

COUNTY OF WEXFORD  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 10, 2023

The Executive Committee regular meeting was called to order by Chair, Gary Taylor at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Gary Taylor, Chair; Mike Musta, Brian Potter, and Julie Theobald  
Members Absent: None  
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy County Administrator/HR Director; Megan Kujawa, Senior Executive Assistant (\*Extended Meeting Room via Zoom); Tom Lutke, IAI Project Manager; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; and Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director.

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

**ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

**ADDED: *Item G.3. IAI Rate Increase Discussion***

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

A motion was made by Comm. Musta and supported by Comm. Potter to approve the December 13, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

***G.1. Discussion on Current Litigation Matters***

Administrator Porterfield informed the committee the Opioid Lawsuit with Ottawa County will have a hearing on Friday in front of the Ingham County Judge. Also, the lawsuit against the current Prosecutors and former Prosecutor involving the Manton Motel fire has been dismissed.

***G.2. Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. (IAI) Monthly Report (December 2022)***

Tom Lutke, IAI Project Manager, was present and a report was provided in the packet. Mr. Lutke reviewed key points of the report with the committee.

***G.3. IAI Rate Increase Discussion***

A rate increase proposal was given to committee members at the beginning of the meeting from Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. Mr. Lutke discussed the rate increase with the committee and referenced that this was a follow-up from last month's meeting. IAT originally requested an overall 10% increase, 8% on top of the already scheduled 2%.

Chair Taylor stated that he has discussed the increases with Mr. Porterfield and that it is suggested that a motion be made for a 6% increase, on top of the scheduled 2%, which would equal the 8% total for 2023. Mr. Porterfield stated that this would align with the projections of inflation.

**A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Theobald to forward a recommendation to the full board to increase the Cedar Creek Water Supply rate by 6% in addition to the scheduled 2% increase, for a total 8% increase for 2023. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

Admin. Porterfield informed the committee that there has been continuous discussion about the Enabling Agreement for Northern Lakes Community Mental Health with the six counties involved. We will be looking into holding a listening session at the Wex for the public and stakeholders to share their comments and concerns about NLCMH.

Mr. Porterfield sent out an e-mail to the contractors involved with the elevator updates requesting they be on site tomorrow the 11<sup>th</sup>; he was hopeful the upgrade will be wrapped up soon.

Mr. Porterfield was informed by the 911 Director, Mr. Alworden, that 911 services are currently down statewide; there will be an alert sent through Code RED. Restoration time is uncertain at the time.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **COMMITTEE COMMENTS**


None.

#### **CHAIR COMMENTS**

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for coming.

#### **ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Potter to adjourn at 4:10 p.m. A vote was called. All in favor, motion passed.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chair

  
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Megan Kujawa, Recording Secretary