

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 18, 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- Commissioner Jason Mitchell

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

J.10 Sale of Old Animal Control Truck

J.11 Apportionment Report

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Townsend to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None

Presentation and Reports- None

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 04, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 23-16 Opposing Preempting Local Control for Solar & Wind Developments
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Resolution 23-16 Opposing Preempting Local Control for Solar & Wind Developments.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0

2. Resolution 23-17 Supporting Operation Greenlight for Veterans

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Townsend to approve Resolution 23-17 Supporting Operation Greenlight for Veterans.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. FOIA Coordinator Designation

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Townsend to approve the Board Chair formally designate the Deputy County Administrator as the FOIA Coordinator and the Senior Executive Assistant as the Assistant FOIA Coordinator.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

4. Prosecuting Attorneys Wage Increases

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve setting the top annual wage for the Prosecuting Attorney to \$120,000, for the Chief Prosecuting Attorney to \$92,500, and for the Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys to \$75,000 effective October 18, 2023.

Comm Potter mentioned that he had been tracking this for two years and with the recent changes to the Public Defender's office, this is the minimum we should be doing.

Comm Theobald asked if this was part of the prosecutor's budget, Administrator Porterfield responded that it would be monies added to his budget. In addition, the position that has been vacant for the last year would account for the increased budget.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

5. Prosecuting Attorney's Office New Case Management System

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and Wexford County Prosecutor's Office Contract for Prosecutor by Karpel and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

6. Board of Canvassers Per Diem Increase

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Board of County Canvassers per diem increase to match the rates in Policy A-3.0, effective October 18, 2023.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0

7. Early Voting Inspectors' Rates

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the presented Early Voting Inspectors' Wage rate be set at \$15.00 per hour.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

8. Revised Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Calendar
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the presented revised Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Calendar.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

9. Tigg's Canteen Service Agreement
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Renewal One of the Food Service Agreement with Tigg's Canteen Services and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

10. Sale of Old Animal Control Truck
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve selling the Old Animal Control Truck to the Soil Conservation District in the amount of \$1.00.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

11. Apportionment Report
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded Comm Bush by to approve the Apportionment Report as presented and authorize the Equalization Director to sign.

Administrator Porterfield explained the process from the information provided from the Apportionment Report.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield explained there are issues with the current offer on the old jail property regarding zoning. The property will remain on the market. Thank you to the board for the extension on the deadline for the 2024 Budget. Corinna, our accountant, is coming in on the 25th of October to look over things. Jamie and Joe sat in on meeting for material management.

Correspondence-

1. 2024 Holiday Memo
2. 2023 RAP-Wexford County Landfill Update

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, thanked the Board for their service. They are doing a great job. He mentioned that we are in crazy times and headed for rough waters. China is attacking

fishing boats in South China Sea. He hopes we are all patriots and take our jobs serious. It is nice to know that we have good leaders at the helm.

Prosecutor Corey Wiggins, Cadillac, thanked the board for their vote today. It really means a lot to the Prosecutor's Office. In the times today with prosecutors and law enforcement every ounce of support truly helps.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend attended the airport meeting last Wednesday. The airport is doing very well. Next year Wings and Wheels, may include boats. He also attended a Library meeting on Monday where Lee Jones is retiring. They will be looking for applications for his replacement.

Comm Adams had plans to attend the 911 Emergency Services Committee, but Travis Baker didn't feel there was enough on the agenda for a quarterly meeting. There will not be a meeting until January.

Comm Bush, attended a CAMA meeting at Rexair and toured the facility.

Comm Taylor attended the Council on Aging. Their 2024 Budget will be coming to the next Finance Committee meeting.

Board Comments-

Comm Townsend thanked the Board Chair for the wreaths across America.

Comm Adams appreciated the material that Prosecutor Wiggins gave them to read prior the vote today.

Comm Theobald mentioned Bell Ringers are needed for Salvation Army for the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving baskets sign up from October 30 through November 10. Comm Theobald will be at Sav-A-Lot October 27 & 28 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm for Ed Kellogg Food Drive. If you are interested in Project Christmas, December 9, 2023, contact phone number is 231-429-9214. Salvation Army is working hard on a day community center. Someone donated a full kitchen, so they are feeding the homeless. Thank you to Comm Taylor for all of his hard work on Operation Green Light for Veterans and for always going above and beyond for our veterans.

Comm Potter also shared appreciation to Operation Green Light.

Chairman's Comments-

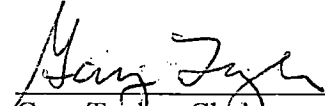
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

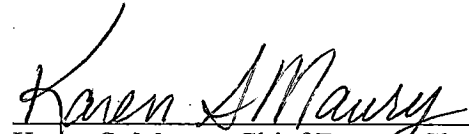
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:17 p.m.

All in favor.

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Karen S. Maury, Chief Deputy Clerk