WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, October 15, 2025

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

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

Absent- Aaron Sogge.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda- *None*

Approval of the Agenda
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None*

Presentation and Reports- *None*

Public Comment-*None*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of September 17, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
   MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.

   All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. 2025 Apportionment Report
   MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the 2025 Apportionment Report and authorize the Equalization Director to sign on behalf of the County.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Lease Agreement for Public Defender's Office Space at Missaukee County
   MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the one-year lease agreement between Missaukee County and Wexford/Missaukee Public

Defenders' Office in the monthly amount of $185 for office space at Missaukee County and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously

3. Longevity Reinstatement
   MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve reinstating longevity for nonunion employees and amend Policy B-14.2 Longevity Pay to match the TPOAM union contracts.

   Comm Nyman asked when the Longevity was discontinued and why.

   Deputy Administrator Bigger said it was discontinued in 2011 for Budgetary reasons.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. COA FY2026
   MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the proposed fiscal year 2026 budget.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. ACH Renewal Proposal-Jail Medical Services
   MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Advanced Correctional Healthcare proposal, renewal option 3, in the annual amount of $500,000 for Jail Medical Services and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. SESC Fee Schedule-Proposed Revision
   MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the proposed revised fee schedule for Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control permit fees, inspections and plan review, effectively immediately.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program-MMP.
   MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Work Program for the Manistee-Missaukee-Wexford Multi-County Materials Management Plan.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

8. Disposal of Excess County Vehicles
   MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the list of vehicles to be disposed of via public auction on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sheriff's Office.

   Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

9. State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Agreement
   MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Agreement in the amount of $184,361 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-
Administrator Porterfield thanked the Board for approving the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Agreement.

Mr. Porterfield explained that they were still working on the budget; however, they are still waiting on numbers for several lines from the State of Michigan for different programs. He explained that there were major changes with the grants for Veterans Services that affect the way the funds are allocated.

Administrator Porterfield mentioned that our Emergency Management Director has been going around to the different townships getting the Hazard Mitigation Plan approved that would ensure the townships would be eligible for Federal funding in case of a disaster.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments-
Dave Cox, Cadillac, Michigan, introduced himself to the Board as the new CEO and President of the Cadillac Are Chaber of Commerce.

Carla Moore, Cadillac, Michigan, introduced herself to Board as a Candidate for City of Cadillac, City Council, Ward 4.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, Michigan, mentioned that he has been working hard with the County Board, Admistrator, Sheriff and local officials to keep them updated on the chem-trails and the legislation pending in Michigan.

Mr. Koshmider told the Board that he also attended the Wexford County Republican Party meeting, and they passed a Resolution closing implementation of Ranked Choice Voting in Michigan and would like to see our Board pass a similar Resolution.

Don Koshmider explained that the United State Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal from InfoWars, and that going forward they would be know as the Alex Jones Network, AJN.

Liaison Reports-
Comm Theobald attended the LDFA meeting and mentioned that they were starting their implementation plan for testing.

Comm Potter updated the Board on the Clam Lake DDA water pipe and RV Park.

Board Comments-
Comm Potter thanked the Commission on Aging for attending the meeting.

Chairman's Comments-
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:17 p.m. All in favor.

Gary Taylor, Chairperson

Karen Maury, Chief Deputy Clerk