

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 17, 2025

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

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

Absent- Julie Theqbald.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add: J.10 2025 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement Amendment

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Baughan 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 September 3, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. BOC Time & Date Change

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the next BOC meeting be rescheduled to October 2, 2025, at 4:00 pm the Recreation & Building meeting be changed to 3:00 pm.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Board of Canvassers Appointment

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Clerk Nyman explained to the Board that every odd year she is required to reach out to the local party chairs, as well as the congressional district party chairs, to receive three names of potential candidates for the open seats on the Board of Canvassers.

The Board of Commissioners is required to vote by ballot for these candidates, however, Open Meetings Act prohibits any secret voting. A ballot was handed out, and the Clerk asked all members to make a selection for each party and then sign the ballot.

After the vote, KC (Corinne) Mowrey was selected as the Republican candidate, and Marilyn Carlson was selected as the Democratic candidate.

3. Resolution No. 25-13 Purdue & Sackler-Opioid Settlement
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution No. 25-13 Purdue & Sackler Opioid Settlement.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution 25-14 Generic Manufactures-Opioid Settlement
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution No. 25-14 Generic Manufactures Opioid Settlement.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Addiction Treatment Services Agreement-Opioid Funds
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the Addiction Treatment Services Agreement utilizing \$100,000 of opioid funds for withdrawal management and in-patient residential treatment and authorize the chair to sign on the behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Two Seven Oh Inc. Reimbursement Grant Agreement-Wexford County Animal Shelter
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the Two Seven Oh Inc. Reimbursement grant agreement in the amount of \$5,000 for the grant period July 3, 2025, through February 1, 2026, and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. TKS Security Proposal-Wexford County Public Defender's Office
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the TKS Security Proposal in the amount of \$12,671.34 for Access Control Installation at the

Wexford County Public Defender's Office and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

8. FY2026 MIDC Compliance Plan

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

9. Resolution No. 25-15 Opposing House of Representatives FY26 Budget Cuts to County Revenue Sharing

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution No. 25-15 Opposing House of Representative's FY26 Budget Cuts to County Revenue Sharing.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

10. 2025 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement Amendment

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the 2025 Marine Safety Program Grant Agreement Amendment increasing Marine Safety program funding Federal Funds in the amount of \$6,450.00 and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield thanked the board for passing the resolutions. The opioid resolutions allows the County to stay in the litigation that is pending. He is concerned with the budget process in the House cuts the revenue sharing that is proposed. Mr. Porterfield listened to a MAC podcast that stated a government shutdown is likely beginning October 1st.

He noted that he, the deputy administrator, and several board members would be attending the MAC conference from September 30th through October 2nd. That was why the meeting change was requested.

Commissioner Potter questioned if there are any identified immediate threats to the county if there is a government shutdown. Administrator Porterfield noted that DHHS shutting down would be the biggest issue to our residents. He was also informed that they have been told not to start spending the veteran's grant, even though it has been approved.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, reminded everyone to watch InfoWars. He is trying to raise awareness and save lives. He mentioned house bill 4304 regarding chem trails. He is out bull horning about chem trails.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Nyman will be attending the CMH meeting the following day where they are interviewing and voting on a new CEO.

Comm Baughan attended a Wexford County School Safety meeting. It was announced that Dave Cox will be retiring from the ISD, and Kim Blaszak will be the interim superintendent.

Comm Taylor attended the Council on Aging meeting where they passed a budget. He announced that Marshall Moore is the new county forester. He will be working out of the Kalkaska office covering our county, as well as Missaukee and Kalkaska. He also attending a regional entity meeting where there was a grant approved for the Sheriff's Department to aid in medication, opioid, and alcohol use disorder.

Board Comments-

Comm Nelson commented that Charlie Kirk was assassinated with a mic in his hand. We need to pick up that microphone and continue his work spreading the word of love and Jesus.

Comm Potter thanked the Board for changing the ATS contract. He also thanked Joe and Jami for the work they do.

Chairman's Comments-

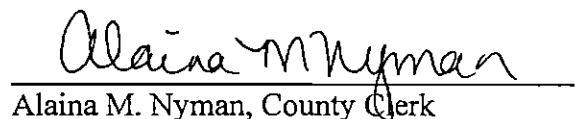
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 4:16 p.m.
All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk