

WEXFORD COUNTY
FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 08, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Potter at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, Third Floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Brian Potter, Sandy Bengelink, Mark Nyman, Gary Taylor
Members Absent: None.
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator & HR Director; Ashley Hackert, Accts Payable/Deputy Clerk; Kristi Nottingham, Treasurer; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator & Equalization Director; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the agenda. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the December 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Approval of Claims

A motion was made by Comm. Nyman and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve paying the claims in the amount of \$364,665.80. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

County Administrator, Mr. Porterfield, informed the committee the phone system is nearing end-of-life and needs to be replaced. Since the county is in the middle of a multi-year contract with Telnet for phone services, a quote was obtained from them to switch over to a UCaaS (Unified Communications as a Service) system and either replace the phones or lease new phones. The quote for the lease ended up coming in much lower than buying the phones and would also include maintenance or repair.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to adjourn the meeting at 4:06 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed 4-0.



Brian Potter, Chair



Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary