WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting * Wednesday, June 17, 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, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Jason Baughan and Brian Potter.

Absent- Michael Bush.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda- *None.*

Approval of the Agenda
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to approve the agenda.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition- *None.*

Presentation and Reports
Kandi Lannen, CEO/Executive Director, for the Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan presented the Board with the 2025 Annual Report. She highlighted that their agency works closely with the Council on Aging, and they coordinate the care for the residents that qualify.

Ms. Lannen noted that Wexford County has been the only area to have an Adult Day Program, but now Antrim County is starting a similar one soon. Some of their most utilized programs include the nutrition program that delivers meals to individuals, as well as their transportation programs. They will assist in getting those that need transportation to non-emergent appointments.

She highlighted that they do have an Advisory Council that helps with advocacy and renewing grant proposals. They meet once a month. They have not had a representative from Wexford County, and they would love to have one.

Ms. Lannen also thanked the Board for the local match. They were able to bring in $2.89 million in additional funds because of that local match.

Comm Potter asked if they were affiliated with Freedom Rides. Ms. Lannen advised they don't do the transports; they just fund them. They partner with those doing the transport.

Comm Theobald asked when the advisory council meets. Ms. Lannen explained that they meet the 2nd Thursday at 10a.m. Virtually is always an option as well. There are currently 3 openings.

Comm Nyman noted that the packet explained that they are handling complaints about AFC homes. He questioned if they handle those AFC home complaints addressing mental health issues as well. Ms. Lannen explained they handle in collaboration for those qualifying by age. One thing she highlighted though is that the AFC home must be licensed to receive that assistance.

Public Comment- *None.*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the June 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Consent Agenda with amendments changing the signature line from Ashley Hackert to Alaina Nyman.

All in Favor.

Agenda Items

1. Pivot Point Quote & Service Agreement

   MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Pivot Point Quote and Service and License Agreement between Wexford County and Pivot Point for a twelve-month period, in the total annual cost of $3,364.75 and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

   Joe Porterfield explained that this software is being utilized by several departments throughout the state. It allows for onsite geo-coding, and then it will automatically upload to the server. It will be a huge time saver.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Two Seven Oh Inc. Grant Agreement-Animal Shelter

   MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Nyman to approve the Two Seven Oh Inc. Grant Agreement for the period of June 1, 2026, through October 1, 2026, in the amount of $10,000 and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. FY 2027 County Match Request-Area Agency on Aging

   MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Nelson to approve the FY 2027 County Match Request for Area Agency on Aging in the amount of $6,297.

   Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Resolution 26-20 2026 Summer Millage Rate for FY26 Budget

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the Resolution 26-20 2026 Summer Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2026 Budget.

Administrator Porterfield explained that this is done every year. The rate used to be at 7.5 mills, but over the years it has now been reduced down to 6.4549 mills.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. L-4029 Report

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the L-4029 Report authorize the Clerk and board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Mr. Porterfield noted this shows where we started and where we are now. It also shows what has been collected on millages so far.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

6. Telnet UcaaS Proposal and Contract

MOTION by Comm Nyman, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve Ipfone Proposal and Master Service Agreement approved by County legal in the one-time fee of $1,875 and monthly amount of $3,161.40 for a term of 36 months and authorize the board chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-
Administrator Porterfield informed the Board the audit is being finalized, as well as the budget calendar. He also noted that he knows there have been a lot of questions regarding the Amish building. The Building Department is working on finding a solution, and he believed they were making headway.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments-
Luke Eising wanted to introduce himself as a candidate running for State Rep. He is a farmer, contractor, and he has 5 kids. He has been out meeting lots of people. He noted that cost of living is a concern for lots of people. He doesn't know how you would be able to run a government without property taxes, but he thinks there is lots of room for change. He has some questions regarding AI solar centers, and is wondering what is being subsidized and why.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, basically had lunch with Les Housler the other day. They had a good conversation. Don would like to say no to data centers and chem trails. He would like to see a resolution passed by the board regarding those. He just recently acquired Don Jones's old aerolite that he had wrecked. He is putting that back together. He is becoming a member of

Northern Lights Chapter 678 at the Wexford County Airport. If anyone would like to join, just get ahold of him.

Liaison Reports-
Comm Bengelink attended a Lake Mitchell Sewer Authority meeting. Water was 6 inches above normal level, but as the Drain Commissioner explained, that is not uncommon. Everything was looking great with the levels.

Comm Theobald attended a Salvation Army meeting that she will be emailing out. They are working at putting together bylaws and policies. She attended a Community Corrections Board meeting. They are looking at hiring a full time person at a lower level, or two part time employees. She also attended training in Grayling where they discussed square footages for dwellings.

Comm Taylor attended a Veteran's Committee. The new VSO is doing great, and they are getting ready for the expo.

Board Comments-

Chairman's Comments-
Chair Taylor thanked everyone for attending.

Adjourn
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:29 p.m.

All in favor.

Gary Taylor, Chairperson

Alaina M. Nyman, County Clerk