

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, February 7, 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, Brian Potter and Gary Taylor.

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Added J4-Purchase Agreement-Old Jail

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Duane Alworden was present to receive his award for 20 years of service with the county.

Raymond Griswold was not able to be present to receive his award for 20 years of service. He will be presented with his certificate at a later time.

Jason Longstreet was not able to be present to receive his award for 10 years of service. He will be presented with his certificate at a later time.

Presentation and Reports-

Niki Schultz, Executive Director for the Alliance for Economic Success, thanked the Board for their continued support. She is excited about the work she is getting to do with our residents. She highlighted that the big areas she is focusing on currently are housing and child care in our area. Her main focus has become community engagements, as she is new to the position. She thanked the Board for their investment in their program as well.

Public Comment-None.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Musta, seconded by Comm Adams to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. CAD Project Reimbursement

MOTION by Comm Adams, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the quote from Central Square in the amount of \$6,301.84 with reimbursement from the City of Cadillac, and to waive the three-quote in accordance with Section I. of Police D-1.0 Purchasing, Contract, and Sales.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Invasive Species Lease Agreement Renewal

MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the presented Mason-Lake Conservation District lease agreement renewal for a period of one year and authorize the Chairman to sign.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. Budget Amendment

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Musta to approve the Budget Amendments dated February 7, 2024.

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 Amendments to the 2024 Budget Log**

| BOC Meeting Date | Acct | Acct Description | Revenue | Expense |
|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2024-02-07 | 101-294-702.02 | Suprvisory Staff | | \$ (11,714.00) |
| | | | | \$ |
| | 101-294-702.3 | Permanent Employees | | (30,691.00) |
| | 292-000-702.03 | Permanent Employees | | \$ 42,405.00 |
| | | | | \$ |
| | 101-294-719.00 | Social Security | | (3,489.00) |
| | 292-000-719.00 | Social Security | | \$ 3,489.00 |
| | | | | \$ |
| | 101-294-703.02 | Sick Pay | | (550.00) |
| | 292-000-703.02 | Sick Pay | | \$ 550.00 |
| | | | | \$ |
| | 101-294-720.00 | Retirement | | (5,761.00) |
| | 292-000-720.00 | Retirement | | \$ 5,761.00 |
| | | | | \$ |
| | 101-294-721.00 | Health Insurance | | (7,034.00) |

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| 292-000-721.00 | Health Insurance | \$ 7,034.00 |
| 101-294-721.04 | Life Insurance | \$ (16.00) |
| 292-000-721.04 | Life Insurance | \$ 16.00 |
| 101-294-721.05 | Sick and Accident Insurance | \$ (531.00) |
| 292-000-721.05 | Sick and Accident Insurance | \$ 531.00 |
| 101-294-722.00 | Workers Compensation | \$ (500.00) |
| 292-000-722.00 | Workers Compensation | \$ 500.00 |
| 101-294-860.00 | Travel and Conference | \$ (500.00) |
| 292-000-860.00 | Travel and Conference | \$ 500.00 |
| | | \$ (60,786.00) |
| | | \$ 60,786.00 |
| Total | | 60,786.00 |

Comment/Reasoning: Probate Court Childcare Fund reimbursement payment

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Purchase Agreement-Old Jail

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the purchase agreement for the old jail property at 820 S. Carmel St. in the amount of \$130,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Administrator Porterfield explained that this was discussed at the special Executive meeting because an offer was made at \$100,000. The Executive Committee opted to counteroffer at \$130,000, which was accepted by the buyer. He explained that the county attorney had reviewed the contract.

Commissioner Potter questioned the 90 days to close, which was changed to 120 days and had been updated.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield explained he has been busy working on the Chart of Accounts. Corinna will be coming onsite on the 20th to go over all lines in the budget.

He thanked those three employees for their years of service, and also thanked Niki for coming to speak to the Board.

Mr. Porterfield also explained that the Hodenpyl Dam RFPs would soon be going out from Consumer's Energy.

Correspondence-

1. 2023 Opioid Prevention Media Campaign

Public Comments-

Michael Mix, Colfax Township Supervisor, read all address ordinances for all counties that touch Wexford County. Ours is well written, however, people are buying property in Colfax Township and they are sick of being controlled by this ordinance. They want electricity. He asked the Board to remove Section 7 of the ordinance. He reminded the Board that they said the Pledge of Allegiance, and he wants that freedom.

Bob Scarbrough, Haring Township Supervisor, wrote the address ordinance. He explained that Colfax Township does not pull the most building permits in the county. When writing this ordinance, it was put together with Consumers Energy. They request these kinds of ordinances because they do not want hot poles for service with no one around. There were kids electrocuted downstate that prompted this concern. If there is an issue with the ordinance, the issue is with Consumers. It's there for a reason.

Don Koshmider, Haring Township, talked to the Board about the World Economic Forum and Agenda 2030. He wanted to correct that they are trying to murder 7.5 billion, not million as stated in the minutes. He's been bull horning, legally and lawfully, throughout the county. He also commented that the newspaper reported that he is stating his opinions, but he wanted it clarified that these are not opinions. These are facts he is getting from InfoWars. Mr. Koshmider also wanted it known that he is not trying to divide anyone.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Adams attended the 911 emergency services meeting. They explained they now have remote phones so that they can have access at all times. She also explained that the 10th dispatcher has been helping cutback on overtime being paid. Ms. Adams also attended the Opioid Committee where there was a report given on the successful media campaign.

Comm Theobald stated she would be sending an email with her reports.

Board Comments-

Comm Adams thanked Don for his passion.

Comm Potter thanked Joe and Jami their hard work. He also pointed out the 83 county seals that are now hanging up in the commissioner room.

Chairman's Comments:

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:21 p.m. All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk