

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 19, 2022

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Mike Musta, Ben Townsend, Kathy Adams, Michael Bush, Jason Baughan, Brian Potter and Gary Taylor.

Absent- Commissioner Joe Hurlburt and Julie Theobald.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Added J9-Apportionment Report

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports-None.

Public Comment-

Angela Janovich, owner of Spruce Hollow Campground informed the Board that any taxation being done is an act of treason and a form of slavery. She mentioned the Free De Jore Constitution is the law of the land that we should be following. She is currently working with the Benzie County Sheriff to bring Governor Whitmer up on charges of treason. She has attempted to contact Sheriff Taylor, but he is not responding. She noted she is anti incorporation and here for the republic.

Joel Sheltroun, 36th Senate District Candidate, introduced himself to the Board. He explained that he was a Vietnam veteran. He was attending college at Western Michigan University when the war was being fought, but he chose to forgo his deferment and enlist. He was a previously state representative and highlighted some of his successes while doing so.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 5, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Deputy Cadet Sponsorship

MOTION by Comm Townsend, seconded by Comm Adams to approve sponsorship of three deputy cadets to the Winter Police Academy.

Rick Doehring, Undersheriff, thanked the Board for their support. Since the initial discussion, they have discovered that another deputy is going to be leaving. They have changed their request to send a third person. Governor Whitmer just signed a bill to allow funding for candidates attending the police academy.

Commissioner Potter asked if that funding could be used towards current cadets. Mr. Doehring stated it could not.

Roll Call: Motion approved 7-0.

2. Ease Benefit Administration System Agreement

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the agreement of mutual understanding with Benefit Profiles Inc., and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

3. Catholic Human Services MOU

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the MOU with Catholic Human Services and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

4. Central Dispatch Vehicle Purchase

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the purchase of the 2020 GMC pickup, with payment to come from the Central Dispatch 2022 Budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

5. Sheriff Department Vehicle Purchase

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Adams to approve the purchase of a patrol vehicle, with payment to come from the 2022 PIC Fund.

Commissioner Bush questioned how many vehicles the Sheriff's Department is down. Undersheriff Doehring explained they are down one vehicle. The budget closed for 2021 before this vehicle was ready.

Commissioner Potter asked if the vehicle has been received yet. Mr. Doehring explained that the dealership is requiring payment before receiving the vehicle.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

6. MERS Employee Contribution Corrections

MOTION by Comm Buaghan, seconded by Comm Adams to approve a payment to MERS in the amount of \$6,696.79, to correct two employee contributions and match the MERS adoption agreements.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

7. FY23 P.A. 511 Community Corrections Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Musta to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the FY2023 P.A. 511 Community Corrections Grant Agreement.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. Fiscal Year 2023 Proposed Budget

Administrator Porterfield hoped to have printed budgets out by the first of the week. He was going to send the budget to Corinna, the county accountant, for her to review and double check. After that he will begin to discuss budgets with Department Heads for any adjustments that need to be made.

9. Apportionment Report

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Apportionment Reports and authorize, Mr. Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, to sign the Certification Statement on behalf of the County.

Administrator Porterfield explained that this was something that is done each year to make sure the local townships and cities have properly approved millages.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Joe Porterfield is busy working on the budget and buying and selling property. He did attend the Spectrum groundbreaking ceremony in Harrietta. One of the Transition Houses has been sold. The other one should be sold soon. He also informed the Board that the private owner of the property did accept the offer made.

Jami Bigger thanked the Board for approving the Ease program.

Correspondence-

1. Charter/Spectrum Broadband Expansion

Public Comments-

Angela Janovich stated she felt that her words were falling on deaf ears. Taxes are illegal and unlawful. She supports the law of the land. She noted that the Biden Administration is taking authority from the Asian policy that the Trump administration pulled out of. She commented that House Bill 937 is trying to get back to common law. She asked the Board to look at the constitution and to decide on which side they fall.

Joel Sheltroun wanted the Board to know that if he were elected, he would be adding an office in Cadillac. He planned to eliminate a staff position and create a business liaison position to be a direct line of communication.

Rick Doehring wanted to let the Board know they have hired a certified officer to work at the front door. It will be a non-union full time position. There is a Letter of Understanding with the Union that they are able to keep that position separate until 2024 at least.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting.

Comm Baughan attended a Wexford County School Safety Meeting with local schools, law enforcement, dispatch, fire departments and CMH.

Comm Townsend attended a library meeting. He also attended an airport meeting where the interim manager is resigning.

Comm Taylor attended a Fair Board, Counsel on Aging and Conservation District.

Board Comments-

Comm Potter requested that for future agendas the first public comment being only comments related to agenda items only, and the second comment be general comments.

Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

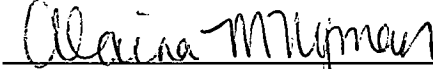
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:29 p.m.

All in favor.

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk