



Wexford County

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Gary Taylor, Chair

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Executive Committee of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners’ Room, third floor of the Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- E. APPROVAL OF THE April 12, 2026, REGUALR MEETING MINUTES..... 1
- F. PUBLIC COMMENTS
Designated for topics on the agenda only.
- G. AGENDA ITEMS
 - 1. Discussion on Current Litigation Matters
 - 2. Infrastructure Alternatives Monthly Report *(Tom Lutke, Infrastructure Alternatives Inc.)*
 - 3. Discussion on a Resolution in Support of Michigan House Bills 5152 & 5153..... 3
- H. CORRESPONDENCE
- I. ADMINISTRATOR’S COMMENTS
- J. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- K. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
- L. CHAIR COMMENTS
- M. ADJOURN

WEXFORD COUNTY
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 14, 2026
Gary Taylor, Chair

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Taylor at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioner’s room, Third Floor, Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Gary Taylor, Michael Bush, Brian Potter, Julie Theobald
Members Absent: None.
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator/Human Resources Director; Tom Lutke, Infrastructure Alternatives Inc.; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; Sheriff Trent Taylor; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add: G.6. Copy Paper Discussion

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Bush to approve the agenda, as amended. A vote was called. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Bush to approve the March 10, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Discussion on Current Litigation Matters

Deputy County Administrator, Jami Bigger, informed the committee of the following:

- Admin Porterfield is currently attending mediation on the lawsuit involving the Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority.
- The Bliss case was dismissed by the judge.

G.2. Infrastructure Alternatives Monthly Report

Mr. Tom Lutke, IAI, informed the committee that it has been a busy month due to the ice storm callouts. “The run water advisory” has been lifted.

Comm. Potter asked what triggered the “run water advisory” and Mr. Lutke stated the cold temps in the ground.

G.3. Cedar Creek IAI Contract

A motion was made by Comm. Bush and supported by Comm. Theobald to forward a recommendation to the full board to consider the Cedar Creek IAI Contract.

Discussion took place on some language in the contract that legal counsel was apprehensive of Mr. Polanic will speak with their attorneys and Mr. Porterfield prior to tomorrow's Board meeting.

A vote was called. All in favor.

G.4. Resolution 26-13 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month

A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Theobald to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve Resolution 26-13 Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Awareness Month. A vote was called. All in favor.

G.5. Sheriff's Request to Send Cadets to the August 2026 Police Academy

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to the full board to send up to four cadets to the August 2026 police academy. A vote was called. All in favor.

G.6. Copy Paper Discussion

Comm. Theobald questioned whether there is, or should be, a policy for reimbursement for printing or copying meeting materials. She noted she serves on committees where information is only available electronically and she likes to have paper copies. There is currently no policy or reimbursement method. Ms. Bigger stated that Administration can and will print any country-related meeting materials for commissioners upon their request.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Bigger, Deputy Administrator stated the following:

- The RFP for copy paper closes on the 17th.
- The Governors breakfast is this coming Friday.
- The new cloud version of BS&A will be going live next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Theobald and supported by Comm. Potter to adjourn the meeting at 4:16 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor.

Gary Taylor, Chair

Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary



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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 5152 AND 5153

WHEREAS, the Office of the Register of Deeds is charged with maintaining accurate, accessible, and secure land records that form the foundation of real property ownership, economic development, and public trust in local governments; and

WHEREAS, predatory practices have been identified where third-party firms target vulnerable residents who are facing mortgage foreclosure and convince them to sell either their property or their statutory rights to surplus foreclosure proceeds and redemption for a fraction of the true value, often stripping residents of tens of thousands of dollars in home equity; and

WHEREAS, House Bills 5152 and 5153 have been introduced in the Michigan Legislature to amend the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, providing critical protection for homeowners during mortgage foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5153 would directly stop this predatory model by making a mortgagor's right to surplus money and right of redemption non-assignable and non-transferable after a notice of foreclosure is recorded, except through legitimate testate or intestate succession; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5152 would further protect homeowners by requiring a mandatory "Notice of Rights" for any conveyance of property after a foreclosure notice is recorded, ensuring the seller fully understands they are waiving their rights to redemption, occupancy, and surplus proceeds; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds recognizes that one of the roles of the Register of Deeds Office is to protect the property rights of the public and recognizes House Bills 5152 and 5153 are securing said rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds fully supports House Bills 5152 and 5153, which will protect State of Michigan residents from foreclosure fraud, preserve home equity for families, and reduce the burden on local government resources.

ADOPTED on this, 16th day of December 2025.

Brandon Krause
MARD President
Bay County Register of Deeds