

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 4, 2025

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

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

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add: J.5. USDA Forest Service Agreement Modification #04

Add: L.1. Networks Northwest MMP Update/Work Program

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Stephany Anderson was honored for her 10 years of service. Ms. Anderson arrived later to receive her award.

Julie Henry was honored for her 10 years of service. The Sheriff was present to ensure she would receive it.

Nancy Creed was honored for her 10 years of service.

Presentation and Reports- *None*.

Public Comment-*None*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 21, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Appointments to WMCCAB

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Request for Social Worker Position-Sheriff's Office

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the Sheriff's request to add a full-time Social Worker Position to the roster at an annual salary of \$60,000.00 and reduce the Corrections roster by one.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Resolution 25-10 Supporting PA 511 Community Corrections Plan & Grant Application
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 25-10 Supporting the P.A. 511 Wexford Community Corrections Plan and Grant Application for fiscal year 2026.

Commissioner Theobald noted Misty had done a great job on this application.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. 911 Call Taking System Services Bid Award
MOTION by Comm Sogge, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the five-year proposal for 911 Call Talking System Services from Zetron in the amount of \$294,800.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Enterprise Fleet Management Discussion
Chris Tyner, Enterprise, presented the Board with a cost analysis of providing leased police vehicles. They currently partner with 50 government clients in Michigan.

Their primary focus is the equity lease. This is not a typical lease with over-mileage charges, wear and tear penalties, or fees for terminating early. Instead they offer purchasing the vehicle at the reduced book value, replacing the vehicle with the ability to roll equity to decrease the replacement vehicles initial costs, extend the lease term, or turn in the vehicle without a replacement.

He provided the Board with a Fleet Planning Analysis. Based on his calculations, he recommended replacing 14 vehicles this year. Enterprise would assist in maintenance and fuel of these vehicles. They would hold quarterly meetings with the County to go over the general operations of these vehicles, and make suggestions on replacements.

He also provided an example of first year pricing for the county. Mr. Tyner highlighted that they provide a website and an app with vehicle maintenance highlights. He noted that they would be able to provide the county with the resale of the aging fleet, allowing these vehicles to have lower maintenance expenses, safer vehicles, as well as reducing the fleet administration.

Commissioner Potter questioned the timeframe for the turnaround on the \$45,000 estimated return. Mr. Tyner estimated that to be less than 30 days.

Commissioner Taylor asked if other counties were doing this. Mr. Tyner explained that they currently partner with Newaygo, Oceana, Grand Traverse, Antrim, and Kalamazoo Counties.

Commissioner Potter inquired if Enterprise handles the installation of the equipment in the patrol vehicles. Mr. Tyner indicated that Enterprise would handle that operation.

Commissioner Theobald questioned what would happen if a vehicle was damaged before that 4 year turn around. Mr. Tyner explained that would be covered through normal insurance.

Commissioner Potter asked what would be covered for an engine failure. That would be a normal manufacture warranty. Enterprise would help coordinate that repair to make sure the cost was as low as possible.

Commissioner Potter asked about wear and tear of the vehicle. They coordinate all maintenance through Enterprise. Commissioner Potter followed up by asking about brakes and tires. They would be covered on the non-pursuit rated vehicles. For pursuit rated vehicles, those are paid for as they occur, and then billed back to the County.

Commissioner Nyman noted that the estimate is 100,000 miles after 4 years with a 10% over wholesale sale price. He wondered what happened if a vehicle has 130,000 miles. Mr. Tyner noted that they would be tracking that on a quarterly basis, and meeting with the county to advise the county when the sweet spot is to sell that vehicle.

MOTION by Comm Potter, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve pursuing a lease agreement with Enterprise for fleet management utilizing \$258,360.24 out of the General Fund for the initial first-year of the lease and to direct future annual lease payments to come from the Sheriff's Office budget.

Commissioner Potter noted that the Sheriff does support this and feels it would be beneficial for the county and deputies. Commissioner Theobald asked Sheriff Taylor if he did. He advised he did support this.

Commissioner Nyman questioned if this would be coming out of the general fund for the original purchase. Commissioner Potter noted that the motion is for that first year out of the general fund. The remaining years would be the Sheriff's budget.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. USDA Forest Service Agreement Modification #04

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve USDA Forest Service Agreement Modification # 4 and authorize the Sheriff to sign on behalf of the county.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield noted things have been busy finalizing the last things with the audit. Mr. Porterfield will be presenting the Board with the millage rollbacks, and then starting July 1st, budget process will begin.

Correspondence-

L.1. Networks Northwest MMP Update/Work Program

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, attended the water quality meeting. He addressed the harmful chemicals being added to our water like fluoride. The guy side stepped his questions. He read an Info Wars article and reminded everyone to watch Info Wars.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Bengelink reminded everyone the new Manton library is preparing for their grand opening ceremony on June 21st from 12 to 3pm, with a dedication at 1pm. She invited all the commissioners to join.

Comm Theobald attended a LDFA meeting. The town hall is on YouTube and 7&4. The town hall by the City is also on YouTube. She also attended the Community Corrections Board where they approved the grant application. She will be sending out the DHHS minutes, as well.

Board Comments-

Comm Bengelink congratulated the 3 employees on their 10 years of service.

Comm Theobald congratulated the 3 employees on their 10 years of service. There is another PFAS meeting June 22nd.

Comm Potter also congratulated the 3 employees for all of their years.

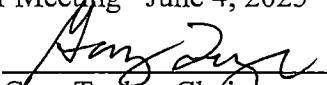
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

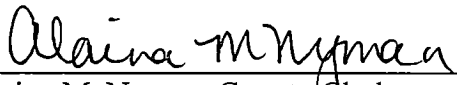
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. All in favor.

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk