

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Joe Hurlburt, Mike Musta, Ben Townsend, Kathy Adams, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Jason Baughan, and Gary Taylor.

Absent- Commissioner Brian Potter.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Added J12-2022/2023 Wexford County CDBG Program Guidelines

Added J13-Amending August 17, 2022 Minutes

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Renee Pollington was honored for her 15 years of service. Her plaque will be presented to her at a later date.

Kristin Hatinger was recognized for her 10 years of service. Ms. Hatinger was presented with her award by Commissioner Theobald.

Presentation and Reports-

Lisa Miller from the Alliance for Economic Success was present to give the Board a little more information about their agency. They are a 501c3 partnership. They primarily focus on where the community needs are for prosperity. They have key partnerships with groups like MSUE, City of Cadillac, Cherry Grove Township, and many others. She thanked the Board for their partnership, and asked that they consider increasing and extending:

Eric Karbowski from Michigan State University Extension thanked the committee and Joe for inviting him to speak. He introduced Kate King, who is the new 4-H Coordinator. For 2022, they are working on increasing programs, but in 2021 they had several successful programs that Mr. Karbowski highlighted. He announced that they will be holding a Ballot Proposal Forum on October 12th and October 19th to help people learn what will be on the ballot this November.

Public Comment-

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Michele Hoytenga, Manton, reintroduced herself to the Board. She reminded them that she is our current state representative, but she will be termed out this year. She is currently running for State Senator and in campaign mode. Ms. Hoytenga was recently in Lansing and was very concerned with the spending that is being done. She believes we need to stop spending money and set aside funds for a rainy day fund.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 21, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. MOU with NLCMHA

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the attorney approved, multi county memorandum of understanding regarding Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority and authorize the Chairman and Clerk to sign on behalf of the County.

Administrator Porterfield brought this back to the Board after Commissioner Townsend took a stance. He wanted the Board to know that if this isn't approved, the NLCMHA dissolves, and then the county has to scramble to provide services.

Commissioner Hurlburt questioned why this was coming back if it was already voted down. Administrator Porterfield explained that Wexford County is currently \$1.4 million short each year for services. We can't afford to not be a part of something. He further stated that we can voice our concerns if we are at the table, but we can only be at the table if this is approved.

Commissioner Townsend noted that he was the driving force to vote no on this. He explained there is a difference between voting with principle and voting practically. We currently have an administrator that is practical. He felt he could agree with this because the administrator will be at the table to discuss things.

Commissioner Townsend also noted they all needed to work together to better the system. He asked the fellow commissioners to vote conscience on what is best for the county.

Roll Call: Motion approved 6-2, with Commissioners Townsend and Taylor voting against the motion.

2. Full-Time Bailiff Wage Scale

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the presented full-time wage scale for the full-time Bailiffs increasing the wage by \$1.00 effective at the start of the next payroll.

Roll Call: Motion failed 8-0.

3. LOU with POAM re: 12 Hour Shift

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the letter of understanding between the POAM and Wexford County and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. MERS Adoption Agreements

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the presented MERS Agreement Addendums and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Building Department Assistant-Irregular/Part-Time

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve adding the Irregular/Part-Time Building Department Assistant to the employee roster at a non-union L6 wage scale effective January 1, 2023.

Administrator Porterfield explained that there is currently only one person in the office. If there is an emergency or illness, the office closes.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Juneteenth Day-Addition to Holiday Schedule

MOTION by Comm Hurlburt, seconded by Comm Bush to approve adding the Juneteenth Holiday to the County's paid Holiday Schedule.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. TeleRad Camera System

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to waive the county's competitive bid requirements and approve the proposed TeleRad quote for a camera system at the Jail in an amount not to exceed \$442,250, with payment to come from ARPA funds.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. Schneider Geospatial-Beacon Property Management

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Adams to waive the county's competitive bid requirements and approve the proposed quote from Schneider

Geospatial in the amount not to exceed \$20,268.00 with payment to come from ARPA funds.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

9. Land Purchase

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Adams to approve the Administrator enter into a purchase agreement to purchase a half-acre parcel on Lincoln Street from the Cadillac First Nazarene Church, in an amount not to exceed \$6,000, with the money coming from ARPA funds.

Commissioner Hurlburt questioned what the purpose of this purchase is. Administrator Porterfield explained that the county currently owns 1 parcel in that area. They are looking at potentially building a building to move the Lake Street offices to. The Board had previously voted to purchase other lots. This lot could potentially be a parking lot.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

10. AT&T Contract Renewal

MOTION by Musta, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the presented 12 Month Service Agreement Term Extension for AT&T Centrex Account 231-779-3148 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

11. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the budget amendments date October 5, 2022.

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Amendments to the 2022 Budget				

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2022-10-01	573-000-800.00	Contracted Services	\$14,057.00	
	573-000-699.00	Fund Balance		(\$14,057.00)

Payment for the water connection and hook up for the two services at Cedar Creek, previous invoice was approved and paid for.

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2022-10-02	101-301-702.03	Perm. Employees		(\$25,134.00)
	101-301-957.00	Training		\$25,134.00

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

- 2022/2023 Wexford County CDBG Program Guidelines
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Wexford County’s 2022-2023 CDBG Program Guidelines as presented.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

- Amending August 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to amend minutes of August 17, 2022 to strike in item J1 “for the continuation of Community Corrections.”

Comm Theobald commented that this was to correct a clerical error.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator’s Report-

Joe Porterfield thanked Lisa, Eric and Katie for their presentations today. He also thanked Renee and Kristie for their years of service. He also thanked the Board for approving the MOU. He was happy they will at least be at the table talking.

Mr. Porterfield also noted that he has been working on the budget. It isn’t great, but it isn’t terrible either. He thanked Jami, Alaina, and Kristi for their help with all of it.

Correspondence-

- Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report

Public Comments-

Jami Bigger gave the Board an update on the elevator. It is scheduled to be out of commission beginning December 5th.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend addressed the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health issue. He will remain on that board and is sitting on the CEO committee as well. He will continue to do what he can. He was excited to have people that he trusts at the table.

Comm Theobald attended a District 10 Health Department meeting where they are working on the budget. She also attended a DHHS meeting. They recently helped 88

families, helped insure 21 cars for 6 months, 32 repairs, and 1,000 gallons of gas. They have seen a 15% reduction in abuse and neglect cases.

Board Comments-

Comm Adams thanked Joe for his expertise. She wanted to remind everyone that Juneteenth is a celebration of hope and freedom.

Comm Theobald appreciates Joe and the work on CMH. She struggled to vote yes on it, but she trusts Joe. She appreciated the work put into everything, and how everyone works together.


Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

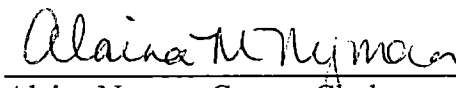
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:50 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk