

WEXFORD COUNTY
FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 14, 2025

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Potter at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, Third Floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Brian Potter, Mark Nyman, Gary Taylor, Sandy Bengelink
Members Absent: None
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Admin. & HR Director; Alaina Nyman, Clerk; Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director & Administrator; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Added: G.4. Date Change for Finance Meeting

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Nyman to approve the agenda, as amended. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Talor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the July 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Approval of Claims

A motion was made by Comm. Bengelink and supported by Comm. Nyman to approve paying the claims in the amount of \$651,068.76. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

G.2. Community Development Block Grant Program for Emergency Repairs

A motion was made by Comm. Bengelink and supported by Comm. Nyman to forward a recommendation to the full board to hold a public hearing at the BOC meeting on August 20, 2025, for the closeout of the CDBG Program year 2023 and for the opening of CDBG Program year 2024.

Comm. Nyman asked what requirements were needed to get help with these grants. Mr. Porterfield stated there are several things they consider, such as yearly income.

A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

G.3. PFN Service Order – Central Dispatch

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the PFN Service Order for Central Dispatch. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

G.4. Date Change for Finance Meeting

A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Taylor to approve the date change for the Finance Committee meeting on October 9, 2025, to October 3, 2025. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Porterfield, Administrator, informed the committee:

- He had Bendzinski Company to discuss the options for the new building.
- Departments are getting their budget completed and turned in.
- More opioids money was received this week.
- The Fair Board made a payment to the County this week toward the tractor in the amount of \$1,000.

Ms. Bigger said 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. Taylor and supported by Comm. Nyman to adjourn the meeting at 4:08 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.



Brian Potter, Chair



Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary