

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, August 20, 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, Michael Bush, Gary Taylor, Jason Baughan, and Brian Potter.

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

**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- *None***

**Public Comment- *None***

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the August 6, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. 2024 Financial Audit Review

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Wexford County Fiscal Year 2024 Financial Statements, and Independent Audit.**

Will Love, CPA for Rehmann, provided the Board with a hard copy of the 2024 financial audit. He highlighted several areas including the financial statements, balance sheets, budget schedules, income statements, single audit reports, and the independent auditor's report on internal controls.

Mr. Love noted that all reports were clean, unmodified reports, which is the highest level. He thanked Joe and all the staff for all the work put in to prepare for this audit.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

2. Resolution 25-12 Pure MI Byways Resolution of Support  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 25-12 Pure Michigan Byways Recreational Route Coast to Coast on MI 55, A Pure Michigan Byway.**

Heid Phaneuf, MDOT North Region Planner explained that this project started about a year ago to cover M-55 from Manistee to Tawas. They are hoping to increase tourism with this byway, and there is no cost associated to townships or county. She did note that they needed to receive 100% support from at the local level to receive this.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

3. Public Hearing for the Closeout of CDBG Program Year 2023  
**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to open the public hearing.**

**All in favor.**

4. Public Hearing for the Opening of CDBG Program Year 2024  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nyman to open the public hearing.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to close the public hearing.**

**All in favor.**

5. PFN Service Order-Central Dispatch  
**MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the agreement between Wexford County Central Dispatch and Peninsula Fiber Network, LLC in the amount of \$150.00 per month for 6 SIP Talk Paths for PFN long distance (500-minute package per month) for 60 months and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Porterfield highlighted that the Fair and the Buckley Old Engine Show had just wrapped up, and they were both very successful. He did inform the Board that the Fair Board was able to make a partial payment on their tractor.

Mr. Porterfield received word that the Road Commission had hit a water line in Cedar Creek Township. There were three houses that were on a boil water advisory, and more testing was being done to lift that.

Mr. Porterfield also asked the Board to pay attention to the multiple signatures on the audit. The clean audit comes from the work done by Kristi, Alaina, and Jami's offices, as well as the finance chair monitoring credit card usage. He is very thankful for the team around him.

**Correspondence-** *None.*

**Public Comments-**

Alaina Nyman, County Clerk, informed the Board that at a recent conference, the Bureau of Elections provided an update that the State will be covering the wages for Early Voting. Initially the cost was going to be put on the County and Townships, but the State of Michigan will now be reimbursing the cost of inspector wages.

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Theobald attended a LDFA Meeting, and they are moving forward with their pilot programs.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Potter thanked Joe, Jami, Kristi, and Alaina for their work on the audit.

Comm Sogge echoed what Commissioner Potter stated. It makes their job easier.

Comm Nelson noted that the 101<sup>st</sup> Harvest Festival in Manton is set to begin on August 29<sup>th</sup>, with the Labor Day parade on Monday.

Comm Bengelink thanked Joe, Jami, Kristi, and Alaina for the work done on the audit.

Comm Bush also thanked everyone for their work on the audit, and the time and effort put in by all staff for a clean audit.

Comm Theobald reiterated the thank yous for the audit, and for keeping an eye on her.

Comm Baughan noted the great job done on the audit.

**Chairman's Comments-**

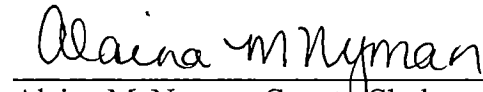
Chair Taylor thanked Joe, Jami, Kristi, and Alaina for their work on the audit.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:38 p.m. All in favor.

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk