

WEXFORD COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2025
Gary Taylor, Chair

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner's room, Third Floor, Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Gary Taylor, Michael Bush, Brian Potter, Julie Theobald
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator & HR Director; Tom Lutke, Infrastructure Alternatives; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator & Equalization Director; Alaina Nyman, Clerk; Bob Bendzinski, President, Registered Municipal Advisor, Bendzinski Company; Stephen N. Hayduk, CPA Registered Municipal Advisor, Bendzinski Company; Andy Campbell, CPA Registered Municipal Advisor, Bendzinski Company; Aricca Thelen Registered Municipal Advisor, Bendzinski Company.

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add: Date Change for BOC Meeting

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Bush to approve the agenda, as amended. A vote was called. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Bush and supported by Comm. Theobald to approve July 08, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Discussion on Current Litigation Matters

Mr. Porterfield informed the committee that we have received a couple of reports on Tax Litigation Matters that need to be filed online have been received and Sheriff Taylor & Mr. Porterfield have a meeting regarding the Calkin case this month.

G.2. Infrastructure Alternatives Monthly Report

Mr. Lutke, IAI, attended the meeting and stated it was a slow month. There is still one red fire hydrant out of order.

G.3. Bendzinski & Company Discussion on New Building

Mr. Bendzinski from Bendzinski and Associates attended the meeting and discussed financing options for a new building. The following was noted:

- There are two different types of Tax Bonds.
- The first one is General Obligations Unlimited Tax Bonds. The county would be required to hold an election and have a majority vote to approve the ballot question. The ballot must include the maximum amount of bonds to be issued. This would be a Debt. Service Millage with a 10% limitation.
- The second is General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds. This type of would not require an election. Tax Bonds without a vote. The bond would require a 45 day right-of-referendum. It would start with a resolution.
- Mr. Bendzinski said the process from start to finish would take 4 months.
- He estimated at a 4.25% interest rate; the payment would be roughly \$600,000 annually.
- Landscaping, appliances, etc. can all be included in the bond.
- Our next step is to do an RFP.

G.4. Date Change for BOC Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Bush and supported by Comm. Theobald to approve the date change for the BOC Meeting on October 1, 2025, to October 2, 2025. A vote was called. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Porterfield stated:

- Where does \$600,000 come from?
- Other departments are starting to get their budgets in.

Ms. Bigger said our insurance rates are projected to increase by 15% next year. If this is accurate, other options may need to be explored.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Bush to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chair



Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary