

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, January 21, 2026

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- *None*.

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the agenda.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None*

Presentation and Reports- *None*

Public Comment-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, requested a correction to the minutes where it said “alleged” assault. It was not alleged. He was assaulted.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of January 7, 2026
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Fox Motors Contract
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the Fox Motor Agreement with Wexford County and Fox of Cadillac regarding snow removal and storage for the period of June 1, 2025, through May 31, 2028, and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Administrator Porterfield informed the Board that this has been in place for years. The amount was just being increased from \$300 to \$1000.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Kalkaska Agreements for Veterans Services

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Agreement between Kalkaska County and Wexford County for Veterans Services on an as-needed basis and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Administrator Porterfield explained that when the resignations came in, they had several people reach out to help the office. Kalkaska agreed to help on an as needed basis. While the new VSO is training and earning her accreditation, Kalkaska will be billing for our Veterans, and Wexford will reimburse Kalkaska when necessary.

Commissioner Bush asked if the Kalkaska officer would be traveling here. Administrator Porterfield explained that she would not. The information would be sent through an encrypted email from the office here.

Commissioner Theobald wanted to clarify if any of our veterans would have to travel to Kalkaska, and Mr. Porterfield explained they would not.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0

3. Wexford Missaukee Friend of the Court TKS Proposal

MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Wexford Missaukee Friend of the Court TKS Proposal and agreement in the amount of a onetime fee of \$5,349.00 and a monthly fee of \$24.95 to add cameras and a panic button and authorize the board chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Addendum to Interim Veterans Services Director Employment Agreement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Addendum to the Interim Veterans Services Director Employment Agreement between Kent Myers, County of Wexford and Wexford County Veteran's Affairs Committee increasing the weekly hours to 29 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Mr. Porterfield explained that Kent was needing more hours in order to get everything completed.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield thanked Melanie and Kalkaska Board of Commissioners for reaching out to help. He was going to be meeting with Kent at Coffee Hour in Manton to

chat with some of our local veterans. He also attended a court security meeting to discuss some of the upcoming high profile cases.

Commissioner Taylor asked if the new VSO would be joining them at Coffee Hour. Mr. Porterfield explained that she would be doing some important paperwork.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments

Dón Koshmider, Cadillac; Michigan, let everyone know that InfoWars is still on the air. There are other good alternative media as well. He informed everyone that the World Economic Forum is meeting in Switzerland. The vision is the Great Reset and Agenda 2030. He thinks President Trump should declare the Insurrection Act in Minneapolis. There is no law and order. He's all about peacefully protesting and the first amendment. He encouraged everyone to watch InfoWars. Mr. Koshmider thanked the Board for their service, and he hopes they will sign his petition once he gets it going. Not on courthouse property though.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Baughan attended Wexford County Safe Schools where they talked about reunification. There is training on February 13th. He will be reaching out to local EMS to attend.

Comm Nyman attended a Northern Lakes Community Mental Health meeting. They feel they are on the right track to get their budget in line.

Comm Taylor attended a WexExpress meeting. They are still in need of more drivers, but they are seeing record turnout for riders.

Board Comments-

Comm Sogge told everyone to bundle up. It is very cold out there.

Comm Bengelink thanked Joe, Jami, and Gary for their work for our veterans.

Comm Theobald thanked everyone for voting her as vice chair again. She appreciated the bode of confidence.

Chairman's Comments-

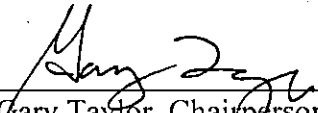
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

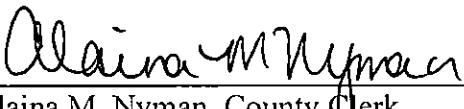
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

All in favor.

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk