

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 6, 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, Judy Nichols, Brian Potter and Gary Taylor

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

Absent- *None.*

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add- J9- MAC Conference Discussion

Add- J10 Equalization Report 4023, 4024, & 4037

Remove-I3-Appointment to the Airport Authority-Raymond Hill

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports-*None.*

Public Comment-

Kelly Smith, 101st District State Representative candidate, came before the Board to introduce himself. He is the former director of the Newaygo County Road Commission. He had originally filed in the old district and began to visit those local townships. Since the districts have been changed, he has now started to make his way to the northern townships.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
 2. Appointment to the Pine River Natural River Zoning Review Board-Dave Foley
- MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda, as amended.**

All in favor.

Agenda Items

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1. H&S Companies General Ledger Assistance Agreement
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the agreement with H&S Companies for general ledger assistance and authorize the Chairman to sign the acknowledgment, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. City of Cadillac Assessing Contract
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the City of Cadillac Assessing Contract as presented and authorize the Chairman and Equalization Director to sign the agreement of behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Slagle Township Assessing Contract
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Slagle Township Assessing Contract as presented and authorize the Chairman and Equalization Director to sign the agreement of behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. City of Manton Assessing Contract
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the City of Manton Assessing Contract as presented and authorize the Chairman and Equalization Director to sign the agreement of behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. Budget Amendment
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Budget Amendment dated April 6, 2022.

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Wexford County Board of Commissioners				
Amendments to the 2022 Budget				
Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2022-04-01	101-101-699.00	Appropriated Fund	\$5,000.00	
	295-000-692.02	Memorial Wall		(\$5,000.00)

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Wexford County Board of Commissioners				
Amendments to the 2022 Budget				
Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2022-04-02	261-000-699.01	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$75,335.00	
	261-000-720.00	Retirement		(\$75,335.00)
Line item adjustment to previous approved grievance settlement, per Financial counsel.				

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

- 6. Revision to Policy B-12.4 Paid Absence from the Workplace
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the revision to Policy B-12.4 Paid Absence from the Workplace.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

- 7. D-9.1 Wrecker Policy
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Wrecker Policy D-9.1, as presented.

One Commissioner commented that this is not a requirement, but that it was put together for fairness and safety. The Commissioner also noted that it might be hard for some companies to fulfill the requirements, but it is for safety.

Another Commissioner questioned if there was any wiggle room to certain requirements like the response time. Duane Alworden, 911 Director, explained that the officers on scene are not going to wait, so there isn't wiggle room. He also noted that they are one of the last few dispatch centers that contact wreckers for the officers.

Another Commissioner stated that this had been discussed at the 911 Board, and this policy had initially been requested a while ago. It was requested because of issues arising.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. F-1.0 Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Unmanned Aerial Systems Policy F-1.0, as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

9. MAC Conference Discussion
Commissioners Potter, Taylor, and Theobald attended the MAC Conference where over 300 commissioners from 53 counties attended. They received multiple updates, including an update on the governor's budget, Open Meetings Act policies, and veteran's property tax exemption.

They also received an update on a proposal to move all trial court employees to State employees. Currently there is a deadline of October 1, 2022, but it is believed that will be pushed out.

There was also focus on self care and taking care of yourself.

One Commissioner asked about an award that was received, and it was noted that Commissioners Taylor and Potter received an award for continuing education.

10. Equalization Report 4023, 4024, & 4037
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the 4024 report and 4037 report and authorize the Chairman and the Clerk to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Joe Porterfield explained that they have been busy with the audit. He also informed the Board of a City of Cadillac public hearing on April 18th for an obsolete property exemption.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments- None.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Theobald attended the MAC Conference. She had also sent out reports from DHHS. They requested a place in the courthouse to post their open job positions also.

Comm Nichols attended a District 10 Health Department meeting. There is an upcoming special meeting about PFAs. She had been in touch with one resident about concerns in Haring Township.

Comm Townsend attended a tour of the libraries and explained there were two more scheduled for the week.

Board Comments-

Comm Theobald explained that she had been approached at MAC by other county commissioners to see if she had been attending meetings. This was because they had been contacted by another one of our commissioners. She said to contact her directly if there are questions about where she is. She was embarrassed by this behavior.

Comm Nichols thanked Kristi for getting her answers regarding donations.

Comm Potter seconded Julie. He did not hear that information directly, but secondhand. He also informed everyone that Little Caesars has a love kitchen and will be giving free meals out at the New Hope Shelter on April 12th from 4pm to 6 pm.

Comm Townsend talked in depth with five different commissioners about different things. He appreciates the communication and the different opinions.

Comm Bengelink commented about everyone making decisions. Some being good. Some being bad. He questioned if everyone was comfortable with the length of the meeting.

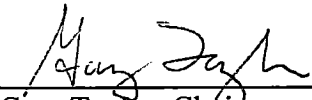
Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

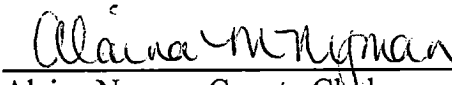
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk