

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, December 20, 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.7. Sheriff's Office Radio Purchase Discussion

ADD: J.8. Sheriff's Office In-Car Computers Purchase Discussion

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None*

Presentation and Reports-

Brian Martinus from North Lakes Community Mental Health began by thanking the Board for approving the agreement between the counties. All 6 counties voted unanimously to approve the agreement, which is much appreciated. He highlighted that in 2022, they had 5,481 consumers, with 1,216 in Wexford County. Most were severe mental illness. He noted that Leelanau County was the only county not to see an increase in that number.

Mr. Martinus also noted that the average amount spent on a consumer per month is \$11,713.56 in our County. Wexford County is the second highest concentration out of the six, with Grand Traverse being first. He thanked Commissioner Townsend for bringing the counties together to form the agreement.

Lisa Kaspriak from Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner Group gave the Board a presentation on a CT Scanner she is hoping to bring to Wexford County to help eliminate the need for invasive autopsies in certain cases. She noted that there are none of these machines being used in Michigan currently. Ms. Kaspriak explained that they deal with families during their worst time, and current autopsies do not give the immediate answers that are wanted. This machine could determine a cause of death in 3 days and only take 7 minutes. She is hoping opioid money would be able to help fund this project, but \$169,889 in grant funding has been obtained, with an additional \$40,000 coming.

Commissioner Potter thanked Ms. Kaspriak for the presentation and stated he is wanting to find a space for this machine. He asked about the other counties that are serviced by Mid-Michigan also using this and helping fund. Ms. Kaspriak explained that each county would pay for their own screenings, and a plan would need to be established for any overhead and maintenance costs. Her idea was that they would be able to start where the Morgue Authority left off with pooled money from each county.

John Roth, 104th District Representative, wanted to come to the Board to provide an update on the energy bills recently passed. He was concerned with the costs to implement and upgrade the current systems in place. Roughly 400,000 acres are needed, and he is concerned on the impact this will have on our farmlands. He does not believe the commercials that this will save anyone money.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the septic code has been talked about and Representative Roth explained that he has not heard a lot about it. There has been talk about short term rentals though.

Public Comment-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, was happy to see that the Airport community center was on the agenda. He noted the courthouse should get a generator.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Airport Community Multi-Center Pavilion Letter of Support
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the presented Letter of Support for the Airport Community Multi-Center Pavilion and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. MMRMA Insurance Renewal
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the renewal of the MMRMA property and liability insurance for 2024 and authorize the County Administrator to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Central Dispatch Cisco Switch Purchase
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Adams to approve the purchase of a Cisco Switch and Power Supply from CDW-G in the amount of \$8,127.89, and to

waive the three-quote requirement in accordance with Section I. of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

4. Central Dispatch Equature Renewal

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the Equature Maintenance Agreement in the amount of \$5,452.70.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

5. Primary Transformer Replacement-Fairgrounds

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the proposal from Windemuller for Transformer Replacement at the Fairgrounds and to waive the sealed bid for contractual services requirement in accordance with Section I. of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 9-0.

6. LOU Community Corrections On-Call Pay

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the presented letter of understanding concerning Community Corrections On-Call Pay and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0

7. Sheriff's Office Radio Purchase Discussion

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the purchase agreement of radios for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$154,141.93 from Pro-Comm and to waive the sealed bid for contractual services requirement in accordance with Section I. of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales, and authorize the Chairman to sign.

No discussion was made. Only the motion and roll call to approve.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

8. Sheriff's Office In-Car Computers Purchase Discussion

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the purchase of in-car computers for the Sheriff's Office from Pro-Comm in the amount of \$66,275.00 and to waive the sealed bid for contractual services requirement in accordance with Section I. of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales.

No discussion was made. Only the motion and roll call to approve.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield explained that the Prein & Newhof surveys were completed, and he will begin to move forward with the City to make one parcel for the property purchased by the jail. He explained that Michigan Works has asked for extra time on their lease, so more will be coming on that. Invasive Species would like to extend their lease as well. He thanked the board for their continued support, and thanked the presenters. He also added that there is money in the Sheriff's Department budget for those additional purchases. He also wished Commissioner Baughan a happy birthday and everyone a merry Christmas.

Correspondence- None

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider-Cadillac, explained the world economic forum. He added that the Agenda 2030 is to have everyone dead by 2030. He also gave a Klaus Schwab impersonation, and noted the courthouse should get a generator.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Townsend attended an airport meeting, where they have a full board again. The manager is doing a great job.

Board Comments-

Comm Townsend wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Comm Adams thanked Lisa, Brian and Rep. Roth for their presentations. She wished everyone a merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. She also reminded everyone to be kind to one another.

Comm Bush thanked everyone for the well wishes during his time out. He wished everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year as well. He also thanked everyone for their work this year.

Comm Theobald noted she was very happy to have Commissioner Bush back next to her. She wished everyone a merry Christmas and thanked all the staff at the County for their hard work.

Comm Baughan was happy to be apart of Wreaths Across America that was done at Maple Hill Cemetery. Darlene Hinkley organized the event. He also wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Comm Potter wished Jason a happy birthday.

Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor wished everyone a merry Christmas and thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

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MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:46 p.m. All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, Clerk