

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, January 18, 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-

J1-Moved up to be right after E-Approval of the Agenda.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

1. Resolution 22-29 Honoring the Cadillac Vikings Volleyball Team
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 22-29 Honoring the Cadillac Vikings Volleyball Team.

Comm Bush read the complete resolution and presented the team with the award.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Public Comment-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, thanked the Board for their service, but he had complaints about the quality of the sound equipment. He said it was hard to hear everything on the YouTube video. He suggested getting the same system that is in Circuit Court.

Employee Recognition- *None*.

Presentation and Reports-

Melissa Wangler, MIDC Regional Manager, presented the Board with some information regarding the Public Defenders Office. She is the regional manager for our area, and she covers north of Roscommon County and the upper peninsula. She gave a brief background of how the MIDC started, and explained the standards that the offices are held to.

She noted that our Wexford/Missaukee Public Defender's office is one she likes to use as a regional model. She wanted the Board to know they should be very proud of how the office is being run, and mentioned that our office was the first to request and receive a full time Social Worker.

Ms. Wangler encouraged Board members to visit the MIDC website for up to date information.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 4, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

2. Infrastructure Alternative Inc. Rate Increase-Amended Schedule
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the Cedar Creek Water Supply Price Increase Proposal, which includes a 6% increase in addition to the scheduled 2% increase, for a total increase of 8% for 2023 and authorize the Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Radio Upgrade Purchase-Jail
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Baughan to waive the competitive bidding requirement and to approve the quotes from Motorola and Tele-Rad for radio upgrades in the total amount of \$76,540.88 to be paid with funds from the 2022 Jail Budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Taser Replacement Purchase-Jail
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to waive the competitive bidding requirement and to approve the quote from AXON for taser replacements in the total amount of \$19,148.70 to be paid with funds from the 2022 Jail Budget.

Comm Musta commented that both of these items are at the end of their life conditions, and the replacements are necessary for safety.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Joe Porterfield noted that he is continuing to work with the five other counties on the agreement for Northern Lake Community Mental Health. He further mentioned that the Ottawa County lawsuit had been dismissed on the opioid litigation, so further settlements are expected to be coming.

Mr. Porterfield stated Monday would be the day for the elevator inspection. He thanked Commissioner Potter for staying on top of that project when he was not able to be in the building. He also mentioned that the insurance company will be paying for a patrol vehicle that was totaled. Sheriff Taylor has advised they do not need to replace that vehicle, so they will be looking at used vehicles for an administrative vehicle.

The Health Department lease also appears to have been paid in full, and he is working on what that will change the County's stipend to. Mr. Porterfield noted that the lease payment had been sent, but was returned to the County.

Administrator Porterfield also wanted to congratulate the Vikings on their great season.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments-

Rob Pallarito introduced himself as the new District Director for Senator Michele Hoyenga. He mentioned that Senator Hoyenga is local, so she will most likely be the face we see, but he wanted everyone to know his also. They have set their office up in Lansing, and will be forwarding that information on to the Clerk to pass out to the Board members.

Bob Champion, wanted to point out to the Board that the local share of the MIDC funding is based on what was being spent. The County has gone up less than \$5,000, and the County is only mandated at 3%.

Don Koshmider wanted to let everyone know about the world economic meeting that is happening in Switzerland. They are deciding who gets to live and who gets to die. He asked everyone to not take any of the COVID shots. They are killing people with them. He also asked that the County donate the old equipment from the jail.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend mentioned that there is a new manager at the Airport, and he thinks things are going to go well.

Comm Bush attended a CAMA meeting at the Sheriff's Department. He thought they did a great job hosting, and he learned a lot.

Board Comments-

Comm Townsend stated his resolution for 2023 was to not cough as much.

Comm Adams thanked Mistine Stark for inviting her in and teaching her what Community Corrections does. She also was excited to announce she has completed her new commissioner school.

Comm Bush mentioned it was nice to have the volleyball team present for the resolution. He thanked those that were able to come.

Comm Theobald also congratulated the volleyball team. She had final numbers for the Salvation Army as well. They handed out 1,602 bags in our county that had different items in them, \$43,000 in propane was paid for last month, and they assisted 338 families at Christmas time for approximately \$22,161 in gifts.

Comm Baughan also thanked Mistine Stark for meeting with him and explaining Community Corrections.

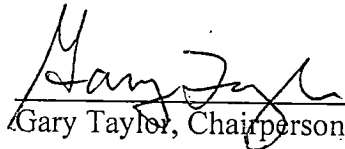
Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

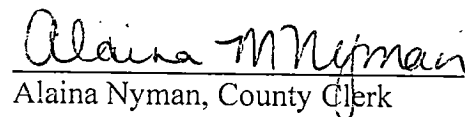
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:39 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk