

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, May 6, 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: J.2. Resolution 26-15 Supporting the P.A. 511 Wexford Community Corrections Plan & Grant Application

J.3. 2026 Bulk Paper Bid Award

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-

Kevin Hughes, District #10 Health Department Officer, provided the Board with their annual report for 2025. They faced lots of challenges throughout 2025, and they had to cut 40 positions. Services did increase though by about 11,000 throughout all 10 counties.

Mr. Hughes noted that they are closely watching the statewide sanitary law. How the law is currently written and proposed, the Health Department is not in support of. He did not believe it would go forward, as currently written.

Mr. Hughes also highlighted that they are seeing lots of use in their Adolescent Health Center at the local schools. In Cadillac, they saw 297 medical needs and 225 mental health patients. In Mesick Schoos they have a nurse and a counselor, and they saw 422 medical appointments and 406 mental health. In Manton, they saw 476 medical and 205 mental health patients. They also have a nurse in Mackinaw Trail Middle School, where there were 192 nurse visits.

Donna Norkoli provided the Board with the Community Health Improvement Plan that was completed in December of 2025. The main concerns in our area were access to healthcare, mental health and substance use disorders, chronic disease and health weight, and economic security. She also noted that child food insecurity is higher in Wexford County than it is statewide.

Public Comment- *None.*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the April 29, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
3. Appointment to the Wexford County Road Commission
4. Appointment to the WMCC Advisory Board
5. Appointment to the CWTA
6. Re-appointment to the NLCMH Board

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda, with amendments.

All in favor.

Agenda Items

1. Stellar Services Agreement Amendment
MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Stellar Services Agreement Amendment and authorize the chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Resolution 26-15 Supporting the P.A. 511 Wexford Community Corrections Plan & Grant Application
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve Resolution 26-15 Supporting the P.A. 511 Wexford Community Corrections Plan & Grant Application.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. 2026 Bulk Paper Bid Award
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nyman to award the bid for the 2026 Bulk Paper purchase in the amount of \$11,096.80 to Central Michigan Paper Company.

Commissioner Bush questioned if this was close to the price we paid last year and if we had enough to do the job.

Deputy Administrator Bigger explained that this was close to what we paid last year, and this was on the only company to bid.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-1 with Commissioner Nelson voting against the motion.

Administrator's Report-

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Administrator Porterfield has been in contact with the Emergency Manager and flooding is still an issue in the area. The next meeting he and Jami will be at conference, but he will have a written report for the Board.

Mr. Porterfield noted that the BS&A conversion was complete. There are still some hiccups, but they are being worked on and things are getting much easier.

There are a few bills that might effect taxes and revenue trust funds that he is watching. They could potentially create issue for local jurisdictions and the county.

Mr. Porterfield reminded everyone that the auditors would be on site the following week. He noted that Kristi had some time scheduled off, but she has been working hard to get her items uploaded and ready for them. He also reminded everyone to attend the Mushroom Festival in Mesick and wished all the moms a happy mother's day.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments- *None.*

Liaison Reports-

Comm Baughan note that the Wexford County Safe Schools committee is done meeting for the year. The Alliance for Economic Success was moved to May 19th.

Comm Potter welcomed Kathy Adams to the Road Commission.

Comm Nyman reminded everyone that the new CEO of CMH will be at the next Board meeting.

Comm Bush attended the Materials Management Committee. He will pass that information along.

Board Comments-

Comm Nyman reminded everyone to get out and enjoy the Mushroom Festival. There is a lot of prep work going into it.

Comm Bush wished all the moms a happy mother's day.

Comm Theobald thanked Misty for writing the grant and all of her work. She will be missed.

Chairman's Comments-

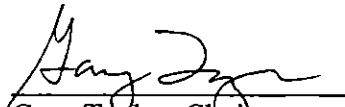
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn

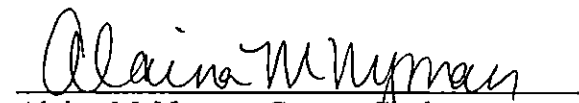
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to adjourn at 4:26 p.m.

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All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk