and could announce that they are planning on demolishing the Pioneer Apartments.

Comm Musta attended a CWTA meeting.

Board Comments-

Comm Hurlburt wanted to take time to recognize Don Larson who had recently passed away. He ran the Harvest Festival parade for 68 years, owned the floral shop in town, and

lived in Manton for all 92 years of his life. He wanted everyone to keep his children, John Katherine, Lois, Donna and Mary in their thoughts.

Comm Townsend congratulated Alan and thanked him for his service. He didn't want anyone to miss the quote of the night from Comm Bengelink, so he read a quote from Thomas Sole.


Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor stated Alan Lucas will be missed and thanked everyone for attending.


Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:24 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyma, County Clerk