

**WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Regular Meeting \* Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Mark Nyman, Sandy Bengelink, Michael Bush, Gary Taylor, and Jason Baughan.

Absent- Aaron Sogge, Jason Nelson, Julie Theobald, and Brian Potter.

Pledge of Allegiance.

**Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-**

**Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the agenda.**

**All in Favor.**

**Employee Recognition- *None.***

**Presentation and Reports-**

Lisa Kasprick from Mid-Michigan Medical Examiner Group presented the Board with the 2025 Annual Report. She highlighted in Wexford County there was an increase of 25.4% of cases that were investigated. Suicide was the largest increase in the county.

Ms. Kasprick noted that they are seeing a wide range of drugs in deaths as well. Some counties are doing a deep dive into the causes of these overdoses to try and get more information. She offered to do the same for those in Wexford, if requested.

She also highlighted the partnership with other counties, that would be available as resources, should Wexford County ever have the need for that. The CT scanner she discussed in the past is also all set in Grayling and being used.

**Public Comment- *None***

**Consent Agenda**

1. Approval of March 4, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes  
**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.**

**All in favor.**

**Agenda Items**

1. Public Hearing on the Village of Mesick Annexation Petition

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to open the public hearing.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 5-0.**

The public hearing was opened at 4:09 p.m. No one addressed the Board. The public hearing was closed at 4:10 p.m.

2. Resolution 26-12 Village of Mesick Annexation

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 26-12 Village of Mesick Annexation.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 5-0.**

3. Plumbing Inspector Contract

**MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Plumbing Inspector Contract between Wexford County and Ronald Pratt to provide plumbing services for Wexford County Building Department on an as needed independent contractor basis beginning March 18, 2026, at a rate of \$70.00 per inspection and approve the board chairman and Administrator to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Fair Board Grant Support Letter

**MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the Fair Board Grant Support Letter and authorize the board chairman and administration to sign on behalf of the County and to allocate \$25,000 towards the grant matching requirement pending approval of the grant award.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Cidnet Communication Service Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Baughan to approve the Cidnet Communication Service Agreement between Steller services and the Wexford County Sheriff's Office and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 5-0.**

6. US Imaging Agreement

**MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the US Imaging Agreement in the amount of \$28,560.80 and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 5-0.**

7. Code Red OnSolve Subscription

**MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Code Red OnSolve Subscription for a five-year term in the amount of \$21,119.91 with an annual fee of \$5,339.30 and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.**

**Roll Call: Motion passed 5-0.**

**Administrator's Report-**

Administrator Porterfield thanked Eric, the road commission, and the lineman for putting the county back together. The courthouse was closed one day, and short staffed another. With the Governor's Declaration of a State of Emergency the County was able to get additional resources. Mr. Porterfield had a meeting with Consumer's Energy, and they were hopeful to have all residents back by the end of tomorrow.

**Correspondence- None.**

**Public Comments**

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, didn't know what to say at the last meeting. The country and our community is divided. If you're watching the fake news, you aren't getting news. You are getting propaganda. InfoWars will be ending in April. They aren't auctioning off the network. InfoWars.com is ending. They have moved to Alex Jones Network on rumble. He suggested everyone get their news at InfoWars while they can.

**Liaison Reports-**

Comm Baughan attended the Safe Schools and Alliance for Economic Success meetings. It was business as usual.

Comm Taylor attended a Conservation District meeting where they discussed the tree sale. He handed out information as well.

**Board Comments-**

Comm Baughan thanked Eric, Joe, and Gary for getting the state of emergency resolution done. He thanked the first responders, lineman and dispatchers who are out there working hard.

Comm Nyman suggested if anyone sees a lineman out and about, give them a thank you.

Comm Bengelink echoed what the other commissioners stated. She thanked the lineman, police, hospital staff, fire departments, and everyone else.

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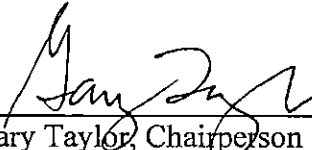
**Chairman's Comments-**

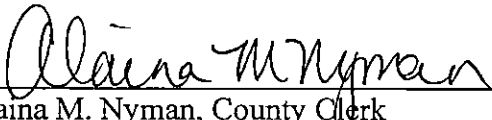
Chair Taylor echoed what the other commissioner said also. He thanked everyone for attending.

**Adjourn**

**MOTION** by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to adjourn at 4:20 p.m.

All in favor.

  
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Gary Taylor, Chairperson

  
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Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk