



Wexford County

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Gary Taylor, Chair

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Wexford County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, May 06, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, third floor of the Historic Courthouse, located at 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, MI 49601.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PLEDGE OF ALLIEGIANCE
- D. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
- E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
- F. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION
- G. PRESENTATION AND REPORTS
 - 1. District Health Department # 10 (*Kevin Hughes, Health Officer, DHD #10*)
- H. PUBLIC COMMENT
Designated for topics on the agenda only.
- I. CONSENT AGENDA
The purpose of the consent agenda is to expedite business by grouping non-controversial items together to be dealt with by one Commission motion without discussion. Any member of the Commission may ask that any item on the consent agenda be removed therefrom and placed elsewhere for full discussion. Such requests will be automatically respected. If any item is not removed from the consent agenda, the action noted on the agenda is approved by motion of the Commission to adopt the consent agenda.
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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

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting * Wednesday, April 29, 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-

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Public Comment- *None.*

Agenda Items

1. Discussion on No Wake Order on Lakes Cadillac & Mitchell
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve Resolution 26-14 Requesting a Temporary Reduction of the Maximum Speed of Vessels on Lakes Cadillac and Mitchell to No Wake.

Administrator Porterfield noted that this was brought forward because the City wanted the Sheriff and Emergency Manager to order the no wake. Several residents reached out to commissioner's requesting something be done. After a discussion with the county's attorney, it was explained the county could do the resolution or the three jurisdictions that the lakes touch could pass them.

Commissioner Bengelink thanked Joe for getting this going so quickly.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Public Comments

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, spoke about InfoWars. After midnight tomorrow, InfoWars will be no more. There are appeals pending, however, a judge is not allowing for payment of rent or utilities. He asked everyone to watch the new network, The Alex Jones Network.

Board Comments-

Comm Bengelink is sending prayers to everyone in the Cadillac and surrounding areas effected by the flooding.

Comm Bush echoed what Commissioner Bengelink stated. He reminded everyone to lay low on the lakes, and that it is only April.

Comm Theobald thanked the Army Corp. Engineers and Erik for making this possible and getting it presented.

Comm Sogge noted that the last 40 days have been very testing on the community and showed our resilience. It is nice to see the banding together. He joked that he has spoken more to Erik than he has his own wife lately.

Comm Nyman gave a shoutout to the first responders and the neighbors and friends helping their neighbors and friends.

Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked Joe and Erik for getting this resolution brought forward. He also thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:07 p.m.

All in favor.

Gary Taylor, Chairperson

Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

FROM: HR/PS Committee
FOR MEETING DATE: May 06, 2026
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Wexford County Road Commission

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED:

With the resignation of Robert Hilty, there is a vacancy on the Wexford County Road Commission. Four applications were received for consideration of appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources/Public Safety Committee recommends to the full board appoint Kathy Adams to the Wexford County Road Commission with term expiring December 31, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

FROM: HR/PS Committee
FOR MEETING DATE: May 06, 2026
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED:

There is a vacancy on the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority. One application was received for consideration of appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources/Public Safety Committee recommends the full board appoint Linda Kimbel to the Cadillac Wexford Transit Authority with terms expiring December 31, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

FROM: HR/PS Committee
FOR MEETING DATE: May 06, 2026
SUBJECT: Appointment to the Wexford Missaukee Community
Corrections Advisory Board

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED:

With the resignation of William Fagerman there is a vacancy on the Wexford Missaukee Community Corrections Advisory Board. One application was received for consideration of appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources/Public Safety Committee recommends the full board appoint Miranda Grunow to the Wexford Missaukee Community Corrections Advisory Board expiring December 31, 2027.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM

FROM: HR/PS Committee
FOR MEETING DATE: May 06, 2026
SUBJECT: Re-appointment to the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED

Ben Townsend’s term on the Northern Lakes Community Mental Health Board expired on March 31, 2026. Mr. Townsend has been contacted and confirmed his interest in being re-appointed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources/Public Safety Committee recommends to the full board to reappoint Mr. Townsend for another term expiring March 31, 2029.



STELLAR
SERVICES, LLC

March 16th, 2026

VIA U.S. MAIL

Re: Update on Martha Wright Reed Act - FCC Order Alignment

Dear Valued Customer,

Stellar Services is providing this notice to inform facility partners of a recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) order affecting audio and video connectivity services within the Incarcerated Persons Communication Service (IPCS) space.

Stellar Services delivers secure communications and digital services to correctional facilities through the Cidnet platform. Cidnet provides non-interconnected VoIP audio and video services, along with educational, informational, and entertainment applications through a secure internet-connected environment. While this model differs from traditional IPCS telecommunications providers, the platform still enables meaningful connectivity between incarcerated individuals and people outside the facility.

In November 2025, the FCC issued an order addressing IPCS audio and video services. Within that order, the FCC defined covered services broadly as:

“any audio or video communications service used by inmates for the purpose of communicating with individuals outside the correctional institution where the inmate is held, regardless of technology used.”

Because the audio and video connectivity provided through Cidnet fits within the description of “regardless of technology used”, the platform must align with the regulatory framework established by the FCC order. These adjustments are being implemented to ensure ongoing compliance with federal requirements while continuing to support the facilities and communities served by the Cidnet platform.

During the month of March 2026, Stellar Services will be reviewing audio and video service rates and implementing any adjustments necessary to ensure the services remain fully aligned and compliant with the FCC per-minute mandate. The FCC has established April 2026, as the date by which providers must be operating under the updated rate structure. We will ensure your audio and video rates are compliant before the deadline.

The order establishes mandated per-minute rate caps based on average daily population for audio and video services and prohibits commissions or revenue sharing associated with those audio and video services. However, the FCC permits a \$0.02 per-minute additive to be paid to the facility, intended to

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support facility safety and security costs. Because these federal rules apply specifically to audio and video communications services, the reimbursement associated with those services will transition to the **FCC-permitted \$0.02 per-minute facility cost recovery additive beginning April 2026**. Please see the table below regarding the facility ADP tiers along with the per minute rates and additives for audio and video services.

Audio & Video IPCS Rate Caps

Facility Tier (Average Daily Population)	Audio Cap	Audio + Additive*	Video Cap	Video + Additive*
Prisons (Any Size)	\$0.09	\$0.11	\$0.23	\$0.25
Large Jails (1,000+)	\$0.08	\$0.10	\$0.17	\$0.19
Medium Jails (350-999)	\$0.10	\$0.12	\$0.17	\$0.19
Small Jails (100-349)	\$0.11	\$0.13	\$0.19	\$0.21
Very Small (50-99)	\$0.13	\$0.15	\$0.23	\$0.25
Extremely Small (0-49)	\$0.17	\$0.19	\$0.42	\$0.44

* The Audio + Additive will be the rate paid by the consumer for services.

The broader Cidnet platform includes other applications and services that operate outside the scope of regulated IPCS communications. These services—including messaging, information services, and other digital applications—continue to operate as they do today and remain governed by the terms of the existing agreement. Stellar Services understands that many facilities rely on communications-related reimbursements to support operational needs. As these federal changes take effect, our team will be working with agency partners to review the financial impact of the new framework and discuss how the broader Cidnet platform can continue supporting facility operations. Our goal is to navigate these regulatory changes collaboratively while continuing to provide technology, service, and support that our agency partners rely on.

If revisions to your current agreement are required, your designated Account Manager will contact you to discuss the necessary amendments. These changes will take effect on April 6, 2026.

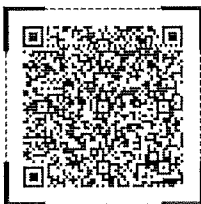
If the FCC order, or any portion of it, is stayed, modified, or vacated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the original terms and intent of the existing agreement will continue to govern, and the provisions in place prior to the FCC-mandated adjustments will remain applicable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

We value our partnership with your facility and remain committed to delivering reliable technology, responsible service, and strong support to the agencies we serve across the country. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these changes further, please contact your Client Solutions representative. Thank you for your continued trust in Stellar Services and the Cidnet platform.

Warm Regards,

Edward Bierer

Ed Bierer
Owner/President



FCC Ruling Citation

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2025/12/05/2025-22125/incarcerated-peoples-communication-services-implementation-of-the-martha-wright-reed-act-rates-for>



Amendment for
Wexford County
Sheriff's Office
Cidnet Voice-Data (Phones) &
Cidnet Video Visitation,
Tablets, and Messaging
Service Agreement



March 30, 2026



Amendment 1

An Agreement was made by and between Stellar Services, LLC with a place of business at 301 Business Park Circle, Stoughton, WI 53589 and Wexford County Sheriff’s Office, with a place of business 1016 Lincoln Street on 05/28/2022 (hereinafter referred to as “original stated Agreement, Cidnet Voice-Data (Phones) & Cidnet Video Visitation, Tablets, and Messaging” set forth below.

WHEREAS, the parties wish to amend the terms of the original Cidnet Voice-Data (Phones) & Cidnet Video Visitation, Tablets, and Messaging as set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises herein, the parties, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree that the following constitutes additional terms and conditions of the stated Agreement.

RATES

The FCC has mandated that per minute rates for audio and video services are to be capped as stated in the Martha Right-Reed Just and Reasonable Communications Act effective April 2026.

COMMISSION

The FCC has mandated that “site Commissions” on audio and video communication services, have been traditionally paid to our correctional facility partners as a percentage of revenue, are to be prohibited going forward, as stated in the Martha Wright-Reed Just and Reasonable

Tier ADP	Audio (Per Minute)			Video (Per Minute)		
	Rate Cap	Rate Additive	Effective Rate Cap	Rate Cap	Rate Additive	Effective Rate Cap
Prisons (Any ADP)	\$0.09	\$0.02	\$0.11	\$0.23	\$0.02	\$0.25
Large Jails (1,000 +)	\$0.08	\$0.02	\$0.10	\$0.17	\$0.02	\$0.19
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Small Jails (100-349)	\$0.11	\$0.02	\$0.13	\$0.19	\$0.02	\$0.21
Very Small Jails (50-99)	\$0.13	\$0.02	\$0.15	\$0.23	\$0.02	\$0.25
Extremely Small Jails (0-49)	\$0.17	\$0.02	\$0.19	\$0.42	\$0.02	\$0.44

Wexford County rate will be aligned with your current ADP, and Stellar Services, LLC will evaluate it on an annual basis to be adjusted.



Proposed Revenue Share for Wexford County – Effective April 1, 2026:

PROVIDER SERVICE	REVENUE SHARE TO COUNTY
MESSAGING	50%
FREEMIUM	25%
CINEMA	25%

Wexford County is aware of the FCC Ruling on costs and revenues. Stellar Services reserves the right to renegotiate the contract without penalty if additional changes are made on the FCC Rulings

The parties reaffirm no other terms or conditions of the above mentioned original stated agreement Cidnet Voice-Data (Phones) & Cidnet Video Visitation, Tablets, and Messaging hereby otherwise modified or amended shall be negated or changed as a result of this stated addendum

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have entered into this Amendment to be duly executed on month of _____, day of _____, and year _____.

STELLAR SERVICES, LLC

By: _____

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

WEXFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By: Mike McDaniel

Signature:

Title: Jail Administrator

Date: 4/14/2026

WEXFORD COUNTY CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

By: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____