

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting *Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:00 pm by Chairman Taylor

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

Absent- Julie Theobald

Pledge of Allegiance.

Election of Board Vice Chairperson

Chairman Taylor called for nominations for Board Vice Chair.

Comm Bush nominated Commissioner Theobald. This was seconded by Commissioner Bengelink.

No other nominations were made. The floor was then closed to any further nomination.

All in Favor.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Deletion: K.9 Tyler Technologies Agreement – Juror Payments

Addition: K.11 Rehman Engagement Letter

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Bush, 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 the December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Approval of the December 22, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

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

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. A. Designation of Committee Chairs

Chairman Taylor stated that there would be no changes to the Committee Chairs.

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Potter to accept the decision of the Board Chair designating committee chairs to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

All in Favor

B. Assignment of Committee Members

Chairman Taylor stated that the Committee Members would remain the same for the Executive Committee, Human Resources/Public Safety and Finance Committee. Recreation and Building would be Commissioners Nyman, Nelson, and Bengelink

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Baughan to accept the decision of the Board Chair designating committee members to the Finance & Appropriations, Human Resources & Public Safety, and Recreation & Building Committees.

All in Favor

C. 2026 Meeting Schedule

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the 2026 Board and Committee Meeting Schedule.

All in Favor

D. Board and Liaison Appointments

Chairman Taylor stated that Board and Liaison Appointments would remain the same except for Northern Michigan Community Action Agency would now be appointed to Commissioner Taylor.

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to accept the Chair's 2026 Board and Liaison appointments to other Boards and Committees.

All in Favor

2. Commissioner Code of Ethics

MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Sogge to affirm Policy A-0.0, Code of Ethics and Conduct for Wexford County Commissioners.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. Resolution 26-01 Wexford County Depository

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 26-01, Wexford County Depository.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Resolution 26-02 Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0 Investment Policy
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 26-02, Reaffirming Policy No. E-1.0 Investment Policy.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Resolution 26-03 Civil Rights, ADA, & Family Leave Act
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 26-03, Civil Rights, Americans with Disabilities Act, and Family Medical and Family Leave Act.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Resolution 26-04 Fair Housing
 - a. Fair Housing Policy Statement

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve Resolution 26-04, Fair Housing.

Roll call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. Resolution 26-05 Public Act 152 Health Care Requirements
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve Resolution 26-05, Public Act 152, Health Care Requirements.

Roll call: Motion passed 8-0.

8. JustFOIA Contract
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the JustFOIA Contract in the amount of \$11,221.00 for yearly cost with a one-time start-up fee of \$1,870.00 in the total amount for the first year of \$13,091.00 and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

10. Outfitting for Patrol Vehicles
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve purchasing patrol vehicle equipment in the amount of \$413,175.00 with \$242,905.00 coming from leftover funds within the sheriffs 2025 budget and the remaining \$170,270.00 coming from the 2026 Pic funds.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0

11. Rehman Engagement Letter

MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Rehmnnann Engagement Letter in the amount of \$71,500.00 and authorize the County Administrator and the County Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield welcomed all the commissioners. He noted that the heat has been fixed at the courthouse and the repair needed at the Friend of the Court roof unit would be done tomorrow.

Mr. Porterfield introduced Jodie Musta, the new analyst in Equalization, to the Board.

Administrator Porterfield mentioned that the County would now be getting ready for the yearly audit.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, Michigan, welcomed the board members and wished everyone Happy New Year. Mr. Koshmider updated the Board on the progress of his alleged assault. He mentioned that only one of three assailants were going to be charged by the prosecutor. Mr. Koshmider mentioned that he was in the beginning stages of starting the recall process of the prosecutor and has been bull horning raising awareness to the public.

Liaison Reports- None.

Board Comments-

Comm Sogge talked about the recent EMS Training that he attended and mentioned that they did a walk through the Wexford County Road Commission building. He commented on how impeccable the building and operation was.

Comm Nyman wished everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to the upcoming year.

Comm Bush welcomed Jodie Musta to the county.


Chairman's Comments-

Comm Taylor welcomed Jodie Musta to the county and thanked everyone for attending.

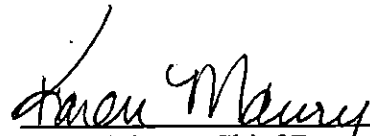
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Baughan to adjourn at 4:18 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Karen Maury, Chief Deputy Clerk