

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Taylor.

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Jason Nelson, Mark Nyman, Sandy Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Jason Baughan, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Commissioner Aaron Sogge.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-None.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the agenda.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports-

Kevin Hughes, District #10 Health Department, provided the Board with their annual report. They are in good financial shape currently, but going forward that may be more difficult. Mr. Hughes noted that they have a healthy fund balance after a successful audit.

Mr. Hughes pointed out to the Board that they are able to have Adolescence Heath Centers and Wellness Centers in three of our local schools. From October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, Cadillac Schools had services provided to 207 students, and 182 behavioral services provided. In Mesick Schools, they had 368 medical services, and 393 behavioral services provided. At Manton Schools, they received medical services for 564 students, and 179 behavioral services provided.

Chelsea Rossow provided the Board with a data snapshot will some highlighted areas. They look at community input as well as health care input. She noted that in Wexford County the overdose records have gone down. She also explained the difference between federal poverty and ALICE households, which was highlighted in the data snapshot.

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the April 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Acceptance of Resignation from NLCMH
3. Appointment to NLCMH

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Assessing Contract-Cherry Grove

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Assessing Contract between the township of Cherry Grove and the County of Wexford for the period of April 1, 2025, through March 31, 2030. And authorize the chairman and Equalization Director to sign on behalf of the county.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Ooma Quote/AT&T Replacement

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the Ooma proposal to replace the AT&T POTS lines in the amount of \$434.55 monthly and authorize the chairman to sign on the behalf of the county.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. CLIO Proposal

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the three-year CLIO Legal Practice Management System Proposal in the amount of \$28,622.88 annually and authorize the chairman to sign on the behalf if the county.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Donation of Furniture to MSUE

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the donation of the furniture left behind by Michigan Works to MSUE.

All in Favor.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield informed the Board that on May 5th he received a letter of resignation from Dispatch Director, Duane Alworden. Travis Baker has been named the interim director until the position is officially filled.

He reminded the Board that auditors will be at the courthouse next week. He also noted that he and Jami will be attending the Administrators Conference for the next meeting, and then he will be going on vacation after that.

Mr. Porterfield informed the Board that due to the transition phase in Veteran's Directors, after the untimely passing of Kathy Cline, the deadline to apply for the VA Grant was

missed. Because of the persistence of the new Director, Chris Emmons, they are able to apply and that was sent in. He also congratulated the Clerk's Office on a successful election.

Mr. Porterfield highlighted the cyber training that Karhu put on for employees. He was pleased to see that a lot of employees attended. They used AI to clone his voice, and it was played for employees. It was very eye opening.

Mr. Porterfield also was happy that the spring carnival was a huge success.

Correspondence-None

Public Comments-

Shelly Bohn came before the Board to address an issue she is having with the bus. She has to call 2 weeks in advance to go to Traverse City, and a week ahead to go to town. Her roommate can get a bus without a problem. She believes Melissa doesn't turn her calls in. She doesn't want Melissa on the phones anymore.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, reminded the Board to watch InfoWars. He wanted to spread information on chem trails. They are spraying poison. He reminded everyone of the World Economic Forum. Mr. Koshmider asked that everyone not fall for the BS.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting. Camp applications are open. The Pathways to Potentials program will be ending in June. Ms. Theobald also attended a Salvation Army meeting. They are raising money for a shower trailer. They currently offer laundry for the homeless. She also attended an LDFA meeting where there is more testing and target areas. The Airport has been deemed a big area of concern.

Comm Baughan attended a School Safety meeting. He provided everyone with a copy of the agenda.

Comm Nyman attended a CMH meeting. They are in the process of hiring a new CEO. They have hired a company to help search for that position. They are also conducting an audit to address issues they have had.

Comm Bengelink attended a Library meeting in Cadillac. They are partnering with Gather to Grow to provide snacks to children and developmentally disabled adults. This will be in the Library Conference Room on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11am to 1pm.

Comm Taylor attended the Fair Board. They are doing great. They have motorcycle racing coming.

Board Comments-

Comm Theobald thanked all public service people. She appreciates them all.

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Comm Potter thanked Joe, Jami and all elected officials.


Comm Nyman noted that the Jeep Blessing was the past weekend in Mesick. It was a huge success. The Mushroom Festival is this upcoming weekend.

Chairman's Comments-

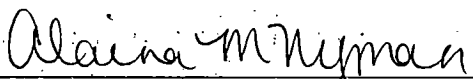
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:39 p.m.
All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk