

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, December 17, 2025

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

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

Absent- Jason Nelson

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.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None

Presentation and Reports- None

Public Comment-None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Appointments to the CWTA

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Remonumentation Surveyor Agreements
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the Monumentation Surveyor Agreements between CC Land Surveying, Atwell and Wexford County and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the county.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Peer Review Surveyor Agreement
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the Peer Review Surveyor Agreements between Bill Sikkema, George Smith, Brent Clough,

Craig McVean and Wexford County and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the county

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0

3. Civic Center's Request for Grant Match Funds

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Civic Center's Request for Grant Match Funds with Wexford County paying \$50,000.00 of the required match.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Resolution 25-19 Ratifying the POAM 9-1-1 Unit

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Resolutions 25-19 Ratifying the POAM 9-1-1 Unit Contract.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Resolution 25-20 Ratifying the COAM Unit Contract

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Resolutions 25-20 Ratifying the COAM Unit Contract.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Resolution 25-21 Ratifying the POAM 312 Deputies Unit Contract

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Resolutions 25-21 Ratifying the POAM 312 Unit Contract.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. Equalization Study

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the Equalization study and authorize the Equalization Director to sign on behalf of the County before January 1, 2026.

Equalization Director, Joe Porterfield, presented the Equalization Study to the board.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield talked about what the County had endured, good and bad, during 2025. He mentioned several maintenance issues including the replacement of the

boiler in the main building and replacement of the roof at the Wexford Civic Center. He also touched on the recent news events in Wexford County. Mr. Porterfield talked about the cyber attack and explained the process of recovery and where we are one year later.

Mr. Porterfield mentioned that he could not complete the Master Leadership Course, however; Deputy Administrator Bigger was able to complete the course and earned her certificate.

Administrator Porterfield thanked the Board and County Staff for all of their hard work in 2025 and wished them all Happy Holiday.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, Michigan, talked about the antifa pockets that he believes are in Wexford County. Mr. Koshmider also talked about the assault that happened to him and thanked the Wexford County Sheriff's Office for putting out a post about the people that assaulted him. The case is moving forward and is currently under review with the Prosecutor's Office. In closing, Mr. Koshmider wished the board a Merry Christmas.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Theobald updated the board on the pfas situation in the City of Cadillac, and mentioned the numbers are down.

Comm Potter attended the Wexford County Road Commission budget meeting and mentioned that everything went very well.

Comm Taylor updated the board on the Council on Aging audit report and mentioned that everything was good.

Board Comments-

Comm Bengelink talked about the challenges of being a new commissioner and thanked the Board, Joe and Jami for all of their support for the last year and that she was looking forward to 2026. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comm Bush wished everyone a Merry Christmas. He also mentioned that he went to the groundbreaking at the airport and was very happy to see the progress.

Comm Baughan thanked Joe and Jami for a great year and expressed his appreciation for those who took the time to help with Salvation Army and Wreaths Across America. He also wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Comm Potter thanked Comm Bengelink for the Christmas cookies.

Comm Sogge thanked the Board for their support in the last year.

Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor wished everyone Happy Holidays and thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:18 p.m. All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Karen S. Maury, Chief Deputy Clerk