

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 1, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Jason Mitchell, 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-

ADD: J.4. Resolution 23-08 Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties 125th Anniversary.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Public Comment-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, was happy to see the Board was acknowledging Mike Bengelink. He was a great service to the County. He was concerned if Mike had been vaccinated. He asked that everyone not take the vaccines.

Employee Recognition- *None*.

Presentation and Reports- *None*.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 23-07 Extending Appreciation to Michael J. Bengelink

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Adams to approve Resolution 23-07 Extending Appreciation to Michael J. Bengelink.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Each Commissioner took a turn reading a paragraph of the full resolution. Sandy Bengelink was present to receive the resolution, and commented that Mike loved Wexford County. He thought of everyone as his friends, and he would be incredibly honored if he were here.

2. Updated TelNet Service Agreement

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the updated TelNet Service Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

3. Merit Internet Agreement

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Merit Internet Agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Resolution 23-08 Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties 125th Anniversary

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve Resolution 23-08 Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties 125th Anniversary.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Joe Porterfield thanked Sandy from coming and allowing us to utilize so much of Mike's time over the years.

Mr. Porterfield informed the Board that \$160,000 would be coming in the next few days as part of a settlement from the opioid litigation. He also let everyone know that DTE would be running natural gas lines from Manton to Mesick and Mesick to Buckley.

He was very excited to announce that the elevator was up and running. There is a fan that is exposed and will need a cover, and a cover was ordered for the electrical panel, but neither effect the operation of the elevator itself.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, mentioned the school boards that have been in the news recently for their graphic novels. He went to our local library and found a book called "All Boys Aren't Blue" in the youth section. He didn't feel it should be filed in that section. He stated our youths are being groomed by the LGBTQ groups. He noted that 9&10 is fake news.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Potter attended a Road Commission meeting where they are busy and dealing with increased prices.

Comm Townsend thanked Mistine for meeting with him. He thank Sandy for coming to the meeting and stated he misses Mike.

Comm Adams attended a 911 Advisory Committee meeting. Travis Baker has gone full time as the deputy director, and Randy Boike has replaced him as the part time Emergency Manager. They would like to see that position go full time. They also discussed the costs of upgrading their phones.

Comm Theobald attended a Health Department meeting. They elected a new Board and Committees. She had passed out flyers on the Safe Use Kits that would be discussed on Building and Recreation tomorrow.

Board Comments-

Comm Adams received a phone call from a concerned citizen visiting the area. She was very disturbed by Coz's. She thanked everyone for the elevator getting done.

Comm Bush thanked Sandy for coming.

Comm Theobald thanked Sandy for coming. She noted that there was way more that could have been put on the paper, but there was not room to fit it all on. She also appreciated the elevator being done.

Comm Potter thanked Joe and Gary for presenting them with such a well written resolution. He noted that he was very against the syringe service program. He felt that everything was being provided, but the drug itself.

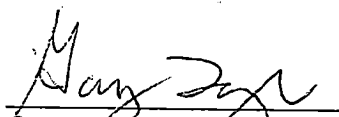
Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor commented that he misses Mike everyday. He also thanked everyone for attending.

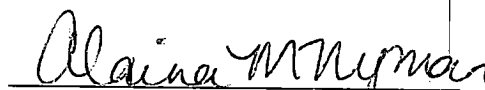
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:17 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk