

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, November 04, 2015

Meeting called to order at 5:37 p.m. by Chairman Leslie Housler.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Remove – 4. PFN – 911 Authority; Add – 5. Acceptance of Resignation, Jane Whitney, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board; Added 11. Closed Session to Discuss Written Legal Opinion.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition- None

Presentations and Reports

1. Zoning Ordinance Overview

Michael Green, Zoning Administrator, provided Board members with a packet that is a smaller version of the existing Ordinance #5. The small ordinance would be adopted by the County and allow the townships to adopt other ordinances of their own. The enforcement would be through a contract at the Township level. Legal would have to be involved to see if the small Ordinance can be adopted for the entire County and Townships together.

Public Comments

Patty Yonkman, 18 ½ Road, across from the landfill. She expressed her concern about whether or not the Board was going to discuss water hookup for their property. They live across the road from the Landfill and are currently unable to put in their own well or hookup to the Cedar Creek water system.

Lew Wolters, C&M Insurance, came forward to see if the Board had any questions on the health care option he was proposing for the County. He believes he can provide improved benefits for the employees.

Mary Hallet, Cedar Creek Township Treasurer, provided Chairman Housler with a copy of the attorney bill from some contact with their attorney by Comm MacCready. Also, Ms. Hallet provided Mr. MacCready with a copy. She then touched on the Cedar Creek

Host Agreement and she believes that the Lesley's are entitled to be hooked up to their water system.

Courtney Box, Weadock & Associates, provided the County with a health care bid. They use Priority Health where C&M would be providing Blue Cross. She believes the best option for the County is Priority Health.

Sarah Benson, Emergency Management Coordinator, began by praising the number of resources in the area when they are called upon. She spoke of some unknown material hanging in a tree in the area. The situation was handled properly when agencies were brought in and central dispatch did an amazing job.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the October 14, 2015, Special Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the October 21, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the Appointments to Standing and Special Committees
4. Approval of the 2016 Holiday Schedule
5. Acceptance of Resignation, Jane Whitney, Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board

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 Update- None

It was noted that Ms. Vogler will be present at the next meeting to update the Board on the jail project.

2. Bid Award – Health Care Benefits

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid to Weadock for 2016 Health Care Benefits, to begin the “open enrollment” process for the employees, request a contract be submitted and authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign said contract on behalf of the County, as presented.

The current health care policy was compared to one of the two options offered by Weadock. It was pointed out that insurance health care is a large part of union contract negotiations. C&M has just one option for all employees and only 7% co-pay would be requested, no 20% pay for other employees. Ms. Box discussed what her two plan options would offer and how it compared to C&M. It was also mentioned by a commissioner that Leelanau County, who has C&M Health Care, has had no premium increases for the past 6 years.

Lew Wolters, C&M Health Care, explained the plan he offered was a self-funded plan. He stated that the Blues have improved the benefits for the employees. He believes he is taking the rates back to where they were five years ago and adding a better plan. He went back to Leelanau County not having any rate increases for several years. Mr. Wolters felt that Blue Cross would be better and easier for all.

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to call the question.

Roll call: Motion passed unanimously.

Roll call on the initial motion:

Roll call: Motion passed six to two with Comm Housler and Goodwill voting against the motion.

3. Bid Award – VoIP System

MOTION by Theobald, seconded by Comm Fuscone to award the bid to Abadata in the amount of \$62,719.24 for a Voice Over IP system and to request a contract be submitted by the vendor to be forwarded to legal counsel for review and approval, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, came forward to discuss the differences between the two bids the Board was reviewing. Neither bid was specific as to the wiring that would be needed for the phone project. It was pointed out that Abadata offered to diagram the project with no cost to the County.

Dan Eggelston, IT Right Owner, explained that wiring at the County has been an issue for years. The difference between Abadata and BSB is that BSB did not quote any new wiring. He felt that Abadata would be much more expensive. He also thought that BSB had a very innovative way of replacing the phone system.

Board members thought the process should be rebid with better bid specs. It was mentioned by another commissioner that other county departments, such as CWTA, may want to be part of the process.

IT Right worked with the County to put the initial bid together. They promised to work closer on the project and be more specific on the specifications.

Comm Theobald withdrew her motion and Comm Fuscone withdrew his support.

MOTION by Comm Housler, seconded by Comm Howie to have IT Right work with the Clerk and Joe Porterfield to put a more specific bid together.

All in favor.

4. PFN – 911 Authority – *Removed from the Agenda*
5. Council on Aging 2016 Budget Approval
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the Council on Aging’s 2016 budget, as presented.

All in favor.

6. HERE Global, Content Fee Agreement
MOTON by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the content fee agreement between Wexford County and HERE Global paying \$1,200 for this data, as presented.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, pointed out that HERE would be purchasing our Streets and line data to look at. They do not have the right to resell the information.

All in favor.

7. Resolution 15-26, 2015 Winter Millage Rate for FY 2016 Budget
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 15-26, 2015 Winter Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2016 Budget, as presented.

Roll call: Motion passed seven to one with Comm Hilty voting against the motion.

8. Apportionment Report
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the apportionment report and authorize Joe Porterfield to sign the Certification Statement and submit said report to the State Tax Commission, as presented.

All in favor.

9. Revised Budget Calendar
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the revised 2016 budget calendar, as presented.

All in favor.

10. Budget Amendments – None

11. Closed Session

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to enter into closed session for the purpose of considering written legal opinion pursuant to Section 8 of the Open Meetings Act, Act 267, P.A. 1976, as amended, being MCL 15.268 Sec. 8(h) and to invite Treasurer Hallet and Supervisor Rogers from Cedar Creek Township to join the meeting.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

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

All in favor.

Administrator's Report - None

Correspondence

Board members received some correspondence from Sally Randall, Friend of the Court (not presented to the clerk).

A letter of resignation from the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board was received from Jane Whitney with an effective date of October 18, 2015.

Public Comments

Mary Hallet, Cedar Creek Township Treasurer, thanked the Board for working with Cedar Creek on the property/water issue.

Larry Rogers, Cedar Creek Supervisor, also thanked the Board and for the communication. Things get done when we work together. Mr. Rogers then touched on a commissioner contacting their legal counsel and would like that cleared up.

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended a Road Commission meeting where they voted to abandon part of Kolarvic Road. They also discussed the bridge that may be placed there. The abandonment will move to the DNR.

Comm Theobald reported that the conference on Human Trafficking held on October 23 was very well attended and had a waiting list.

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Comm Howie thanked Cedar Creek for joining in the Closed Session meeting. He, too, believes there needs to be better communication.


Chairman's Comments

Comm Housler thanked all for coming.


Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to adjourn at
7:27 p.m.

All in favor.



Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson



Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk