

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, January 3, 2024

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, and Gary Taylor.

Absent- Commissioner Brian Potter.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Board Vice-Chairperson

Commissioner Theobald nominated Commissioner Bush, seconded by Commissioner Baughan.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Delete K.9: VC3 IT Contract

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Brian Rood was honored for his 25 years of service.

Arjay Schopieray was honored for his 25 years of service.

Chad Sprik was also honored for his 20 years of service. All three will be given their certificates.

Presentation and Reports- None

Public Comment-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, requested that an amendment be made to the December 20th meeting minutes. He gave an impersonation of Klaus Schwab, not Charles.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the December 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda with amendment.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Board Organization Matters
 - a. Designation of Committee Chairs

Commissioner Taylor stated he would be keeping everything the same with Commissioner Musta serving as Chair to the Finance Committee, Commissioner Potter serving as Chair to the Human Resources and Public Safety Committee, and Commissioner Theobald serving as Chair to the Building and Recreation Committee.

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Adams to accept the decision of the Board Chair designating committee chairs to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

All in Favor.

- b. Assignment of Committee Members
Commissioner Taylor will be keeping the same committee members for each committee.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Mitchell to accept the decision of the Board Chair designating committee members to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

All in Favor.

- c. 2024 Meeting Schedule

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the 2024 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

- d. Board and Liaison Appointments
Chair Taylor explained that they would remain the same.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to accept the Chair's 2024 Board and Liaison appointments to other Boards and Committees.

All in Favor.

2. Annual Review of Policy A-0.0 Code of Ethics and Conduct-Commissioners
MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Baughan to affirm Policy A-0.0, Code of Ethics and Conduct for Wexford County Commissioners.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. Resolution 24-01 Wexford County Depository

MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 24-01, Wexford County Depository.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

4. Resolution 24-02 Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0 Investment Policy
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 24-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0 Investment Policy.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

5. Resolution 24-03 Civil Rights, ADA & Family Leave Act
MOTION by Comm Bush seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 24-03, Civil Rights, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Family Medical and Family Leave Act.

Roll Call: Motion Passed 8-0.

6. Resolution 24-04 Fair Housing
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Musta to approve Resolution 24-04, Fair Housing.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0

7. Resolution 24-05 Public Act 152 Health Care Requirements
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 24-05, Public Act 152, Health Care Requirements.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

8. Resolution 24-06 Medical Examiner Cremation Permit Changes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 24-06 Medical Examiner Cremation Permit Charges.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

10. MI-Works Lease Agreement Extension
MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the presented lease extension through February 29, 2024 with MI-Works and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Commissioner Bush asked if this was just until their building was completed. It was explained that that was the plan.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

11. Animal Shelter Two Seven Oh Inc. Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Animal Shelter Two Seven Oh Inc. reimbursement grant agreement and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

12. FY2024 Budget Amendment-Probate Court Attorneys

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendment dated January 03, 2024.

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2024 Budget Log**

BOC Meeting Date	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
2024-01-04	101-101-699.00	Fund Balance	\$31,922.00	
	101-168-899.00	Court Appointed Attorney		\$ 31,922.00
Comment/Reasoning: Increased public defenders cost				

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

13. Community Corrections Revised LOU

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the presented Community Corrections Revised LOU and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

14. Early Voting Postcards Purchase

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the purchase of early voting postcards from Spectrum Printers Inc. in the amount of \$9,939.60 and waive the three-quote requirement in accordance with Section I. of Policy D-1.0 Purchasing, Contracts, and Sales.

Commissioner Adams asked if this covered all elections for 2024. The Clerk explained that the only requirement currently is one postcard mailing to voters. If the location of the Early Voting site changes, another mailing would be required. Clerk Nyman also explained that she was able to obtain two quotes, but not the third, as required by policy.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Deputy Administrator Bigger explained that the VC3 contract will hopefully be coming to the next Board meeting.

Correspondence- *None*

Public Comments-

Michael Mix, Colfax Township Supervisor, addressed the Board again regarding the address ordinance. He had received an email from Commissioner Townsend stating nothing can be done because of all of the other townships it would affect, and Mr. Mix found that unacceptable. The townships that choose to, could write their own ordinance. He believes that Colfax Township has the most building permits, and he wants this ordinance looked at.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, reminded the Board of the Agenda 2030 and New World Order. He explained it is not just a conspiracy theory. He has been bullhoring where he can to get the information out to people. He wanted everyone to read "Great Awakening" by Alex Jones and to stay vigilant.

Liaison Reports- *None.*

Board Comments-

Comm Bush thanked everyone for the bode of confidence. He will continue to do his best he can do. He believes we are blessed with a good board and great staff at the county.

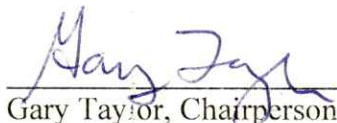
Comm Theobald thanked the three employees for their years of service. She requested letters be sent to their homes, so that the employees are aware of the certificate.

Chairman's Comments-

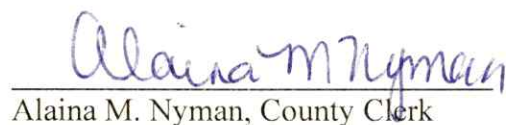
Chair Taylor congratulated Administrator Porterfield on completing the NACO Leadership Program. He wished Jami luck, as she also begins it. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:19 p.m. All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk