

COUNTY OF WEXFORD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2023

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Taylor at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, located on the third floor of the Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Gary Taylor, Chair; Mike Musta, Brian Potter, and Julie Theobald

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy County Administrator/HR Director; Megan Kujawa, Sr. Executive Administrative Assistant; Tom Lutke, IAI Project Manager; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; and Sheriff Trent Taylor

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADDED: G.6. Group Worksite Benefit Plans Discussion

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Musta and supported by Comm. Theobald to approve the agenda, as amended. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Musta to approve the October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Discussion on Current Litigation Matters

Mr. Porterfield, County Administrator, informed the Committee that there were some minor updates on the tax foreclosure lawsuits but it is moving very slowly.

G.2. Infrastructure Alternatives Inc. Monthly Report

Tom Lutke, IAI Project Manager, reviewed his report with the committee. Mr. Lutke stated that he had some customers reach out to him and ask if the Cedar Creek water supply could become part of the Michigan Homeowners Assistance Fund that helps those in need with assistance in paying their water bills.

G.3. Health Insurance for 2024

A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Theobald to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the renewal of the current health insurance plans with a 2.32% increase and to continue HSA contributions in the amount of \$1,250 for single policy and \$2,500 for a double or family policy for the 2024 plan year. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

G.4. Sheriff's Office Part-Time Position

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Musta to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve increasing the Sheriff's Office Employee Roster from 16.5 Deputies to 17, effective immediately. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

G.5. Sponsorship of Cadet to the Police Academy

A motion was made by Comm. Musta and supported by Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve sponsoring one cadet at the next police academy in January 2024. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

G.6. Group Worksite Benefit Plans Discussion

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Musta to forward a recommendation to the full board to allow voluntary payroll deductions to the Equitable Group Worksite Benefit plans.

Ms. Bigger, Deputy County Administrator, informed the Committee that the County received notice from Aflac that due to the lack of participation in the program Aflac would be canceling the group policy effective January 1, 2024. Employees are able to port over their existing coverage and continue with Aflac on their own.

Weadock and Associates was able to find comparable worksite plan options. If approved by the Board, Employees will be able to elect coverage with Equitable via payroll deductions. Weadock & Associates will have more coverage information at open enrollment employee meetings on November 29th.

A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Porterfield stated that the budget will be going to the full board tomorrow. He listened to a MAC update on a few legislative concerns. The solar development did pass but would still need approval from the local units. Operation green light was a success, and the County Building was featured in the MAC newsletter. Mr. Porterfield also stated that there was work being done on tearing down the Octagon building when a tractor hit a underground transformer, he is waiting to hear back on the cost and when a new transformer will be able to be put in.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Musta to adjourn at 4:09 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.



Gary Taylor, Chair



Megan Kujawa, Recording Secretary