

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Taylor.

Roll Call: Present- Commissioners Aaron Sogge, Jason Nelson, Sandy Bengelink, Michael Bush, Julie Theobald, Gary Taylor, Jason Baughan and Brian Potter.

Absent- Mark Nyman.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda-

Add: J.7. FY26 Legal Self-Help Center Kiosk Implementation Grant– Award Determination

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- *None.*

Public Comment- *None*

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 5, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in Favor.

Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing for the Closeout of CDBG Program Year 2024

MOTION by Comm Bush, seconded by Comm Bengelink to open the public hearing.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

The public hearing was opened at 4:01 p.m. No public commented. The public hearing was closed at 4:01 p.m.

2. FY 2026 Local Prosecutor Support Grant Agreement
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the FY 2026 Local Prosecutor Support Grant Agreement in the amount of \$125,978.00 and authorize the Prosecuting Attorney to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. Federal Drug Testing Contract for FY 2027-Community Corrections
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Federal Drug Testing Contract for FY 2027 for Community Corrections for a 12-month term in the amount of \$10,000 per fiscal year, effective October 1, 2026, including two urine collections and one breathalyzer test per month, and to authorize the Wexford County Chairman to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. Proposal for Clam River Study
MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Proposal for Clam River Study and the County will pay 50% of the quote with the City of Cadillac paying the other 50% and allow the Drain Commissioner to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Prosecutor Office Wage Increase
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Prosecutor Office Wage Increase for positions within the Prosecutor's Office as follows: Prosecutor to \$75.00 per hour, Chief Prosecutor to \$55.00 per hour, and Assistant Prosecutor to \$46.00 per hour effective October 1, 2026.

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

6. Prosecutor Attorneys Work Week Hours
MOTION by Comm Baughan, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve the Prosecutor Attorneys Work Week Hours from 37.5 hours per week to 40 hours per week effective October 1, 2026.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. FY26 Legal Self-Help Center Kiosk Implementation Grant-Award Determination

MOTION by Comm Theobald and seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the FY26 Legal Self-Help Center Kiosk Implementation Grant-Award Determination in the amount of \$9,000.00 and authorize the Judge to sign on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Potter questioned where this would be located. Administrator Porterfield explained this would be located in the front office of the mailroom. It will just be a computer monitor and screen. Commissioner Potter questioned if that needed to be monitored by a camera. Mr. Porterfield will be looking into that.

Commissioner Theobald asked if this needed to be in a general public area. Administrator Porterfield explained that Judge Elmore wanted it to be in an office.

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

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield introduced his new appraiser, Conner Cochrane. He is working hard to get going. Mr. Porterfield received an email asking for help with the sale of the dams. If it is not sold, they will have to take them out.

Mr. Porterfield pointed out that Commissioner Nyman was absent because he suffered a major heart attack a week prior. He underwent a quadruple bypass, and he was on the mend. He asked for prayers for Commissioner Nyman.

He also had a meeting with the CEO of Northern Lake Community Mental Health. They will be asking for more money from the counties. Mr. Porterfield advised her to draft a letter explaining the situation.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments- *None.*

Liaison Reports-

Commissioner Theobald attended the AAA Advisory Committee to test it out. She's hoping to make that a full time commitment. She was unable to attend the Community Corrections meeting, but the office staff went to Midland to see what they could do differently. The staff in Saginaw came here to see what they could help with also. She also attended a Salvation Army meeting. Christmas in July went very well.

Commissioner Baughan is anticipating something next month with the start up of school.

Commissioner Potter attended the Clam Lake DDA meeting. The glamping project was withdrawn and 70 acres will be back on the market.

Commissioner Taylor reminded everyone the fair is up and running.

Board Comments-

Commissioner Bush was glad to hear Commissioner Nyman was doing well. Please continue to pray for him.

Commissioner Theobald seconded the prayers for Commissioner Nyman. She also sent her prayers to the family members as well.

Commissioner Baughan echoed that as well. He's sending prayers for the whole Nyman family.

Commissioner Nelson has been praying for Mark ever since he heard the news.

Commissioner Bengelink is praying for a speedy recovery for Mark, and she misses him.

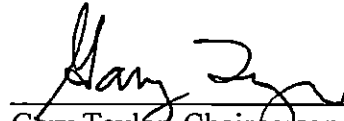
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor echoed the prayers and thanked everyone for attending.

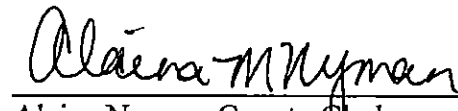
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Baughan to adjourn at 4:14 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk