

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 06, 2015

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

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

Added – 7. Administrator Search; 8. Reutilization Fund Annual Report

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition

1. 15-year Service Award, Robert Scarbrough, Building Dept.
Board Vice Chair presented Mr. Scarbrough with his 15-year service award

Presentations and Reports - None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 15, 2015, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the Appointment to the Construction Board of Appeals
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Public Comments

Jayne Whitney from Northern Lakes Mental Health Authority questioned whether or not the Board had replaced Lester Barnes who recently retired as liaison. She was informed that Comm Theobald was appointed to his position.

Alan Cooper, Director of the Road Commission, informed the Board that the Road Commission was having trouble getting oil brine to keep the dust down on the gravel roads. They are working on getting bids out to purchase brine.

Carrie Thompson, Director of CWTA, came forward to bring the Board up-to-date on some of their new projects and activities. They have a new service scheduled in Manton for the summer with some help from YMCA. CWTA appreciates the partnership with

the YMCA. They will be participating in the “Back to the Bricks” event by providing shuttle service. They may work with Missaukee County to see if they are interested in paying for the CWTA service. They recently purchased, with grant dollars, two new buses with bike racks that will arrive in July. CWTA will be involved in the Senior Expo in June. And, finally, they are getting their budget in order.

Agenda Items

1. Housing Council Project 14-07

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor, to approve Housing Council Project 14-07 in the amount of \$13,000 using CDBG funds for a loan to provide for a new well, septic system, sewer lines and new fencing, as presented.

Board members questioned the price reduction. The earlier request was for \$16,320. It was pointed out the relocation of the fence requested earlier did not need to be done.

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

2. Housing Council Project 14-09

MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Housing Council Project 14-09 in the amount of \$4,548 using CDBG funds for a loan to provide for a new furnace and hot water heater, as presented.

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

3. Office Furniture – Clerk’s Office

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the Clerk’s request to waive the bidding process for the procurement of furniture, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. Commissioners’ Business Cards

Board members received a print quote for business cards: 250 cards - \$220.40; 500 cards for \$261.60. Some commissioners felt the price was too high. They questioned if the County needed to sign off before the cards were purchased through a different source or printed themselves. Some questioned the need for business cards. After further discussion, no action was taken.

5. Budget Amendments

5/6/2015

**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2015 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense
20150501	245.902.970.10	Clerk Microfiche records		(5,500) (a)
	245.903.970.10	Equipment and Furniture	5,500	
	Transferring from the Clerk's PIC Data Processing account to the Clerk's PIC Equipment & Furniture account A transfer of funds to reflect the Clerk's approved request to move funds from the PIC data processing to the PIC Equipment and Furniture account			

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the budget amendment dated 05/06/2015, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- Proposals for Legal Services – Jail Project
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the legal services proposal submitted by Cohl, Stoker & Toskey, PC in the amount of \$175.00 per hour for legal services for the construction of the new jail, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

- Administrator Search - *Added*
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the Letter of Agreement – Retained Search County Administrator between Wexford County and Hiring solutions LLC in the amount of \$12,000 and authorize the Vice Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the County, as presented.

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

- Reutilization Fund Annual Report - *Added*
 Treasurer Stanton provided Board members with the “Annual Report of Balance in Land Sale Proceeds” which is required by the State. The report outlines the remaining balance left in the account after the sale and other costs have been deducted.

Administrator’s Report

Adm. Hinton reported that he is working on tying up some loose ends before his departure. He touched on the referendum petition that has been circulating around the

county regarding the jail project. The filing date for the petitions is Monday, May 11, 2015. The closing of the recently purchased property has taken place and they are now looking to get some soil borings. And, lastly, Adm. Hinton reported on the 2014 budget draft. In review, revenues were up over expenditures in a small amount.

Correspondence

Cash/Investment Report provided to Board members by Jayne Stanton, County Treasurer.

Public Comments - None

Liaison Reports

Comm MacCready attended a Road Commission meeting and learned about the difficulty they are having finding brine for the roads. He also suggested a light and/or gate should be put on 14 Road by the railroad tracks.

Comm Theobald reported that the Department of Human Service is changing to the Department of Health and Human Services. She also encouraged Board members to attend Culver's server night where some of the proceeds will be going to the Foster Care program.

Comm Fuscone attended a Road Commission meeting, as well. At that meeting the Board decided to put an additional \$13,000 per year into their pension fund. He also reported that next month Linda VanGills will be retiring and her replacement will be Kevin Hughes.

Board Comment

Comm MacCready touched on the Cedar Creek water system and that the county will be responsible for it forever. DPW may need to stay in place for a longer period of time due to ongoing matters. He would also like the Board to get a handle on the jail project before the Administrator leaves.

Comm Howie addressed the "Speak Out" comments that have been in the Cadillac News and that most of the authors are from out of the county.

Chairman's Comments

Comm Fuscone felt the county needs to be aggressive in finding an administrator to replace Mr. Hinton to protect the county.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Theobald to adjourn

at 6:10 p.m.

All in favor.

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John Fuscone, Vice Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk