

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 01, 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 – J.6. Options for Sale of Mitchell Corp Office Building
J.7 Octagon Building
J.8 9-1-1 Surcharge

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. Resolution 16-21 Extending Appreciation for Vickie Boersma's dedicated Service
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 16-21 Extending Appreciation for Vickie Boersma's Dedicate Service, as presented.

All in favor.

Presentations and Reports

1. MAC Legislative and Educational Activities/Program Offers
Tim McGuire, Executive Director of MAC, appeared before the Board to update them on what has been ongoing in the legislative area. They have been working hard to see to it that Counties get 100% of their revenue sharing. The Court of Appeals rules Friday about Dark Store properties being valued at the highest and best use. Wexford County participates in MAC worker's comp program and MAC has paid the county back in dividends over \$378,000 over the past several years. And, finally, he reminded Board members that the MAC Conference would be held at Boyne Mountain in September.

2. Invasive Species – Conservation District Update

Vicki Sawicki, Invasive Species Specialist with the Wexford Soil Conservation, updated the Board on plant growth in the area that is harmful to the environment. She touched on the damage some of these plants can do. Some of the plants include Japanese Knotweed, Phragmites, and Oriental Bittersweet. County residents are encouraged to contact Wexford Soil Conservation District to learn how to irradiate these invasive plants.

Public Comments

Bill Barnett, 915 Stimson Street, appeared before the Board in support of the Boxing Club – Never Down for the Count, in Cadillac. He believes kids will benefit from this program.

Dana Wilson, 414 Simon Street, Executive Director for “Never Down for the Count”, believes there is a need for a place our youth can go and be safe. Mr. Wilson would like to provide a youth center for mentoring the young. The center will also have a boxing site, but will not be used during the after school hours. He would like to invest in the community by taking ownership of the Mitchell Building. He believes it is in a great location; however, it will need some updating and renovation. He would like community involvement to network with other organizations for funding and looking into some grants. He feels it will take about two years to renovate the building.

Jill O’Donnell, MSUE, came before the Board to inform them about lecanium scale and honeydew that has been appearing on trees in the area. MSUE has been contacted by many residents to find out what the shiny, sap substance is that has been raining down on cars, decks, etc. over the past few weeks. Board members were provided with a handout explaining the sticky substance.

Carrie Thompson, CWTA Director, reported their new website portal is running smoothly. CWTA customers are now able to book rides online. They also have the ability to notify their riders as to their pick up time. They will be involved with the “Back to the Bricks” event going on this weekend. CWTA is also looking at other services that has been requested by the community such as evening and Saturday service, and out of county services.

Morris Langworthy, 135 Pineview Road, Leroy, announced his intentions to run for State Representative for the 102 District. Board members were provided with a handout outlining his background.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 18, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Committee of the Whole - Jail Project - No report
2. Northern District Fair Board Request
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve an \$800 payment to the Northern District Fair Association for the improvements to the grandstands upon proof of payment to North American Insulation & Energy, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to two with Comm MacCready and Howie voting against the motion.

3. Haring Twp. Water Connection at the Wexford Civic Center
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to connect the Wexford Civic Center/Ice Arena and Fair Grounds Office to the Haring Township's water system and disconnect from the City of Cadillac's water system.

A commissioner questioned if millage money could be used to connect the Fair Grounds area to the water system as well as the Civic Center. It was pointed out that it could be billed out separately from the Civic Center connection.

Board members were provided with a drawing of the water system and how the connections could be placed. Adm. Jordan had received a quote of \$3962 to connect in the Zamboni room after Adam Kerr, Maintenance Director and Eli with Maverick Mechanical got together. He explained the water lead servicing the Fair building comes from across the street and with the expansion of the sewer system there will be a grinder pump in the way of the pipe. The Fair building is now on City water, but the City will discontinue providing water if they don't use the City sewer. There will be a cost of \$10,762 to run the lines from the Zamboni room to the fair building with no hook-up charges. Adam Kerr discussed the waterlines and the meters that were located on the fair grounds. There was a discussion about blowing out lines at the Octagon building and the barns and the water rates. Currently, there are three meters in the Haring system, two at the Octagon – one is grandstand and barns, and one that comes in to the mechanical room at the Civic. Now there is a City meter at the Zamboni room and another city meter at the fair building.

Board members discussed if they waited on the project to get more information the price will go up. The workers and equipment are there now working for Haring Township.

The motion made by Comm Taylor was withdrawn and the support by Comm Theobald was withdrawn.

MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm Goodwill to connect the Wexford Civic Center/Ice Arena and Fair Grounds Office to the Haring Townships water system and disconnect from the City of Cadillac's water system with a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and limit it to two meters and ask the Fair Board to share in the cost of their connection to Haring Township water system.

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

4. Northern Michigan Counties Association Request to Resume Dues
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the request for resuming dues in the amount of \$75.00 to the Northern Michigan Counties Association, as presented.

Comm Mitchell left at 6:50 p.m.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Commissioner Howie voting against the motion.

5. Budget Amendment
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the budget amendments dated 06/01/2016, as presented.

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**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2016 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20160601	261.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 5,000		(a)
	261.000.957.00	Training		\$ 5,000	
	Additional 9-1-1 training requirements are necessary				
20160602	249.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,500		(b)
	249.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 500	
	249.000.727.00	Office Supplies		\$ 1,000	
	Additional Services were required for a plan review and additional office supplies are needed.				

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Commissioner Howie voting against the motion.

6. Options for Sale of Mitchell Corp Office Building – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to advertise the Mitchell Corp building located at 207 E. River, Cadillac, for sale using either the sealed bid method or request for proposals.

Adm. Jordan has been in contact with legal counsel on this matter. Mr. McNulty, Legal Counsel for the County, suggested a couple of options: Sealed Bids or RFP. It was thought that a RFP may be the better way to go so the county can negotiate and consider the best use of the property. It was explained that if a sealed bid process was used asking for the back tax amount of \$20,500 it would take any negotiating out of the picture for the County. Also, the County cannot sell the property for \$1.00 because it is public property. A commissioner felt that the County must try to get \$20,500 out of the property to pay for back taxes. If the RFP process was used it would allow the Board to consider and discuss the best use of the building.

Comm Theobald and Comm Taylor agreed to amend their motion as follows:

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to advertise the Mitchell Corp building located at 207 E. River, Cadillac, for sale using a request for proposals (RFP).

Roll call: Motion failed four to four with Commissioners Fuscone, Goodwill MacCready and Hilty voting against the motion.

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Howie to put the property located at 207 E. River, Cadillac up for sale as a sealed bid with a minimum price of \$20,500 with a two week deadline.

All in favor and one opposed; Comm Theobald.

7. Octagon Building

Some Board members questioned what the County was going to do with this building. It has been sent to Building and Recreation and they made a motion to send it back to the Board. Before the County can look into restoration, there needs to be a cost to the renovation. A commissioner is going to the Home Builders meeting on June 14 at 5:00 p.m. to make a presentation on the needs of the Octagon building. He believe they are very enthusiastic about the project. Also, there has been some interest by the Career Tech Center in getting involved. Once the building has been stabilized the county should look to send an RFP out to take the

building renovation to the next step. It was pointed out that the foundation of the Octagon building is sinking as well.

MOTION by Comm MacCready, seconded by Comm Howie to prepare an RFP for restoration cost of the Octagon building.

All in favor and one opposed; Comm Housler.

8. 9-1-1 Surcharge

A commissioner felt there was some concerns among the Fire Chiefs in the area as to whether or not the 9-1-1 Committee has been formed and what option they will be looking at, a County Department or an Authority. Some Commissioners felt all municipalities should be paying an assessment based on population. Adm. Jordan informed the board that the committee was about 80% put together and plan on having a kick off in June.

Administrator's Report

Board members were provided with a written report from Adm. Jordan. He added that there was a phone meeting last week with Windemuller and there will be another on this Friday. There was a good turnout at the Jail bid meeting. Many plans are out and administration will be receiving additional copies for any General Contract interested.

Correspondence

1. MAC- Clean Water Act
2. MAC – Opposition HB 5016
3. Drain Commissioner Letter
4. DEQ – Waste Relocation Completion Approval

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Fuscone has flyers for anyone interested from the Community Action Agency. They will be having a fundraiser at Bob Evans on June 12-18 with 15% going to a charity. Also, a gentlemen from MAC has offered to write a grant at no charge on the Octagonal Building.

Comm MacCready visited some homes in Cadillac that are run by NLCHM. They have approximately 28 beds for socially and mentally disabled persons. They are doing a good job for the community.

Board Comment

Comm Theobald requested that Board members wait their turn before speaking.

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Comm Fuscone felt that there was a good exchange of views, good interaction.


Comm MacCready reminded Board members that June 7 at the Cadillac Armory there would be a Vet Stand Down gathering. This will provide veterans with some valuable services they may not be aware of.

Chairman's Comments - None

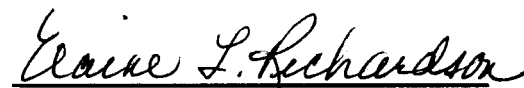
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn at
7:30 p.m.

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk