

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 20, 2023

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

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

Absent- Jason Mitchell.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports-

Eric Karbowski, MSUE Director, started off his presentation by introducing Kate King, who handles the 4H Program. She highlighted that the Nation 4H week is the week of October 1st through 7th.

Mr. Karbowski also introduced Bill Lindberg who is their Christmas tree educator. He highlighted that Michigan is the 3rd largest state for the Christmas tree industry, with Northern Michigan being one of the top areas in the state.

The fiscal year 2022 report was also presented to the Board. Mr. Karbowski explained the 28 county partnership and the continued support they receive. He noted that the 2024 agreement did request a 3% increase. With that, they hope to continue to see an increase in the youth involvement.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the September 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. Water Connection
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Forbes Construction and Excavation quote for services in the amount of \$8,490 for a new customer water connection on the Cedar Creek water system.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

2. DHHS Grant Agreement Amendment with Friend of the Court
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the amended Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Grant Agreement between Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and County of Wexford for the period of October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2028, and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. Energy Assistant Support Letter
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the DTE Energy Assistance Support Letter, and authorize the Chairman to electronically sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

4. MSUE Agreement for Services
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Agreement for Extension Services between Wexford County and MSU on behalf of MSUE for a period of January 01, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

5. Sheriff's Office-PBT Supplies Purchase
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the purchase of PBT Supplies from Lifeloc Technologies in the amount of \$6,424 utilizing grant funds from the Northern Michigan Regional Entity Public Act 2.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

6. Clerk's Office Agreement for Election Services
MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the presented Agreement for Election Services between Wexford County, Antioch Township, Boon Township, Cedar Creek Township, Cherry Grove Township, Clam Lake Township, Colfax Township, Greenwood Township, Hanover Township, Haring Township, Henderson Township, Selma township, Slagle Township, South Branch Township, Springville Township, Wexford Township and the City of Cadillac, to

operate a joint early voting site and authorize the County Clerk to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield thanked Eric and his group for the wonderful job that they do. He noted that the increased amount is still less than the millage.

Mr. Porterfield explained that he is continuing to work on the budget. He will also be attending the MAC Conference from the 1st through the 3rd. He also noted that the Emergency Manager was in Antioch Township with a fuel spill, and there should be more information coming from that.

Correspondence-

1. Pescador-2023 Budget for the Remedial Action Plan-Wexford County Landfill

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, wanted it noted that he opposed early voting. It feels it will be fraught with voter fraud. He understands that it has become part of the law, but he opposes early voting and mail in voting. He also believes that the Board of Canvassers was done wrong, and he thinks the law was broken. He wanted everyone to watch info wars.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Musta attended a CWTA Meeting. They are wrapping up their fiscal year, and they are still short drivers.

Comm Townsend attended a Library Meeting at the library in Buckley. He also attended a Networks Northwest Meeting where the CEO, Terry Vandercook, is resigning.

Comm Baughan attended a Safe Schools meeting.

Comm Taylor attended a Council on Aging meeting where they are working on getting their budget to the finance committee at the end of the month.

Board Comments-

Comm Townsend forgot to mention he also attended an Airport Meeting, and they were thrilled with how successful the Wings & Wheels event was.

Comm Adams thanked the clerk for her work on the upcoming elections.

Comm Theobald agreed with Commissioner Adams and also thanked the clerk for the extra work going into elections.

Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

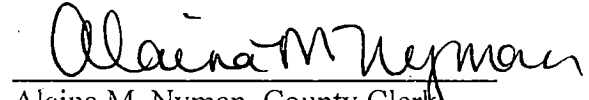
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:23 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk