

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, April 19, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Jason Mitchell, Michael 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**-None

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in Favor.**

**Public Comment**-None

**Employee Recognition**- None.

**Presentation and Reports**-

1. Michigan Association of Counties (MAC)-Steve Currie, Executive Director, presented the board with packet and outline that included the following:
  - a. MAC: 125<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Formed on February 1, 1898 as State Association of Supervisors of Michigan.
  - b. MAC: Purpose, to be the voice of Michigan Counties at the state and federal levels. To provide educational opportunities to county commissioners to ensure they can do their jobs to the best of their abilities.
  - c. MAC: Leadership, Board of 16 members elected by commissioners. Two seats from each of six regions ensure broad representation. MAC Board meets four times a year. Elections held in August/September at Annual Conference.
  - d. MAC: Policy Development, Internal Committees, Appointed by the President. Member participation from across the state.
  - e. Legislative Update: 2023 Priorities;  
Revising the Open Meetings Act to meet the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century;  
Creating a Fair Revenue Sharing System for Counties;  
Enacting Reforms to Ensure Proper Funding of Local Courts;  
Increasing Resources for Juvenile Justice Services;  
Compensating Local Governments for Funds Diverted by the Veterans Property Tax Exemption;

Revamping the PPT Exemption to Provide Annual Reimbursement to Locals.

- f. MAC: Advocacy, provides financial support to incumbent state legislators who are friends of county government. 24 former county commissioners now serving in the Michigan Legislature (MAC County Caucus).
- g. MAC: Events, Conferences; Legislative Conference (spring) April 24-26, 2023. Annual Conference (summer/fall) October 1-3, 2023

**Consent Agenda**

- 1. Approval of the April 05, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.....
- 2. Approval of the April 11, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.....

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

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

- 1. **MOTION by Comm. Theobald, seconded by Comm. Musta to open public hearing.**

Wexford County Hazard Mitigation Plan  
Stephanie March from Networks Northwest discussed the outline of the Draft Wexford County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

**MOTION by Comm. Theobald, seconded by Comm Adams, to close public hearing.**

**All in favor.**

- 2. Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority Enabling Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm.to approve the presented Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority Enabling Agreement.**

**Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.**

- 3. AT&T Completelink Renewal  
**MOTION by Comm. Theobald, seconded by Comm. Potter to approve the two year AT&T Complete Link Agreement Renewal and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0**

**Administrator’s Report-**

Thank you for passing the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Authority. The County closed on last two lots by the jail, a little over 4 acres. Several will be at the MAC Conference next week. Starting to look at budget numbers for 2024 and getting ready for upcoming audit in May.

**Correspondence-**

1. Prosecuting Attorney Monthly Report (*March 2023*).....  
**All in favor.**

**Public Comments-** *None*

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Musta-Alliance for Economics & Success still looking for a director. CWTA, Mark Howie, this will be his last month.

Comm Townsend-Library meeting last Monday went very well.

Comm Bush-The CAMA meeting toured the Biewer Sawmill in McBain.

Comm Baughan-Attended the Wexford County School Safety meeting. A presenter From 3-M was also there and talked about added protection for doors and windows. A school resource officer has been hired and will be starting sometime this month.

Comm Potter-Clam Lake DEA got renewed for 30 years. Pioneer Apartments will be taken down in the next three weeks, final notices have gone out, approximately 7 acres will then be put on the market. MAC Judicial has a lot going on, just waiting for the legislators to get caught up, hopefully get some changes and more money for the County.

Comm Taylor-Attended the MAC Environmental Committee meeting, starting to rewrite the platforms to be ready for the September meeting.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Townsend-Thank you to the Wexford County Administrators for being so involved with the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health agreement.

Comm Adams-Thank you to the Wexford County Administrators, Comm Townsend, and Comm Taylor for going to bat for our County at the meetings for Northern Lakes Community Mental Health.

Comm Theobald-Thank you to everyone involved with Northern Lakes Community Mental Health agreement, the hard work is appreciated.

Comm Potter-Thank you to everyone involved in Northern Lakes Community Mental Health and coming to an agreement. I realize how important the services are.

**Chairman's Comments-**

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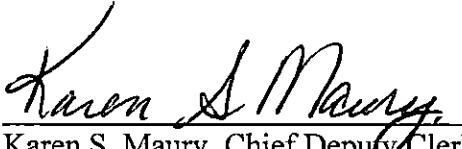
Chair Taylor, thanked Stephanie, from Northern Lakes Community Mental Health and everyone for coming to the meeting.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION by Comm. Potter, seconded by Comm. Theobald to adjourn at 4:43 p.m.**

**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Karen S. Maury, Chief Deputy Clerk