

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 3, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairman Taylor.

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

Absent- *None*.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda- *None*.

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Alexis Howard was present to receive her award for 5 years of service with the County.

Danielle Decator was also present to receive her award for 10 years of service with the County.

Presentation and Reports-

Public Comment- *None*.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the May 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in Favor.

Agenda Items

1. Early Voting Location Change

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the change of the Early Voting Location from the Lake Street Building to the Courthouse, first-floor foyer.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

2. USDA Forest Service Agreement

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the 2026 USDA Forest Service Grant Agreement in the amount of \$3,000 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-1 with Commissioner Nelson voting against the motion.

3. 2026 Marine Patrol Grant Agreement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the 2026 Marine Patrol Grant Agreement in the amount of \$9,800 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

4. Abilita Retainer Renewal Agreement

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the Abilita Retainer Renewal Agreement between Wexford County and Aylward Consultants Abilita for 24 months with a monthly retainer fee of \$725.00 and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

5. MGT Agreement Amendment-Prosecutor's Office

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the MGT Agreement Amendment between Wexford County and MGT Impact Solutions LLC. for the Prosecutor's Office and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

6. MGT Agreement Amendment-Friend of the Court

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the MGT Agreement Amendment between Wexford County and MGT Impact Solutions LLC. for Friend of the Court and authorize the Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 9-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield explained that everyone is working to put the final touches on the audit. There is a meeting regarding data centers in Gaylord on Monday. There is a split of those wanting and those not wanting them in the area. Consumers will also be there to help answer questions. He also noted the budget calendar would be coming soon.

Correspondence-

1. NLCMH Financials

Public Comments-

Mike Mix, Colfax Township Supervisor, spoke to the Board about an electrical issue. The Amish have built a produce stand, but they are unable to open it because the Health Department says they need electricity. The State has said it is a local interpretation of the law. He asked for some help getting this fixed, and the stand open.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, thinks data centers are bad. They pollute the water and make electric bills skyrocket. Alex Jones Live says peoples funds are being invested into data centers. He hopes the board will pass a resolution against data centers.

Liaison Reports-

Comm Bush attended a Materials Management meeting

Comm Theobald attended a DHHS meeting and emailed that information.

Comm Potter attended a MAC Judicial meeting where they set the platforms for current bills. Jami has a copy if anyone would like to see.

Comm Nyman noted the CMH financials sheet that was attached to the agenda. It makes it easy to read and shows how far in the hole they are.

Board Comments-

Comm Potter thanked the employees receiving years of service awards for becoming long term.

Comm Nelson explained he voted no to shed light on an issue where trails are being closed, and local departments have no way to get to them. A month ago there was a camper that burnt down in the woods, and it is still there because no one can get to it.

Comm Bengelink was happy to have Commissioner Bush back. She shared congratulations to Alexis and Dani on their years of service also.

Comm Bush echoed the congratulations also and appreciates their work.

Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

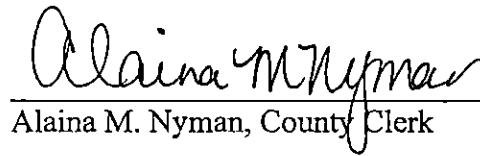
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

All in favor.

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Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk