

WEXFORD COUNTY
FINANCE & APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 24, 2026

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

Members Present: Brian Potter, Mark Nyman, Gary Taylor
Members Absent: Sandy Bengelink
Also Present: Jami Bigger, Deputy Administrator & HR Director; Kristi Nottingham, County Treasurer; Alaina Nyman, County Clerk; Joe Porterfield, County Administrator/Equalization Director; Megan Swanberg, Executive Assistant

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Nyman to approve the June 11, 2026, regular meeting minutes. 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. Nyman and supported by Comm. Taylor to approve paying the claims in the amount of \$222,955.89. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

Ms. Nyman stated that there were no changes to the report. She did mention that the workers' compensation audit resulted in a significant invoice increase this year. This expense is paid quarterly, so she will request to increase the remaining quarterly payments to help offset the impact for next year.

G.2. Revenue & Expense Report

County Administrator Joe Porterfield reported that everything remains on track.

G.3. 2027 Budget Calendar

A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Nyman to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the 2027 Budget Calendar. A vote was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS

Mr. Porterfield cited the following:

- Things need to be looked at closely because it's going to be tight for the budget next year. Weadock Inc. is looking at other options to help with insurance costs.
- Applications are not coming in like they normally do. It is making hiring process a bit slower.

- The rest of the stuff needs to be submitted for the audit by the end of June.
- He would like the auditors to be on site next year for at least a whole week.
- He stated the jail transfer van got missed and didn't get ordered. He will reach out and get a new updated quote to get it ordered.

Comm. Potter asked what's wrong with the one they have now and he stated it is old and they are in need for a new one.

Comm. Potter asked about the state budget. Mr. Porterfield stated there is a decrease in taxable value increase which could reduce the amount by which we are required to roll back the millage rates, as the rollback calculation is based on changes in taxable value. When taxable values increase, the millage rates must generally be adjusted (rolled back) in accordance with the calculation formula.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

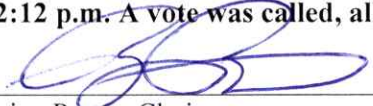
None.

CHAIR COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURN

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



Brian Potter, Chair



Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary