

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 6, 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-

ADD: J.9. MERS Delegate

ADD J.10. FOIA Response Appeal

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports-

Terry Vandercook, CEO of Networks Northwest, came before the Board to present their annual report for 2022. Because of the counties very important financial contribution, he felt the information needed to be presented.

Mr. Vandercook highlighted several of the programs they specialize in including adult education, where they currently have 15 enrolled in the program, apprenticeships, where they are currently partnering with employers like 9&10 News and Munson Healthcare, as well as Jobs for Michigan Graduates where they help at risk youth stay in school. The first program in the state is currently in Mackinaw Trail Middle School.

Mr. Vandercook thanked the Board for the space that has been utilized at the Lake Street location, but they will be moving to a new location. He thanked them for the relationship with the County.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 23-15 Extending Appreciation for Kristie Piskor
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Adams to approve Resolution 23-15 Extending Appreciation for Kristie Piskor's Dedicated Service.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

2. Elections Coordinator Deputy Clerk Position
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve adding the Elections Coordinator Deputy Clerk Full-Time Position to the Clerk's roster at an L5 wage level.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. Sheriff's Office Request-Purchase Order Livescan Palm Scanner
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Theobald to waive the sealed bid process in accordance with Section 1.5 of policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales, and approve the purchase of the Livescan Palm Scanner in the amount of \$10,888.00, and to approve the reimbursement grant agreement with the Michigan State Police and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

4. Sheriff's Office Grant Agreement-Northern Michigan Regional Entity PA 2
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 Letter of Agreement for Public Act 2 Funded Services with the Northern Michigan Regional Entity and authorize the Sheriff to sign.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

5. Building Department Inspector Increases
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Adams to approve the wage increase for inspectors to \$40/hour, effective Monday, September 18, 2023.

Commissioner Musta pointed out that this was discussed at Finance and falls in line with other counties. They are hoping to draw people to the position.

Commissioner Theobald added that they may still struggle to find people to fill the position.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

6. Premier Realty Listing Agreement Addendum

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Listing Agreement Addendum changing the listing price to \$150,000 for 820 S. Carmel Street, and to extend the listing expiration date to January 27, 2024, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

7. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the Budget Amendments dated September 6, 2023.

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 Amendments to the 2023 Budget Log

BOC Meeting Date	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
	245-905-			\$
2023-09-06	970.19	PIC Fund Maint. Dept		9,575.00
	101-101-	Appropriated Fund		
	699.00	Balance		(\$9,575.00)
Comment/Reasoning: BOC Approved Purchase August 16, 2023. This is following instruction from the motion.				
	256-000-			\$
2023-09-06	980.00	ROD Technology Fund		20,000.00
	101-287-			
	980.00	ARPA Funds		(\$20,000.00)
Comment/Reasoning: BOC Approved July 19, 2023.				

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. Appointments to Board of Canvassers

Clerk Nyman explained to the Board that there were two seats whose terms were expiring; one democrat and one republican. Statute states that the Board must vote by ballot, however, the Open Meetings Act prohibits any secret voting. The ballots handed out had a signature line for each commissioner to sign once voted.

It was questioned where these names came from. Clerk Nyman explained that because our county falls into two congressional districts, the chair of each congressional party district for the Republican and Democratic parties worked with local party chairs to provide the names.

After the vote, Patrick Cherry was appointed for the republican party, and David Bunce was appointed for the democratic party.

9. MERS Delegate

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Com Potter to approve designating HR Director/Deputy Administrator, Ms. Bigger, as the Office Delegate to attend the MERS Conference for 2023.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

10. FOIA Response Appeal

Deputy Administrator Bigger explained to the Board that a FOIA request was received for the video of the interview with Kyle Dickinson. The person making the request was given the option of accepting the video with no audio or coming in in person to view the video. The reason being is a portion of the video would need to be redacting to protect certain identifying information, as well as the interviewers tactics and strategies.

The Sheriff's Department does not currently have the software to do that. Michigan Law does not require them to go buy that software to fulfill this request. It is a costly software that is not currently in the budget. Administrator Porterfield recommended denying the request because options had been given.

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Baughan to uphold the denial of request and authorize the Board Chair to issue a written response to the appeal.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield thanked Terry for coming to the Board and for helping with the rec plan. He noted how successful the Wings and Wheels event was also. The County was well represented, with 5 commissioners that were able to come.

Mr. Porterfield also explained that the NACO Leadership Grant is covering a portion of a class for cyber security. He asked that the Board members make themselves available the last week of October to get the multifactor authentication that is being required by our insurance company for email.

Correspondence-

1. Networks Northwest Public Hearing Notice

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, warned the Board that the lockdowns are coming back. Mask will be coming first, and then a full lockdown by Christmas. He asked that everyone not take the poison shots and to watch Info Wars.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend thanked everyone for coming out to Wings & Wheels. It was a great event.

Comm Taylor attended the Council on Aging finance meeting.

Board Comments-

Comm Theobald thanked Networks Northwest for their programs. She noted that she went back for her GED, then for her Associates, then for a Bachelors, and then went for her high school diploma. She appreciates those programs that are available. She asked that the editing software be looked into because more of these requests will be coming. She also apologized for missing the Wings & Wheels event, but she missed for a very good reason. It was her 50th birthday.

Comm Potter apologized for missing the Wings & Wheels event. He also apologized to the clerk for not including her in his previous comments about the audit.

Comm Townsend noted that he has been on the Networks Northwest board for 5 years, and they do so many great things to change lives. He suggested that next year, they add Wings & Wheels & Birthday for the event.

Comm Adams commented what a great community event the Wings & Wheels is. She noted that it was very well done.

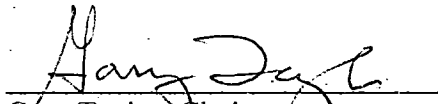
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

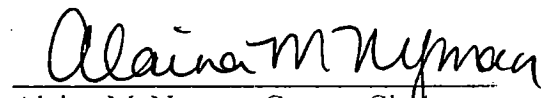
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:33 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk