

WEXFORD COUNTY
FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Potter at 12:00 p.m., in the Commissioners Room, 3rd Floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St. Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present: Brian Potter, Sandy Bengelink, Gary Taylor
Members Absent: Mark Nyman
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator & HR Director; Ashley Hackert, Acct. Payable/Chief Deputy Clerk; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

G.2. Public Hearing for the CDBG Program Year 2024

G.3. Prosecuting Attorneys Work Week Hours

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the agenda, as amended. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 22, 2026. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

AGENDA ITEMS

G.1. Approval of Claims

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to approve paying the claims in the amount of \$609,425.02. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

G.2. Public Hearing for the Closeout of CDBG Program Year 2024

A motion was made by Comm. Bengelink and supported by Comm. Taylor to forward a recommendation to the full board to hold a public hearing at the BOC meeting on August 19, 2026, for the closeout of the CDBG Program Year 2024. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

G.3. Prosecuting Attorneys Work Week Hours

A motion was made by Comm. Bengelink and supported by Comm. Taylor to forward a recommendation to the full board to change the hourly work week for the Prosecutor, Chief Prosecutor and assistant Prosecutors from 37.5 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

Administrator Porterfield stated this will be effective October 1, 2026. Prosecutors' Office would like to add a fourth Prosecutors and raise all their wages and offer a sign on bonus out of the 5-year grant.

A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

County Administrator Joe Porterfield stated that, beginning in 2027, the contract attorneys will be under the Public Defenders Department. He stated that the attorneys may seek a pay increase based on the knowledge they acquire and the training they receive each time they perform the required work. Commissioner Potter stated that training is required. Ms. Bigger stated that the training is not required and noted that the attorneys are already in salaried positions with a pay scale in place.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

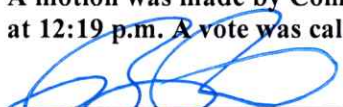
None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Bengelink to adjourn the meeting at 12:19 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.



Brian Potter, Chair

Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary