



Wexford County

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gary Taylor, Chair

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Wexford County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, third floor of the Historic Courthouse, located at 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE
- D. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- F. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
- G. PRESENTATION AND REPORTS
 - 1. Salvation Army – *Lt. Greg Bock*
- H. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - Designated for topics on the agenda only.*
- I. CONSENT AGENDA
 - The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the Commission may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed therefrom and placed elsewhere for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected. If any item is not removed from the consent agenda, the action noted on the agenda is approved by motion of the Commission to adopt the consent agenda.*
 - 1. Approval of the November 02, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes1
- J. AGENDA ITEMS
 - 1. Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget (*Finance 11/10/2022*)
 - 2. Approval of the Recommended 2023 Budget (*Finance 11/10/2022*)6
 - 3. Resolution 22-25 General Appropriations Act
 - 4. Resolution 22-24 Support for Economic Impact Study Consumers Energy Dams (*Executive 11/08/2022*)..7
- K. ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
- L. CORRESPONDENCE
- M. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - Open for any public comments.*
- N. LIAISON REPORT
- O. BOARD COMMENTS
- P. CHAIR COMMENTS
- Q. ADJOURN

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 2, 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, Brian Potter and Gary Taylor.

Absent- None

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

None

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports- *None.*

Public Comment-

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. 911 Director Wage Increase

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve increasing the 911 Director's wages in the amount of \$5,849.60, effective January 1, 2023.

Roll Call: Motion approved 9-0.

2. 911 Deputy Director Position

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve making the Deputy 911 Director full-time and reclassifying the position to an M3 non-union wage level, effective January 1, 2023.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Maintenance Worker/Custodian Position
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve making the Maintenance Worker/Custodian position full-time, effective January 1, 2023.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Council on Aging Fiscal Year 2023 Budget
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the 2023 Council on Aging budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. FY2022 MSP EMPG
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the MSP Emergency Management Grant Agreement for fiscal year 2022 and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

6. Treasurers Dog Licensing Fee
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Wexford County's Township Treasurers to retain \$3.00 for one-year dog licenses and \$9.00 for three-year dog licenses.

Commissioner Musta asked for clarification if this was an increase or just how much we usually keep.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

7. MIDC Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Adams to approve the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Grant Agreement for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, and authorize Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Potter asked when the grant period began, Deputy Administrator Bigger clarified the grant period started October 1st, 2022.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. Sheriffs Department FY2023 Snowmobile Grant
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Sheriff's Department FY2023 Snowmobile Grant Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

9. TelNet Renewal Agreement
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Townsend to approve a motion to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the presented TelNet Renewal Agreement for phone services at the jail.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

10. Paper Order Bid Award
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve a motion to award the 2023 Bulk Paper Bid to Central Michigan Paper Co. in the amount of \$14998.35.

Commissioner Potter questioned how much we paid last year for paper. Commissioner Musta stated that the cost is about 40% higher per ream but we only had one company bid. Commissioner Potter asked if we had a plan in place for paper reductions, Commissioner Musta stated we have some ideas that we just passed out this evening.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

11. Resolution 22-22 to Ratify the TA for the POAM 312 Contract
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Adams to approve Resolution 22-22 to Ratify the TA for the POAM 312 Contract and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

12. Resolution 22-23 to Ratify the TA for the POAM Non-312 Dispatch Contract
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 22-23 to Ratify the TA for the POAM Non-312 Dispatch Contract.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

13. Health Insurance Rates for 2023
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the renewal of current health insurance plans with the shift in ancillary benefits to Beam for Dental and Vision, and One America for group disability, and life insurance for a rate increase of 4.18%

Commissioner Potter asked Administrator Porterfield if this plan was the plan that he was originally looking at and Porterfield said yes it was, he and Deputy Admin Bigger were able to adjust some numbers and the rates came in better than they expected.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Joe Porterfield is busy working on the budget and is on track. He submitted a grant to the state for an extra \$300,000 for the county. He has an NLCMH meeting on Monday.

Jami Bigger added that she had TKS come out and test the panic buttons. All buttons are sent to call center who then calls dispatch and at the same time security in the courthouse is notified.

Correspondence-

1. Charter/Spectrum Broadband Expansion

Public Comments-

Angela Janovich stated that she wants on record that our state is involved in a eugenics program and she has proof. Dealing with 21st century cursat connected to Bio-RXID. She has medical research showing a connection with chemicals that the EPA uses through our ventilation system. Eugenics program is killing people. She has patents to take to the supreme court. She is here to restore the public, not anti-government-wants to restore country.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend said they had about 30 applications for the airport management position, narrowed that down to 4 to interview. These are all previous aviation people.

Comm Potter said the Road Commission budget looks well, they are doing a good job at preordering stuff, watching fuel costs and planning accordingly.

Board Comments-

Comm Hurlburt questioned why the 1st public comment has not been limited before tonight.

Comm Townsend mentioned that there are other organizations and other groups do the same thing as far as the public comment.

Comm Adams thanked the Administrators for all the paperwork they have been giving out.

Comm Theobald said she is glad to be back, said that YouTube worked great while she was home but that our microphones are terrible.

Comm Potter was at another meeting where public comment was handled that way and that he had then found out we have a County Policy that states that's the way it should be done.

Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:22 p.m.

All in favor.

Gary Taylor, Chairperson

Melanie Schopieray, Chief Deputy Clerk

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

FROM: Administration
FOR MEETING DATE: November 16, 2022
SUBJECT: Approval of the Recommended 2023 Budget &
Resolution 22-25 General Appropriations Act

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED:

A draft of the proposed fiscal year 2023 budget will be provided on Monday, November 14, 2022 to include any changes the Finance Committee will make at the November 10, 2022, meeting.

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the sixteenth day of November 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: _____

ABSENT: _____

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner _____ and supported by Commissioner _____.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-24
SUPPORT FOR ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY CONSUMERS ENERGY DAMS**

WHEREAS, on August 9, 2022, Consumers Energy announced it will "gather opinions from the public about the about the 13 dams they own and operate on five Michigan rivers to help guide their decisions about the future of those electric generating facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Hodenpyle Dam in Manistee County has a significant impact on the economic wellbeing of our county; and

WHEREAS, members of the public and local leaders have expressed great concern regarding the potential removal of this hydro facilities/dam; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners believes that Hodenpyle Pond is an integral part of the character of our region and should be preserved for the economic, recreational, and esthetic impact it brings, and

WHEREAS, to quantify the potential economic impact of the decommissioning of the 13 listed dams it is necessary that reliable and objective data is obtained relative to the operating costs and true economic impact of each of the dams to their local communities, and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy benefited from using Michigan’s natural resources for more than 100 years; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wexford County Board of Commissioners believes Consumers Energy has a responsibility to fund state-wide economic environmental studies by an independent consultant with expertise in these subject to obtain an accurate picture of the true economic and environmental impacts to the Stae of Michigan and Wexford County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners further supports the exploration of other funding sources for these studies including but not limited to State and Federal grants.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is requested to provide a copy of this resolution to the Boards of Commissioners of Alcona, Allegan, Ionia, Iosco, Manistee, Mecosta, Newaygo, Oscoda, Counties, State Representative Michele Hoytenga, and Senator Rick Outman.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Gary Taylor, Chairman, Wexford County Board of Commissioners

Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) ss.
COUNTY OF WEXFORD)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of Resolution 22-24 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on November 16, 2022 and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk