

## WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, August 6, 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, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Jason Baughan, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Michael Bush

Pledge of Allegiance.

### Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add: I.2. Special Meeting Minutes

### Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None

Presentation and Reports- None

Public Comment-None

### Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the July 2, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the July 30, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

### Agenda Items

1. FY2025-26 Child Care Fund Budget

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the FY2025-26 Child Care Fund Budget in the amount of \$1,379,427.88 and authorize the Chairman & Administrator to sign on behalf of the County.

Comm Potter noted the new person that was just hired is supposed to be handling the assessments that Bridges of Northern Michigan is currently doing. He questioned why there was still a contract with them then. Sandy Watson explained they are still under

contract with Bridges to handle the mental health evaluation. The position was created for him to eventually be able to do this, but also to prepare him to be able to.

Comm Theobald asked for confirmation that currently there are not any children placed outside of the state. Ms. Watson confirmed that.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.**

2. Equalization Vehicle Purchase from Dispatch  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve Equalization purchase the 2020 GMC Acadia from Dispatch in the amount of \$20,000.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.**

3. Request to Change Position Description & Title-Friend of the Court  
**MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the request to change title of Human Services Specialist/Clerk position in Friend of the Court to FOC Clerk and the updated position description.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.**

4. EGLE Materials Management Planning Program Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the EGLE Materials Management Planning Program Agreement is made between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Materials Management Division(“STATE”), and Wexford County and authorize the Administrator to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

**Administrator’s Report-**

Administrator Porterfield informed the Board that Jami had received the estimated health insurance increases from Weadock & Associates. They are recommending to budget for a 15% increase.

Mr. Porterfield explained the counties that partner together for the Materials Management Grant are trying to sort out how to pay Networks Northwest. The original plan was Manistee County would be paying, but in order to be reimbursed, it looks like each county will have to pay a portion and then be reimbursed.

He noted that the Opiate Committee had passed some items to come to the full board, so those will be coming. They included continuing rides to service peer recovery and a full time bed at Addiction Treatment Services.

Mr. Porterfield also noted that at the special meeting, the board spoke highly of Jami and himself. He thanked them for a cohesive relationship to make working with this board a pleasure.

**Correspondence-** *None.*

**Public Comments-**

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, is a supporter of Trump, but he does not agree with some things he is doing. He believes he is being controlled by Israel. The government is being controlled by Israel. They are going to start withholding federal funds for those that out against Israel. Mr. Koshmider asked if Wexford County was going woke and installing transgender bathrooms. He encourage everyone to watch Info Wars.

John Roth, noted that some of them are in Lansing, and some are not. They are going to push the budget up to the deadline. He hoped the Governor would come tell everyone to get to work. The budget was \$1.5 billion over budget. It will be done in September.

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Theobald sent out her DHHS minutes. They are coming out of the GEO group. Wexford, Missaukee, Osceola and Mecosta are now their own group. LDFA is also working through plans for moving forward with PFAS.

Comm Taylor noted that the Fair is starting Monday. They have Elliot Rides coming this year.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Potter commented to Joe and Jami that it works both ways for a cohesive relationship.

Comm Nyman attended the Veterans Expo, and it was quite impressive. He also attended the Blueberry Festival that was a huge success.

Comm Bengelink thanked Joe and Jami for their kindness to the Board. The county is run very well.

**Chairman's Comments-**

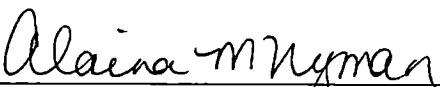
Chair Taylor thanked Joe and Jami for their work. He also thanked those for attending.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:18 p.m.  
**All in favor.**

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk