

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

Add J5-Resolution 22-12 Supporting the P.A. 511 Wexford Community Corrections Plan and Grant Application

Commissioner Potter requested that J4-Commissioner Judy Nichols Resignation be moved to J1.

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in Favor.**

**Employee Recognition-** *None.*

**Presentation and Reports-***None.*

**Public Comment-**

John Fuscone, Haring Township, has submitted his name for the ballot for the upcoming Commissioner term. He is a former commissioner and has sat on several committees including the District 10 Health Department and Housing Council. He is available to fill the current vacancy.

Jason Baughan, Haring Township, also has submitted his name for the ballot in the upcoming term. He provided the Board with a letter about himself. He is young, energetic, and well known in the County.

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Commissioner Judy Nichols Resignation

**MOTION** by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the resignation of Judy Nichols as Commissioner of District 8 and to thank her for her long-time service on this Board.

**Roll Call: Motion approved 8-0.**

**MOTION** by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Musta to appoint Jason Baughan to District 8 position.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 7-1 with Comm Taylor voting against the motion.**

Jason Baughan was sworn in by the Clerk and joined the meeting.

2. Network Northwest Recreation Plan Agreement

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the agreement between Wexford County and Networks Northwest for their services in formulating an updated Recreation Plan in the amount of \$24,100, to be paid out of ARPA funds, and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement, as presented.

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Deputy County Administrator Position

**MOTION** by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Potter to approve adding the Deputy County Administrator position to the employee roster with a weekly compensation rate of \$450 per week through December 31, 2022.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

a. County Administrator Position

**MOTION** by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Bush to approve and appoint Mr. Joe Porterfield as County Administrator with a compensation rate of \$600 per week effective May 9, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

**Roll Call: Motion approved 9-0.**

4. Police Academy Deputy Sponsorship

**MOTION** by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the sponsorship of up to three additional candidates to the Police Academy.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

5. Resolution 22-12 Supporting Community Corrections FY 2023 Plan and Application

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Resolution 22-12 Supporting the Community Corrections fiscal year 2023 plan and grant application to the State of Michigan.**

One Commissioner questioned the application that was being presented. It appeared to be different than the application that was going to be presented at the Human Resources Committee. Ms. Stark explained the one presented to the Board was correct.

It was also questioned why the Board was no longer receiving minutes from the Community Corrections Advisory Committee. It was requested that those be provided.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Joe Porterfield informed the Board that he has been busy working on some contracts. There will be items going to the Executive and Building and Recreational Committees. He also stated it has been a pleasure working with Jami.

**Correspondence-** *None.*

**Public Comments-** *None.*

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Theobald attended the DHHS meeting. They have camp openings for qualified children. They also still need employees.

Comm Hurlburt wished Judy the best of luck and welcomed Jason.

Comm Musta attended an AES Meeting.

Comm Taylor attended the Conservation District meeting where they just wrapped up their tree sale. He announced that Comm Townsend would be taking on the MSU Extension Committee for Comm Nichols. Comm Theobald will be taking on the Area Agency on Aging, District 10 Health Department, and Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Potter welcomed Comm Baughan.

Comm Musta wished Judy the best and welcomed Comm Baughan.

Comm Townsend wished Judy the very best and continued prayers. He also welcome Comm Baughan.

Comm Bengelink welcomed Comm Baughan and read a quote from Paul Begala.

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Comm Theobald asked everyone to wish her luck with her extra meetings. She will do her very best. She also welcomed Comm Baughan, and thanked Joe, Jami, and Mistine for their work.

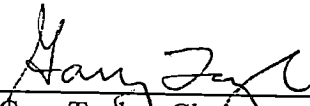
**Chairman's Comments-**

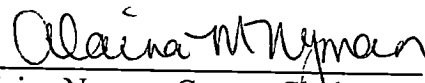
Comm Taylor welcomed Comm Baughan, and thanked everyone for attending.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:17 p.m.

All in favor.

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk