

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, July 1, 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, Gary Taylor, and Brian Potter.

Absent- Julie Theobald and Jason Baughan.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda- *None.*

Approval of the Agenda

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

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports

Niki Schultz, Executive Director for the Alliance for Economic Success provided the Board with their annual report. She also provided them a copy of their monthly newsletter. She thanked the Board for their continued support.

Ms. Schultz highlighted that they are working at growing the talent pipeline through programs like Mock It and Rock It, Agriculture Day, and Manufacturing Day. She noted that a lot of the programs they are able to offer are because of different partnerships throughout our community.

She also asked the Board to please look into the Brownfield Authority. It would open up housing initiatives in our community for developers.

Public Comment- *None.*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the June 17, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Acceptance of Resignation from the Wexford Missaukee Community Corrections Advisory Board

MOTION by Comm Bush seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the Consent Agenda.

All in Favor.

Agenda Items

1. Veteran's Services Employment Agreement for Temporary PT Staff

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the Employment Agreement for a Temporary Part-Time Staff Position for Veteran's Services between Lisa Myers and Wexford County Veterans Services.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

2. FY2027 Budget Calendar

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the 2027 Budget Calendar.

Roll Call: Motion passed 7-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield noted that the part time position at the Veteran's office is Kent Myers wife. She has already been working on getting the expo set up.

Mr. Porterfield highlighted that Jami and Megan were attending a FOIA training that day, and he had received the audit back the day prior. There is some money going back into fund balance, which he was surprised by.

He also attended the Chamber award dinner at Nanbop Farms. He suggested everyone check the farm out. Mr. Porterfield was also able to attend the airport ribbon cutting ceremony with Commissioners Taylor and Bush.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments-

Liaison Reports-

Comm Bush attended a Materials Management meeting in Manistee. He will email the minutes out when available. Next month will be held in Missaukee.

Board Comments-

Comm Bengelink thanked Joe for the report and his hard work.

Comm Bush noted that the airport is a very neat building. He would be interested in holding a county meeting there.

Comm Potter is very excited for a new budget season.

Comm Nelson wished everyone a happy Independence Day and God bless America.

Comm Nyman was able to listen to a podcast with Joe and Commissioner Taylor about decommissioning the dams in the area if the sale for Consumers is unable to go through.

Chairman's Comments-

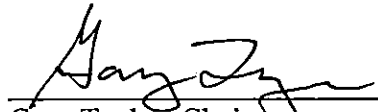
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Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

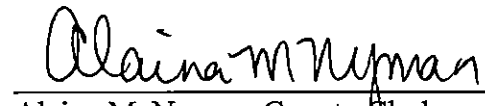
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:15 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk