

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, September 3, 2025

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

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

Absent- Aaron Sogge.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

Add: MDOC OCC Grant Change Notice -- Community Corrections

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

**All in Favor.**

**Employee Recognition-**

Karen Maury was presented with a certificate for her 10 years of service.

Ben Galloway was unable to attend, but he was acknowledged for his 5 years of service with the County.

**Presentation and Reports- None**

**Public Comment-None**

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of the August 20, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Federal Drug Testing Contract for FY 2026-Community Corrections

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Federal Drug Testing Contract for FY26 for Community Corrections and authorize the Board Chaiman to sign on behalf of the County.**

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

2. EOP Contract with Catholic Human Services-Community Corrections  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Enhanced Outpatient Program Contract Renewal with Catholic Human Services and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

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

3. Letter of Credit Increase & Governmental Certificate-Landfill  
**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Governmental Certificate and an increase in the amount of \$7,500 to the Letter of Credit with Fifth-third Bank for the Landfill and authorize Kristi Nottingham to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Opioid Settlement Funding-Catholic Human Services Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the one-year Agreement No. 3 between Wexford County and Catholic Human Services utilizing \$70,000 of opioid funding to provide a Peer Recovery Coach to work with the jail staff and inmates and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on the behalf of the County.**

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

5. Opioid Settlement Funding-CWTA Contract Amendment No. 3  
**MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the amendment to the Opioid Settlement Funding Agreement with the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority (CWTA) increasing the amount to \$50,000 and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on the behalf of the County.**

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

6. Opioid Settlement Funding-Addiction Treatment Service Agreement  
**MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the 2-year agreement between County of Wexford and Addiction Treatment Services INC. utilizing \$100,000 of opioid funding to provide withdrawal management and in-patient residential treatment to qualified Wexford County residents and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on the behalf of the County.**

Commissioner Potter noted that this program is being used for 60 days. That 60 days costs \$13,800. He wanted to see some language in the agreement only allowing someone

to utilize these funds one time. How it is currently written, ATS could decide to accept someone multiple times because they meet the criteria.

Administrator Porterfield added that he could pass that information along to our County attorney to revisit it.

**Motion withdrawn.**

7. Opioid Settlement Funding-DHD #10 Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the agreement with District Health Department #10 utilizing \$50,000 of opioid funding to provide Naloxone Distribution Boxes, Billboards & Radio PSA Messages and support of the annual Harm Reduction conference & other Harm Reduction events and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on the behalf of the County.**

Commissioner Theobald had some concerns about the radio ads actually reaching the target audience. Administrator Porterfield explained that they had initially requested a multiyear contract, but the opioid committee declined because of the same concern. Kevin Hughes will be providing data to the committee about the success of these ads.

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

8. FY 2026 Budget Calendar Amendment

**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Benglink to approve Amendment #1 to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Calendar.**

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

9. Food Services Agreement-Canteen Services, Inc.

**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the 3-year Canteen Service, Inc. Food Service Agreement for the Wexford County Jail and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

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

10. MDOC OCC Grant Change Notice-Community Corrections

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve MDOC OCC Grant Change Notice to increase the total authorized budget by \$12,246.00 for a new total authorized budget of \$140,789.00 for Community Corrections effective immediately and authorize the Board Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

Commissioner Potter questioned if we received extra money. Mistine Stark explained that she had originally put in for this in June. The conference is coming up, so she reached out to question it.

Commissioner Theobald also noted that Mistine works very hard to capture any extra funds available.

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Porterfield thanked the board for approving the budget calendar change. They are working hard to get numbers into the budget, but it is hard to know exactly what to put with the state budget not approved yet.

Mr. Porterfield highlighted that the county's building official recently passed his soil and erosion accreditation. He also has a new employee in equalization who has a familiar face, as she is Megan's twin sister.

**Correspondence- None.**

**Public Comments-**

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, called 911 for the aerial assault we were under recently with the chem trails. He noted that several states have banned them. We are being sprayed with chemicals. He would like to see the county pass a resolution opposing chem trails. He played a video of a friend that also called 911 to report these chem trails. He also reminded everyone to watch InfoWars.

Rebecca Kanipe came to the meeting because she saw the article in the newspaper about the focus on opioids in our area. She questioned if there was a reason this was being looked at now. She would have like to seen it earlier, but it is better late than never.

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Theobald attended a LDFA meeting where they are working on their bylaws. She attended a Human Services Leadership Council where Andy Ulrich has retired. Feeding America will no longer be providing meat as an option for people. DHHS has now changed to a quad program, with Wexford, Missaukee, Osceola, and Mecosta County. District 10 Health Department is also facing budget cuts. They have gone from 253 employees, down to 217.

Comm Potter has some concerns about the budget with the state being wishy washy. He has contacted state officials, including Michelle Hoitenga to voice these concerns. If there is a 12% cut to our revenue, it will effect how we do business.

Comm Taylor attended a CWTA meeting where they are seeing record number of rides.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Potter thanked Mistine for the extra money.

Comm Nyman noted that the Manton Harvest Festival was a huge success.

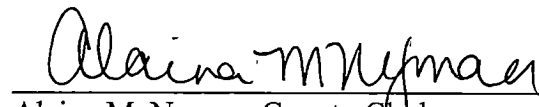
**Chairman's Comments-**

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:22 p.m.  
**All in favor.**

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk