

WEXFORD COUNTY  
FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 12, 2023

The Finance and Appropriations Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Musta at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, Third Floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Michael Musta, Chair; Brian Potter, Gary Taylor, and Julie Theobald.  
Members Absent: None.  
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy County Administrator/HR Director; Mike Boyd, Selma Township Supervisor; Megan Kujawa, Sr. Executive Assistant (\*Extended Meeting Room via Zoom); Lt. Mike McDaniel, Sheriff Department; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; and Roxanne Snyder, Register of Deeds.

*\*Extended meeting room offered on the ground floor to accommodate for the elevator being out of service.*

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Theobald to approve the agenda. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Taylor to approve the December 27, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mike Boyd, Selma Township Supervisor, asked the Committee to consider and approve grant monies from the ARPA funds to assist the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

***G.1. Approval of Claims***

**A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Theobald to approve paying the bills in the amount of \$553,331.89. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

***G.2. Radio Upgrades - Jail***

**A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Theobald to forward a recommendation to the full board to waive the competitive bidding requirement and to approve radio upgrades in the amount of \$76,540.88 from the Sheriff Department's 2022 Budget.**

Chair Musta commented that this was discussed last year. Comm. Potter asked Lt. McDaniel if this was something that was budgeted for. Lt. McDaniel informed the Committee that this was not a planned purchase but there are funds left in the 2022 budget to cover the purchase. The committee discussed the need for the radio upgrades.

**A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

**G.3. Taser Replacements - Jail**

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to the full board to waive the competitive bidding requirement and to approve the purchase of taser replacements in the amount of \$19,148.70, with funds from the Sheriff Department's 2022 Budget.

Comm. Taylor inquired about the typical life expectancy of the tasers. Lt. McDaniel stated that it is normally 6 years. He discussed with the committee the need for the new tasers to replace the current ones in the jail.

**A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 3-0.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Porterfield informed the committee that in June the Board had approved matching funds for a grant for the Northern District Fair. The Fair Board has not yet utilized the grant, so this may come back before the board.

Mr. Porterfield stated that looking into the future of the budget when the extra funds are not there to balance the budget, there needs to be more conservative planning and use of the budget.

Comm. Potter stated that he would like some clarification regarding the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority requesting ARPA funds when it has not been to the ARPA committee, the Finance committee, or the Board. Mr. Porterfield stated that former Commissioner Mike Bengelink was working with the authority, the ARPA Committee and Administration to get an attorney approved contract to present back to the committees and then to the Board, like it was done with the Manton Library. County legal drafted an agreement that was sent to the LMSA for review. The Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority's attorney suggested some slight changes. Once the changes have been approved by the county's legal counsel, it will go before the ARPA Committee for consideration.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

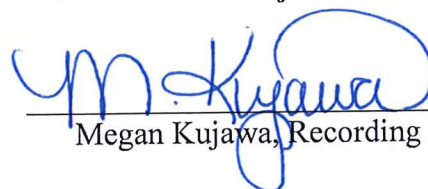
None.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Theobald to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m.



Michael Musta, Chair



Megan Kujawa, Recording Secretary