

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, March 4, 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-

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Michael McDaniel was not able to attend the meeting to receive his award for 35 years of service.

Ashley Hackert was present to receive her award for 5 years of service.

Colleen Zawacki was present to receive her award for 5 years of service.

Presentation and Reports-

Carrie Thompson, Director of the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority, presented the Board with their annual update. She noted that last year they saw record ridership, with over 150,000 rides. In October of last year, they saw over 15,000 riders.

Ms. Thompson highlighted their fully functional app where riders can schedule pickups, pay for pass, and they can even see when their ride is 15 minutes away. She also highlighted some of their new programs like New Freedom, Rides to Wellness and a program that helps take veterans around the state.

Public Comment- *None*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of February 18, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Resolution 26-10 CWTA 2026 Millage
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve
Resolution 26-10 Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority 2026 Millage Resolution.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. Resolution 26-11 COA Millage Language
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve Resolution 26-11 Older Citizens Services Millage Renewal and Restoration Proposal.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

3. 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the FY 2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant Agreement for the period of October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025, and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Commercial Property Lease Renewal for Wexford County Public Defender's Office
MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the 5-year Commercial Property Lease renewal for the Wexford County Public Defender's Office and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield thanked the three employees recognized for their years of service. Mr. Porterfield also thanked Carrie for always being willing to help. They were looking for services to get rides for medical appointments, and she helped. They were looking for services to get rides for rehab, and she helped. Gary mentioned looking for a grant and Carrie was able to help with that also.

Board of Review is next week. Mr. Porterfield noted he would be busy from 9-9, so he would get back to people when he could.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments

Nikki Schultz, AES and MSU Extension, reminded everyone that there is an open house tomorrow at MSUE. She also reminded everyone that the Career Expo is happening at the Wex from 9am to 3pm on March 13th.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Theobald attended the DHHS meeting where they also talked about how great CWTA is. They also noted that the CPS rate is down to 18% for our area. They will be scheduling a time to come present to the Board also.

Board Comments-

Comm Nyman congratulated and thanked the CWTA on the ridership they have seen.

Comm Bengelink echoed Comm Nyman. She remembers back when it was called Dial-a-Ride. She thanked them for the leadership and community support.

Comm Potter thanked Carrie and the group for being very helpful.

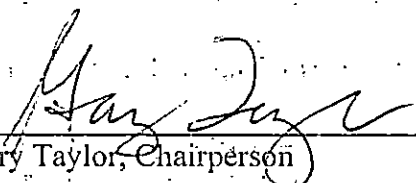
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor noted the CWTA is amazing. He thanked Mike, Ashley, and Colleen on their years of service. He also thanked everyone for attending.

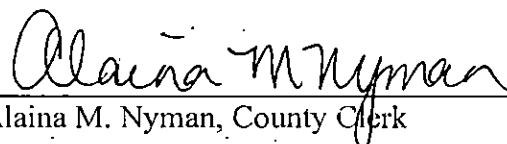
Adjourn

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

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk