

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, April 06, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Leslie Housler, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent - None

Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

*Added* - 8. BOC Remuneration; 9. Budget Containment

### **Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the agenda, as amended.**

**All in favor.**

### **Employee Recognition**

1. Resolution 16-12, Extending Appreciation for Brenda Lewis' Dedicated Service

**MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 16-12, Extending Appreciation for Brenda Lewis' Dedicated Service, as presented.**

Ms. Lewis has proudly served the County of Wexford for 44 years. Comm Housler read the resolution to the public and Brenda Lewis was present to accept the award.

**All in favor.**

### **Presentations and Reports**

1. Update of RAP

Dan Staub, Pescador Project Manager, presented the Board with an update of the landfill contamination area and the RAP. He informed the Board that three of the five wells have been shut down. The trash relocation was completed on March 11. The DEQ was involved and declared it complete. He then discussed the activity of the plum and the pace at which it's moving. Mr. Staub fielded questions from the Board. Some Board members felt that a joint meeting of the DEQ, Cedar Creek Board, and the County would be helpful to keep all interested parties informed on the landfill contamination.

### **Public Comments**

Mary Hallett, Cedar Creek Township Treasurer, touched on the wells in the area of the contaminated water.

Mark Carlson, Manton, has property in the contaminated area, which now has a lien on the property. This lien is keeping him from getting a loan.

Fred Osborn, 103 Barbara Street, Cadillac, appreciates all the Board does to serve the public. As a fire fighter in the area for the past 24 years, he would like to see the 911 service stay in the area. He doesn't believe a 911 millage would pass if the Board takes the service out of the county. Mr. Osborn would like to see the Board work with the public service agencies.

Al Dowell, Manton, questioned the millage for the COA being for 6 years. He felt it may be too long. He would also like to see something in the language about nutrition on the ballot or part of the contract agreement.

Ormand Hook, 14622 190<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Big Rapids, came before the Board to announce that he was running for State Representative in our area. He provided the Board with his background and what he could offer if he were to be our representative.

Larry Rogers, Cedar Creed Supervisor, is tired of hearing about the RAP problems. He would like to have a joint meeting to get some of the problems and concerns taken care of.

#### **Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the March 16, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Appointment to Standing and Special Committees
3. Approval of the Change to Policy B-12.4

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.**

**All in favor.**

#### **Agenda Items**

1. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project – No report given.
2. Tenurgy Energy Audit  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to authorize the County Administrator to engage Tenurgy for an energy audit when appropriate, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion passed eight to one with Comm Housler voting against the motion.**

3. Third Party Administrator Management Plan  
**MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Third Party Administrator Management Plan, where Northwest Michigan Community Action Agency is Wexford County's third party administrator,**

**and authorize the Chairman to sign the plan on behalf of the County, as presented.**

**Roll call: Motion passed seven to two with Commissioners Housler and Mitchell voting against the motion.**

4. Grant between LARA and Wexford County for Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the grant between LARA and Wexford County for Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight in the amount of \$11,712, for the period of January 1, 2016 through September 15, 2016, and authorize Lieutenant Denison to sign the Grant on behalf of the County, as presented.**

Board members discussed why the Lieutenant was signing the Grant.

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Goodwill to amend the motion and have the Undersheriff sign the Grant.**

**All in favor.**

Vote on the original motion.

**Roll call: Motion passed eight to one with Comm Howie voted against the motion.**

5. Resolution 16-13 Older Citizens Services Renewal Millage Proposal  
**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve Resolution 16-13 Older Citizens Services Renewal Millage Proposal, as presented.**

A commissioner questioned the length of the millage requested and why was the vote in August and not November. Another commissioner felt it was important to have something included on the ballot language or in the contract agreement about nutritious meals, dining out, and home delivered meals. Many other agreements in other counties for Senior Centers have this as part of the language in the agreement or ballot language.

**Roll call: Motion passed five to four with Comm MacCready, Housler, Howie, and Mitchell voting against the motion.**

6. Commissioner Re-appointment to Northern Lake Community Mental Health  
**MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Theobald to accept the Chairman's appointment of Commissioner Michael MacCready to the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health.**

**All in favor.**

7. Budget Amendments - None
8. Board of Commissioners Remuneration – *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell to change the BOC salary to \$1.00 per year beginning fiscal year 2017.**

Some commissioners disagreed with this motion. Another commissioner felt the cost savings would be minimal to the budget.

**Roll call: Motion failed four to five with Comm MacCready, Housler, Hilty, Taylor and Goodwill voting against the motion.**

9. Budget Containment - *Added*  
**MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell to eliminate the BOC Per Diem and allow BOC members to only submit mileage expense beginning June 1, 2016.**

**Roll call: Motion failed two to seven with Comm Housler, Hilty, Theobald, Taylor, Fuscone, Goodwill and MacCready voting against the motion.**

**Administrator's Report**

Adm. Jordan provided Board members with a written report and touched on the TPOAM Union re-negotiations which have been set for 4/13/2016. Also the law suit against the jail project will be heard on 4/8/2016 at 2:00 p.m.

**Correspondence** - None

**Public Comments** - None

**Liaison Reports**

Comm Theobald felt the merger with DHHS was going smoothly.

Comm Fuscone reported that they touched on the new audit for District Health and the IRS reporting on pension deficit. He questioned the effect it may have on the County. Also, the Octagon Committee met and received a report from Mark Pressell on the building. A couple of changes have been suggested and Mr. Pressell will make an adjustment to the report. The committee will get together in a week or so to review the changes.

Comm MacCready attended a meeting with Northern Lakes Community Mental Health both the CEO and Darwin Booher were in attendance. It was an interesting meeting.

Comm Howie attended a CWTA meeting. He reported that the new dispatch software is helping and hopes to continue to extend out of county services and also have Friday and Saturday night services. Missaukee County is looking at a millage for CWTA services, but it will be accounted for separately.

**Board Comment**

Comm Fuscone believes that the COA does a good job, but he has a problem with the length of the millage.

Comm MacCready hopes that the COA will be fair. He has spoken to the drivers of the CWTA and they believe that the software is improving daily. He believes that the fire departments do a good job and keep insurance cost down.

Comm Howie believes that Cherry Grove has the best Fire Department. He touched on the preliminary 911 report.


**Chairman's Comments**

Comm Housler thanked all for coming. He will have the administrator put together a meeting with Cedar Creek, the County, Health Department and the DEQ so all can get a better understanding. The 911 study should be out next week.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Theobald to  
adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

All in favor.

  
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Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

  
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Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk