

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, November 19, 2025

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

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

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

Add: J.9. B.12.4 Paid Absence from Workplace Policy Amendment

**Approval of the Agenda**

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

All in Favor.

**Employee Recognition-** *None*

**Presentation and Reports-** *None*

**Public Comment-***None*

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of November 5, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION** by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

**Agenda Items**

1. Maveric Mechanical & Plumbing INC. Quote  
**MOTION** by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the quote from Maveric Mechanical and Plumbing INC. in the amount of \$5,175 to install the required backflow preventers at the civic center property.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Code Red Purchase Order Request

**MOTION** by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the Onsolve Order Form in the amount of \$2,075.61 for critical communications subscription fees and the annual fee of \$225.61 for the first year and then \$462.50 through April 14, 2030, an authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the county.

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously**

3. Sobriety Court Additional Funding Request  
**MOTION** by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve Judge Wiggins' request for additional funding for Sobriety Court in the amount of \$4,200.00 pending approval by the other counties.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

4. Purchase Request-Switches  
**MOTION** by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the purchase request for network switches in the amount of \$19,087.94 for the Sheriff's Office.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

5. Budget Amendments  
**MOTION** by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the budget amendments dated November 19, 2025.

Wexford County Board of Commissioners Amendments to the 2025 Budget Log						
	BOC Meeting Date	Acct	Acct Description	Revenue	Expense	
G	F	2025-11-19	101-101-69	Transfer In Fund Balance	\$ 123,300.00	
			101-174-80	Copy-Leasing		\$ 60,000.00
			101-265-71	B&G-Social Security		\$ 7,300.00
			101-174-72	Workers Compensation		\$ 30,000.00
			101-276-93	BLDG-Maint & Repair		\$ 26,000.00
				<b>Total</b>		\$ 123,300.00

<i>Comment/Reasoning: To balance line items.</i>			
2025-11-19	261-325-69	Transfer In Fund Balance	\$ 40,000.00
	261-325-70	Holiday Pay <i>o balance line</i>	\$ 40,000.00
<b>Total</b>			\$ 40,000.00
<i>Comment/R</i>	<i>Reasoning:</i>	<i>Items.</i>	
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**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

6. Year End Budget Amendments

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the Administrator and Treasurer to transfer funds from one department to another without Board approval to ensure no department is in the negative at the end of the year.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

7. State Grant Contract for Community Corrections FY2026

**MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the State Grant for Community Corrections for the period of October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, in total amount of \$145,800.00 and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the county.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

8. 2026 Health Insurance Plans

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve continuing the County's HSA contribution for employees at the same rates and renewing the 2026 medical plans with the change of deductibles and out-of-pocket max costs and approve switching to Kansas City Life for dental, vision, life and short-term disability insurance.**

Administrator Porterfield explained that initially we were expecting large increases in health care costs. Initially it was thought they increase would be around 15%. There was a meeting with Weadock & Associates and they were able to get that increase down to 5.69% with some changes.

Drew Polak, Weadock & Associates, explained to the Board that they looked at the market for the best prices. There will be a slight increase to the deductible, that was IRS required, and a modest increase to out of pocket max. Kansas City Life will be replacing

OneAmerica and Beam for dental, vision, and short term disability. The coverage will be the same, but they were more cost effective.

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

9. B. 12.4 Paid Absence from Workplace Policy Amendment

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the amendments to Policy B-12.4 Paid Absence from the Workplace Policy.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Porterfield informed the Board that longtime Equalization Director, Jay Roundhouse, passed away over the weekend. He was also a longtime Colfax Township Board member, serving as trustee and supervisor. His service will be held at 11am on Saturday at Holdship Funeral Home in Manton. He served a lot of years in local government, and he will be missed.

The Veterans Committee will be having a special meeting the 20<sup>th</sup> to revisit the grant parameters again. They have to decide if they are going to go forward with how they have changed the grant or if they want to revert back to the original writing. A former VSO is also looking at coming back to help the office out.

Mr. Porterfield is also working hard on the budget, and he hopes to have emailed drafts out shortly.

**Correspondence-**

1. PFAS Results-Monitoring Well (GSS-3)

**Public Comments-**

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, Michigan, thanked the Wexford County Sheriff's Office for putting out a post about the people that assaulted him. The case is moving forward. He believes there are antifa pockets in Northern Michigan.

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Theobald attended the LDFA meeting. The report was included.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Benglink read a kind social media post regarding Jason Baughan receiving the 2025 Career Paraprofessional Award for his work at CTC.

Comm Bush wished everyone a safe and relaxing holiday.

Comm Potter thanked department heads, elected officials, Joe and Jami for their work on the budget.

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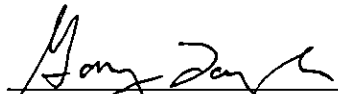
Comm Nelson thanked Joe for his kind words about Jay Roundhouse.

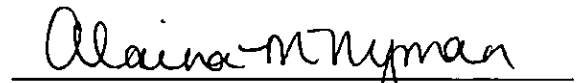
**Chairman's Comments-**

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

**Adjourn**

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

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk