

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, April 15, 2026

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

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

Absent- Commissioner Aaron Sogge.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add: G.2. Drain Commissioner Update

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- None.

Presentation and Reports-

Tracey Logan, Cadillac Wexford Public Library Director, provided the Board with a little bit of background for the programs the libraries in our area offer. She highlighted the main areas they focus on are providing resources, supporting literacy, technology help, and connecting communities.

They offer things like literacy kits, assistance with reference questions, public Wi-Fi not only available at the libraries, but also at Greenwood, Liberty and Wexford Township halls. They hosted 522 events, where almost 16,000 residents attended. The library also offers meeting spaces that saw 1,956 uses in 2025.

Ms. Logan noted that they are primarily funded through the millage in the county, as well as through penal fines, property tax, and some state aid. She also provided the Board with some success stories that are near and dear to her heart.

Mike Solomon, County Drain Commissioner, provided the Board with an update on the current lake level and flooding situation. The lakes were currently 27 inches over the court ordered levels, and rising quickly. The City is working at putting out sand bags to help with the flooding, but several roads still remained closed.

Ms. Solomon also noted that there are excavators prepositioned at Wexford Jewelers to respond quickly, should they need to.

Public Comment-

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, gave his praises to the Clerk's Office for the record keeping, but there is a typo in the proposed minutes. The website referenced should be trackaipac.com.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of April 1, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the Consent Agenda, with amendments.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. L-4023 Reports
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the 2026 Equalization Report form L-4023.

Joe Porterfield, Equalization Director, noted this is something done every year.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. L-4024 Reports
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the 2026 Equalization Report form L-4024 and L-4037 with no factors and authorize the Chairman, Clerk, and Equalization Director to sign on behalf of the County.

Mr. Porterfield noted there were no factors on the 4037.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. Slagle Township Assessors Service Contract
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Assessors Service Contract for the Township of Slagle and authorize the Chairman and Equalization Director to sign on behalf of the County.

Mr. Porterfield noted that this contract was in place prior to him becoming the Equalization Director. The rate does increase by rate inflation each year.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

4. Resolution 26-13 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Resolution 26-13 Amyotrophic (ay-myo-TROH-fik) Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month.

Roll Call: Motion passed unanimously.

5. Sheriff's Request to Send Cadet to the August 2026 Police Academy
MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Bengelink to approve the Sheriff's request to send up to four cadets to the August 2026 Police Academy.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Cedar Creek IAI Contract
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the five-year Operation and Maintenance Agreement between Wexford County and Infrastructure Alternatives, Inc. and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Administrator Porterfield explained the county attorney had reviewed the contract. There is a portion about arbitration, and he wanted to note that the losing party would pay for attorney fees for both sides, should arbitration come about. He also noted that the county would cover the cost of parts and labor outside of the normal contract.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield noted it had been a busy week with Equalization. The following week is the go live date for BS&A Cloud. Currently, only reports can be run, and we can't change any data.

Mr. Porterfield thanked Mike Solomon for his monitoring of the lakes. He also thanked Erik King for getting the declaration of a state of emergency. There are a lot of people with water in their homes, and unfortunately, there isn't much we can do until the water recedes.

Mr. Porterfield also thanked Tracey Logan for coming to present to the Board, and for all of her hard work at the library.

Correspondence- None.

Public Comments

Ben Townsend passed out a flyer for his campaign. He fights for things he thinks are right. 5 years ago Mike Bengelink to him to Hermann's to ask him if he would consider running for Michelle Hoitenga's position when she moved on to the senate. At that time, he was not interested, but he continued to think about it. He asked everyone to check out his website to see his qualifications. He believes he can do it. He will see everyone again in 2 weeks.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, noted he is very passionate about life and liberty. He has time on his hands to attend meetings. He wanted to plug InfoWars new network, The Alex

Jones Network. He called 911 on the chem trails in Wexford County trying to raise awareness and document it. He would like to see the Board passed a resolution banning chem trails. He asked everyone to visit Geoengineeringwatch.org.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Bengelink is very fortunate to be on the library board. It is a huge resource to our community.

Comm Theobald attended the LDFA meeting. They are looking at grants for recycling of carbon to take out PFAs, calcium, and even aluminum.

Board Comments-

Comm Nelson is praying for our community. He had spent the last few days babysitting bridges and homes. He thanked Eric and the Road Commission for the hours they have put into this.

Comm Nyman echoed what Commissioner Nelson said. All agencies are able to work very well together.

Comm Bengelink is praying for everyone.

Comm Theobald thanked everyone involved with working together.

Comm Potter reminded everyone that the Finance Committee meeting was moved to Friday the following week.

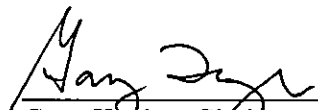
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

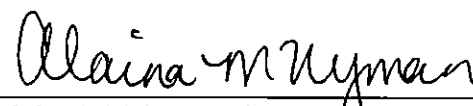
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk