

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Housler.

Roll call: Present – Commissioners Robert Colvin, Robert Hilty, Leslie Housler, Mark Howie, Gideon Mitchell, Alan Devereaux, John Fuscone, and Bill Goodwill; Absent – None.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

11. Animal Control Millage – *Added*
12. Resolution 14-24, Redemption of Special Assessment Bond Series, 1995A – *Added*

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in favor.

Employee Recognition - None

Presentations and Reports

1. Tele-Rad Presentation

Mark Kooyers from Tele-Rad, appeared before the Board to explain that currently the State has 70,000 active radios on the system. The County's radios are 15 years old. They are suggesting that the County look at updating their system and look at vendor Michigan Open Safety Communication who provided public safety radios to many areas throughout Michigan and other States. The representative for MPSC, Rich Uslan, explained the benefits the County would see by upgrading their system. The benefits not only being to law enforcement, but also to Fire Departments in the area and Michigan State Police.

MPSC is a very active system in the State. The current system the county has is very mature and it is difficult to get parts for. If the system was replaced the equipment would be brought up to current standards. Wexford County has five towers linked by microwave which is very reliable. He went on to further explain the advantages Wexford County would realize with the upgraded system.

Public Comments

Crystal Johnson, Cadillac, thanked the Board for looking at moving the adoption funds. She also touched on the millage and the deposit statistics for 2011 and 2012. She believes the Shelter is moving towards "no kill" and feels it is working.

Peter Dorin, Attorney for CWTA, came before the Board to urge them to adopt the millage resolution before them tonight with one change. Mr. Dorin would like to see the millage run for 4 years rather than 2 years. In 1996 an Interlocal Agreement was signed between the City and County for transit transportation.

Craig Taylor, CWTA Board Member, whose term has expired, but will stay on the Board until the City makes another appointment. He provided a letter authored by him to the Board earlier and would be happy to answer any questions.

Mike Nix, Manton, urged the Board to review the recommendations made by the Citizens Committee before going forward. He would also like County Liaison members on the CWTA to have the authority to vote on CWTA matters.

Susan Adler, Buckley, would like the Board to consider putting a Marijuana Ordinance on the November ballot for the citizens of Wexford County to vote on. She asked the Board to not reject her request based on misinformation. She would like it added to the next agenda.

Michael MacCready, Manton, reflected on the millages that would be on the November ballot. He would like to see the Veteran's requested millage be .15 mills rather than the requested amount of .10. Also, Mr. MacCready did not like or appreciate the fear put forward by CWTA during the Board's last meeting.

Judy Nichols, Haring, thanked the Board of Commissioners on going concern regarding the Animal Shelter. Ms. Nichols touched on the many many hours of volunteer time that has been put into the shelter and all the positives that were happening. She would like this Board to take the millage seriously and allow the citizens of the community to vote it up or down.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the July 02, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of Appointments to the Remonumentation Peer Review Group
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Howie to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Central Dispatch Capital Expenditure Plan
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Goodwill to support the five-year Capital Expenditure Plan for Central Dispatch, as presented.

Adm. Hinton explained the financial impact this may have on the County. If implemented this year a budget amendment would need to be made from reserves. However, it will reduce the requested funds for that account for the next two years. Currently, the County is receiving \$.42 per phone billing in the county without the vote of the people. Some Commissioners felt very strongly about doing this. MSP has been using this radio system since 2000.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

2. Resolution 14-10, 2014 CWTA Millage
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve Resolution 14-10, Cadillac/Wexford Transit Authority 2014 Millage Renewal for the November 2014 General Election assessing 0.60 mills for two years, 2014 and 2015, as presented.

Commissioners discussed have the millage for 2 years rather than 4 years. In two years the Board may have a better look at their arrangement with CWTA. A brief discussion was held as to amending the Interlocal Agreement.

Roll call: Motion passed six to three with Commissioners Housler, Hilty, and Devereaux voting against the motion.

3. Veteran's Millage
MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve Resolution 14-22, Authorizing Election for Veterans' Relief and Certifying the Ballot Language for the November 2014 General Election assessing 0.10 mills for four years, 2014 – 2017, as presented.

Adm. Hinton explained that the Veteran's Relief Board, appointed by Judge Tacoma, would have oversight of the funds. These funds are used to help veterans in our community in need with rent, utilities, medical, etc.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

4. The Wexford County Civic Center Capital Improvement Millage
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Colvin to approve Resolution 14-21, Authorizing Election for a Wexford County Civic Center Millage Proposal and Certifying Ballot Language for the November 2014 General Election assessing 0.10 mills for a period of one year, as presented.

Board members discussed the BSM group subletting out the arena. Some felt it was a positive for both. It was pointed out that a citizen from the community is paying more than half for a HVAC system at the arena. The millage will be used for capital improvements.

Roll call: Motion passed six to three with Commissioners Housler, Taylor, and Fuscone voting against the motion.

5. Resolution 14-20, To Create a Jail Construction Fund
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Goodwill to approve Resolution 14-20, To Create a Jail Construction Fund, to track transactions related to the acquisition, construction or equipment associated with expanding the County Jail facility, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

6. Government Payment Services Inc. Participation Agreement
MOTION by Comm Goodwill, seconded by Comm Taylor to approve the participation agreement between Government Payment Services Inc., and Wexford County and authorize the County Clerk to sign on behalf of the County, as presented.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

7. Civic Center HVAC System
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Howie to approve funding from reserves in the amount of \$40,000 to fund the purchase of two HVAC systems for the Civic Center Auditorium, as presented.

Board members questioned if the County does approve this motion will they be paid back from the millage funds, if this does pass. Adm. Hinton explained that the \$40,000 would be looked at as a loan and yes, the County would be reimbursed.

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

8. Housing Council Project W-12-31
MOTION by Comm Devereaux, seconded by Comm Fuscone to approve the bid by Carpenter Excavating for the replacement of a septic system in an amount not to exceed \$4,300 for Housing Council Project W 12-31, as presented.

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

9. Budget Amendments

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**Wexford County Board of Commissioners
 Amendments to the 2014 Budget**

Adj #	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
20140702	462.000.699.04	Transfer in Other	\$ 500,000		(a)
	462.000.800.19	Design Engineering		\$ 500,000	
	615.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 500,000		
	615.000.999.00	Transfer Out		\$ 500,000	
This transfer is for partial funding of the Jail Project					
20140703	365.000.695.05	Transfer In	\$ 47,749		(b)
	365.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 131,000		
	365.000.991.00	Principal Pymnt - Series A		\$ 177,000	
	365.000.995.00	Interest Pymnt-Series A		\$ 1,749	
To provide funding for pay off of the 1995 Series A bonds for Mesick					
20140704	593.000.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 47,749		(c)
	593.000.999.05	Transfer Out		\$ 47,749	
Transfer of funds to payoff the Mesick Series A bonds					
20140705	208.000.673.00	Auditorium Rental	\$ 3,000		(d)
	208.000.677.00	Misc. Income	\$ 2,730		
	208.000.935.00	Compressor Maintenance		\$ 5,730	
To record the refund of cash balance from Rink Management and provide for outstanding repair/maintenance bills					
20140706	208.000.695.00	Transfer In/General	\$ 20,000		(e)
	208.000.800.00	Contracted Services		\$ 20,000	
	101.890.999.05	Transfer Other		\$ (20,000)	
	101.965.999.12	Transfer Out - Civic Center		\$ 20,000	
For the transfer of budgeted contingency funds to the Civic Center Fund					
20140707	101.101.699.00	Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 40,000		(f)
	101.965.999.11	Transfer Out PIC		\$ 40,000	
	245.900.695.00	Transfer In General	\$ 40,000		
	245.904.970.36	Civic Center Improvements		\$ 40,000	
Transfer of funds for partial payment of a HVAC system at the Civic Center					

10. Committee of the Whole – Jail Project – No Committee of the Whole was held.

11. Resolution 14-23, Animal Control Millage – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Howie, seconded by Comm Mitchell to forward Resolution 14-23, Animal Control Millage to County Legal Counsel for review and language approval and present this resolution at the next Board of Commissioners meeting on August 6, 2014, as presented.

Commissioners discussed voting the millage as one millage amount rather than breaking them apart and using a portion for the Animal Control and the other portion for the operation of the Wexford County Animal Shelter. Some supported having it as two amounts in one proposal. Adm. Hinton reminded Board members that the split request may have impact on staffing and the collective bargaining agreement. Another commissioner felt the millage money would be more defined if were split with so much going towards Animal Control and the balance going to the Wexford County Animal Shelter.

Roll call: Motion passed five to four with Commissioners Housler, Hilty, Devereaux, and Taylor voting against the motion.

12. Resolution 14-24, Redemption of Special Assessment Bands, Series, 1995A – *Added*
MOTION by Comm Mitchell, seconded by Comm Devereaux to approve Resolution 14-24, Redemption of Special Assessment Bands, Series, 1995A, as presented.

It was pointed out that the bonds were related to the infrastructure in Mesick.

Roll call: Motion approved unanimously.

Administrator's Report

Adm. Hinton informed the Board of the following:

- He will be attending a meeting on 07/17 at the Haggerty Center for IP Phone. They will have information that will be needed when the phone system is replaced at the County offices;
- Wednesday there will be a table top exercise at 1:00 p.m. for EMS;
- He will be off Friday;
- He will be working ½ days on the following week and be off Monday and Tuesday of the next week, taken as vacation;
- The budget is due back to Administration by August 1.

Correspondence

Letter from CWTA dated 07/10/2014

Letter from Susan Adler dated 07/10/2014

Public Comments

Susan Adler asked what would be needed to have her marijuana request placed on the Board Agenda for a vote. Chair Housler will send it to the Human Resources Committee.

Michael MacCready, Manton, touched on the amount of money the WEX is receiving from the County. He also believes that the Vets need help and the millage could support that need.

Liaison Reports

Comm Fuscone attended a special meeting for the DPW to review bids for the Haring Sewer System. The DPW will partner with CHZM Hill Company located in Colorado with a local office in Traverse City.

Comm Colvin touched on the Senior Expo and the dollars raised and the good turnout.

Board Comment

Comm Howie has not received an agenda for tomorrow's CWTA meeting. He has requested some financial information and would be happy to pass it along to other members of the Board. He would like to see the CWTA Interlocal Agreement be amended.

Comm Taylor would like to see that the CWTA Board appointments are reviewed at the next HR meeting.

Comm Fuscone felt that the review of the Board appointments should be looked at very closely.

Chairman's Comments - None

Adjourn

**MOTION by Comm Taylor, seconded by Comm Mitchell to adjourn
at 6:37 p.m.
All in favor.**

Leslie D. Housler, Chairperson

Elaine L. Richardson, County Clerk