

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Special Meeting * Thursday, July 09, 2015

Meeting called to order at 3:15 p.m. by Chairman Gideon Mitchell.

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.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Public Comments – None

Agenda Items (items reversed)

2. Discussion RFP for Telephone Services at Lake Street

Sally Randall, Friend of the Court, discussed with the Board the problems her department has been having for the past three to four years. Currently, their phones need to be rebooted a couple of times each day and sometimes that does not help and they do not receive calls. Ms. Randall had done some preliminary checking into a new service: digital vs. VOIP. She explained the differences and felt the VoIP would be the best way to go for the county. In time all phones in the County Government offices will need to be upgraded. The digital service does not allow for that where the VoIP allows for expansion over a period of time.

MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Fuscone to put out an RFP to get bids for a Countywide IP phone system for the FOC, MSUE, Building Department, County Courthouse, new Sheriff/Jail structure with the bids to be broken down: 1) FOC, MSUE, and Building Department; 2) County Courthouse; new Sheriff/Jail structure.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

1. Closed Session for the Purpose of Considering a Written Legal Opinion

MOTION by Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill 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).

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

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

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to direct counsel to counter offer the Construction Attorney an hourly rate of \$95 plus annual payments up front each year equal to the cost differential of \$1,000,000 coverage to \$3,000,000 coverage.

After some discussion the following motion was made:

MOTION by Comm Fuscone, seconded by Comm Taylor to add to the motion to add \$1,000,000 liability insurance to \$3,000,000 liability insurance.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Vote on the initial motion:

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Public Comments - None

Board Comment- None

Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to adjourn at 3:52 p.m.

All in favor.

Gideon Mitchell, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk