

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairman Gary Taylor.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Michael MacCready, Robert Hilty, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – Commissioner Leslie Housler

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Added: 5. Discuss RAP Area Water System; 6. COA Millage and COA Contract; 7. Closed Session

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. DHD#10 Annual Update

Kevin Hughes, Health Officer, appeared before the Board to provide their annual update. He first began by introducing Sarah Oleniczak who provided the Board with an update on the community health needs assessments. She explained that they are a 10 County Health Departments and are working to partner with the hospital. DHD #10 are working on gathering data by phone, vital statistics, and government input. With the data gathered, they will develop a three year plan. Board members were provided with their 2015 Data Supplement which outlined Public Health Data, Access to DHD#10 Health Services, and Essential Public Health Services.

They have had many internal changes in staffing for 2015. With 15 retirees, they have hired 34 new employees to replace the retirees and additional staffing for new programs.

Mr. Hughes explained that currently their budget is in good financial shape. They have not requested additional appropriations for the past 4 to 5 years.

At the request of a commissioner, Mr. Hughes explained how they are dealing with their retirement deficit by paying additional sums with additional payments throughout the year.

Inclusion, Mr. Hughes informed the Board that the Health Department had received accreditation in May 2015. Currently, there are three Health Department accreditations in Michigan.

Public Comments

Gordie Maxwell, Cadillac, would like the Board to put county millages on the November 2016 ballot rather than the August ballot. He also suggested that the county look at changing their unemployment assessment by being a reimbursing agent. The County could realize a cost savings.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the March 2, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. ORV Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the ORV Grant between Wexford County and the MI DNR in the amount of \$17,700 for the period of October 1, 2015 through September 31, 2016 and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Budget Amendments – None
3. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project - None
4. Discussion on Groundwater RAP Property – *Added and later removed.*
5. Discussion on RAP Area Water System – *Added*

A commissioner touched on some recent activity in the RAP area regarding water contamination. They discussed the possibility of the plume moving some 600 feet. It was felt that the county should keep an eye on this. If additional testing is done and the RAP Area is extended, the county may be asked to supply water to additional properties. Dan Staub, Pascador, has been working with the DEQ. Board members discussed the need for more information being provided to this Board.

6. COA Millage and COA Contract – *Added*

A commissioner would like the COA millage language changed to add additional terms/requirements for use of the tax dollars. It was pointed out that the COA has approved their ballot language and it will be coming before the Finance Committee. The requested language changed will be provided to the Finance Committee for review.

Also, some changes were suggested for the COA contract with the County. The suggestions will be submitted to the Finance Committee for further review.

7. Closed Session - *Added*

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing current litigation pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(e).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm MacCready to resume open session of the Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting and to accept the Minutes of the Closed Session as orally read by the Clerk.

All in favor.

Administrator's Report- Previously provided in the agenda packet.

Correspondence

1. NLCMH 2015 Annual Survey Responses
2. NLCMH 2014 Summary of Services Delivered
3. USDA Request for Comments on Proposed Projects

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm Fuscone reported the committee is set up for the Octagon Building. The committee is looking at possible uses of the building. They are to receive a report on the restructuring of the building, making it stable and more secure. The committee will be meeting next week.

Comm MacCready touched on the Food Pantry in our area and the distribution points for local food pantries.

Board Comment

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Comm Fuscone hopes the Board will look at the problems in the RAP Area seriously.
People from the community may be effected and he has a vested interest.

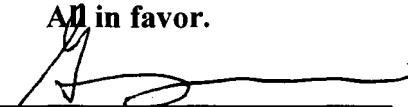
Chairman's Comments

Comm Taylor thanked all for attending.

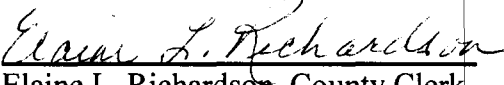
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Howie to adjourn
at 6:50 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Vice Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk