

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, August 2, 2023

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Jason Mitchell, Michael Musta, Ben Townsend, Kathleen Adams, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Jason Baughan, Brian Potter and Gary Taylor.

Absent- *None.*

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

ADD: J.9. ARPA Employee Retention Payment Motion Amendment

ADD: J.10. Child Care Fund Grant Amendment

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports-

Heidi Gustine, Executive Director of the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, highlighted the fiscal year 2022 for their agency. She noted that approximately 70% of their revenue comes from Medicaid, the other 30% coming from the federal and state government. That money is used for programs in the community like Meals on Wheels. During Covid, they saw an approximate 30% increase to their waitlist. She highlighted what was spent directly in Wexford County for 2022 as well.

Public Comment-*None*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the July 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 23-14 Opposing State of Michigan Sanitary Code

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Adams to approve Resolution 23-14 Opposing State of Michigan Sanitary Code.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

2. On-Call Non-Attorney Magistrate Compensation
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the presented change in the District Court's Non-Attorney Magistrate on-call compensation rate from \$50 for holidays and weekends to \$20 per day for off-hours, effective January 1, 2024.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

3. On-Call Pay Rate Increase for Juvenile Officers
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the presented on-call compensation rate increase for Probate Court's Juvenile Officers to \$20 per day for off-hours, effective January 1, 2024.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

4. Enhanced Outpatient Programming Proposal
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the proposal from Catholic Human Services to provide Enhanced Outpatient Services for Community Corrections, with a service term of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2026.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

5. Central Dispatch Vehicle Request
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the purchase of a 2020 GMC Acadia in the amount not to exceed \$30,309 from Betten Baker in Cadillac and to waive the sealed bid process in accordance with Section I.5 of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales.

Comm Musta pointed out that this vehicle is replacing a current vehicle.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

6. My Community Dental Centers Lease Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the presented attorney-accepted five-year lease agreement between Wexford County and My Community Dental Centers for dental clinic space at the Health Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

7. MEI Special Consideration Request

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the special consideration request for the Medical Examiner Investigator in the amount of \$100.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

8. Community Corrections Substance Abuse Testing Services
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve Purchase Order 0646-2024-TS20 for Substance Abuse Testing Services for Community Corrections Department and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

9. ARPA Employee Retention Payment Motion Amendment
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Potter to amend the motion made on July 7, 2021 for the ARPA Retention Payments to allow for direct deposit by adding “or direct deposit” after “check” in the last sentence of the motion.

Administrator Porterfield explained that the Clerk’s office had ordered checks, but that that order hadn’t been received yet. When the Clerk was preparing to start payroll, it was obvious that they were going to be short on paper checks. The Clerk asked for volunteers for those who wanted to receive this payment via direct deposit.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

10. County Child Care Fiscal Year 2024 Budget
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the County Child Care Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Amendment in the amount of \$696,188.68 and authorize the Chairman and Administrator to sign.

Administrator Porterfield explained that there was more money added into the state budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator’s Report-

Administrator Porterfield informed the Board that longtime Henderson Township Supervisor, Jerry Sours, had passed away. He noted that Mr. Sours always cared about his community even until his last day.

The work at the Fair Grounds was set to be complete the following Tuesday. SRM Concrete donated the materials and an individual with the last name Yager donated the time. Mr. Porterfield also noted that the user fees for JIS would be picked up by the State.

He informed the Board that he would be on vacation the following week, but that he would be available if needed.

Correspondence-

Public Comments-

Caroline Richards addressed the Board as a home owner on Lake Mitchell. She stated the residents are taking on the bills of the sewer because of a mismanagement of the budget by the County. The County gave over the sewer system in 2015 to the townships, who then gave it to those around the lake. She felt the property taxes should have covered those issues. She wanted a risk analysis done by the County. The residents are being fined by EGLE and their taxes and sewer fees are increasing. At the township meeting, they stated the engineering company is doing a great job, and she disagreed. She believed it was a mismanagement of the system.

Jackie Erway also attended the township meeting and nothing was being put out for bid. The current Sewer Board is appointed by the townships, and she felt they do not have the qualities or competency to be on the Board. The fees have been increasing since 2015 and there have been no improvements done. They need help.

Don Koshmider, Haring Township, asked all commissioners to continue to keep following the constitution. He stated that they are trying to kill us all by 2030 in the Great Reset. He asked that everyone not listen to the Cadillac News or 7 & 4 because they are fake news and to only get their information from Info Wars.

Tom Medendorp, Selma Township, spoke in support of Ms. Richards and Ms. Erway. The fees keep increasing and they need help.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend reminded everyone of the Wings and Wheels coming to the Airport on August 26th. 7-18 year olds are able to fly with a pilot, and there will be lots of great food and activities. He also attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting where the CEO said it was the best meeting they have had all year.

Comm Adams attended the 911 quarterly meeting where Travis Baker gave a presentation on the new Rapid SOS system.

Comm Theobald emailed her liaison reports.

Board Comments-

Comm Townsend wished a happy vacation to Joe, and he noted that Jami can handle anything.

Comm Adams was shocked to hear the news of Jerry Sours. He loved his community greatly. She also attended the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority meeting where things got

very emotional. She did point out that EGLE has not fined anyone yet, and they are being very patient.

Comm Theobald thanked those that helped out at the fair. She noted that Gary Yager is a friend of her sons. She loved that the work being done was about community and not money.

Comm Potter commented that the department heads have their budgets to begin to enter their requests for 2024. He noted that the finance committee will do their best to sort it out. Mr. Potter was also disappointed that the State was not providing any money to help with the Sewer Authority.

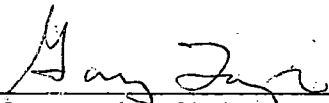
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

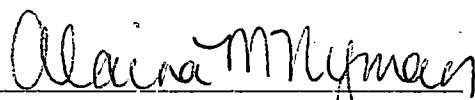
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:30 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk