

COUNTY OF WEXFORD
HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Michael Bush, Chair
March 25, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Bush at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, third floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Michael Bush, Jason Baughan, Brian Potter, Gary Taylor
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Daniel Mosholder, MMR Operations Manager; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant; Duane Alworden, Central Dispatch Director; Chris Emmons, Veterans Director; Eric Sturgeon, Veterans' Service Officer

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Potter to approve the agenda. A vote was called, all in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Potter to approve the February 25, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Sheriff's Office Monthly Report (February 2025)

A report from Sheriff Taylor was provided in the packet.

G.2. MMR Monthly Update (February 2025)

Mr. Daniel Mosholder, Operations Manager, informed the Committee:

- Paramedic classes start in May in Traverse City.
- Down a part time EMT but hired two full time EMT's.
- On average Cadillac hospital sees about 120 patients a month.
- Construction started on Cobb St. on the remodeling of the bathroom.

G.3. Monthly Emergency Management Report (February 2025)

A report from Mr. Randy Boike, Emergency Management Director, was provided in the packet.

G.4. Central Dispatch Monthly Report (February 2025)

Mr. Duane Alworden, Dispatch Director, provided a monthly report in the packet and said things were going great.

G.5. Veterans Services Monthly Report (February 2025)

Mr. Porterfield Introduced Mr. Chris Emmons as our new Veterans Services Director and Mr. Eric Sturgeon as our new Veteran's Service Officer.

A report from Mr. Chris Emmons, Veterans Services Director, informed the Committee:

- Serviced 41 Veterans this month. This included two DIC Claim's, eight Service Connected Claims, five appeals, zero CHAMPVA Application, one VA Healthcare Applications, 365 Files Reviews. Additionally, we seen 18 Aging (70 or over) Veterans and one female Veteran.
- The Spring Conference will be held from April 8th-11th. Accreditation Training is April 21st-25th.
- Mr. Emmons and Mr. Sturgeon have completed the membership application and conference enrollment.
- Mr. Emmons and Mr. Sturgeon have had their NACVSO memberships accepted, and their accreditation classes have been reserved. Upon completion of this course, they will be able to legally represent Veterans and assist them with benefits.

G.6. Letter of Support for the BEAD Program- PFN

A motion was made by Comm. Baughan and supported by Comm. Taylor to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve having the Administrator send a letter on behalf of the Board to Peninsula Fiber Network supporting their BEAD grant application to expand broadband infrastructure to residents of Wexford County. A vote was called. All in favor.

G.7. Appointment to Networks Northwest

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Baughan to forward a recommendation to the full board to recommend Ben Townsend be appointed as a Required Economic/Community Development Representative to the networks Northwest Board. A vote was called. All in favor.

G.8. Intern Request- Prosecutor's Office

A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Baughan to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the Prosecutor's request to hire a temporary full-time summer intern at an hourly rate of \$25. A vote was called. All in favor.

G.9. Request for Juvenile Intake/Probation Officer – Probate Court

A motion was made by Comm. Baughan and supported by Comm. Taylor to approve the presented position description and forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the addition of a full-time Juvenile Intake/Probation Officer to the Probate Court's roster at an M2 level contingent upon the continuance of the 75% grant funding for the position. A vote was called. All in favor.

Comm. Taylor asked why an M2, and Mr. Porterfield said the job required a special set of credentials.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Porterfield informed the Committee:

- We have been watching a lot of stuff. In the last two months we have had two grants that have been reduced to less than originally approved.
- Mr. Porterfield and Commissioner Taylor are going tomorrow morning to Missaukee for material management planning and will have a report from that when they come back.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None

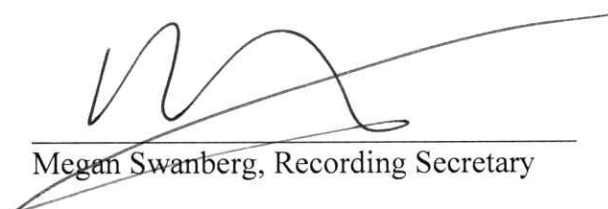
CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

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


Michael Bush, Chair


Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary