

COUNTY OF WEXFORD  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 05, 2024

The special 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; Adam Kerr, Maintenance Director; Megan Kujawa, Sr. Executive Administrative Assistant; Jim Meier, Premier Realty; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; Alaina Nyman, Clerk; and Honorable Judge Edward Van Alst, Probate Court Judge

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

***E.1. Sale of Old Jail***

Mr. Jim Meier, Premier Realty, listing agent for the old jail, informed the committee that there has been a cash offer made in the amount of \$100,000 from Crossroads Ministry. The group plans to open a program called MOST (Mentoring of Skilled Trades); it is to help teach people trades in order to get into the workforce. They plan to remodel and look at selling the current property where their church is and relocate the church to the south end of the building of the old jail. Terms include closing within 90 days after the phase one environmental study is completed and sold as-s condition. More than likely the group would apply for tax exempt status.

Comm. Musta asked for history on the listing. Mr. Porterfield, County Administrator, stated that it has been on the market for 3-4 years. It started out at \$250,000, then last year was lowered to \$150,000, this is the first recent offer that they had on the jail. Mr. Adam Kerr, Maintenance Director, states that it roughly costs the county \$300/month in electricity and then mowing and snowplowing of the property as well.

**A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Musta to make a counter offer of \$130,000 and if accepted to send an attorney approve Real Estate Agreement to the full board. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS**

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Honorable Judge Van Alst informed the committee that there is \$100,000 in his Childcare Fund for capital improvements. He states that in Michigan finding detention centers for juveniles is extremely difficult and they are having to send them to Ohio. He asked if it would be possible to use the old jail facility to be converted to hold juveniles.

Comm. Potter stated that the funds to renovate the facility would be extremely costly and would not have it be used for that purpose. He stated that if and when they build a new building it can be considered having a few cells added to the building to house the juveniles.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**CHAIR COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURN**

**A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Musta to adjourn at 4:16 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed, 4-0.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chair

  
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Megan Kujawa, Recording Secretary