

WEXFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting * Wednesday, September 2, 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-

Added: J.6. Dell Technologies Purchase Order Request – Register of Deeds Office

J.7. FOIA Appeal

J.8. No New Roster Positions

Approval of the Agenda

MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the agenda, as amended.

All in Favor.

Employee Recognition-

Katie Gurumurthy was not present to receive her award for 20 years of service with the County. It will be given to her at a later date.

Cheri Sprik was present to receive her award for 5 years of service.

Presentation and Reports- None.

Public Comment- None

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of the August 19, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

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

All in Favor.

Agenda Items

1. Mechanical Inspector Rate Increase

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Mechanical Inspector Rate Increase from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per inspection.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

2. Plumbing Inspector Contract

MOTION by Comm Nelson, seconded by Comm Theobald to approve the Plumbing Inspector Letter of Understanding between Wexford County and David Anderson, to provide services for the Wexford County Building Department on an as-needed, independent contractor basis, beginning September 2, 2026, at a rate of \$60.00 per inspection, and to authorize the Board Chairman and County Administrator to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

3. FY27 MIDC Compliance Plan

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bengelink to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Compliance Plan and Cost Analysis and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

4. School Resource Officer Agreement

MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Baughan to approve the the Agreement for School Resource Officer Law Enforcement Services between Wexford County and Wexford-Missaukee Intermediate School District, effective August 20, 2026, through June 8, 2029, and authorize the Board Chairman and Sheriff to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

5. Engagement Agreement-Landfill Host Fee Litigation

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Engagement Agreement for the Landfill Host Fee Litigation involving the payment of host fees for the former County landfill located in Cedar Creek Township, now owned by GLF Environmental Inc and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County.

Commissioner Sogge asked how much we should be expecting this to cost. Administrator Porterfield explained it is a per hour fee, so we do not know. There might not even be any litigation. There was a notice of possible intent to litigate, but we are unsure at this point.

Commissioner Sogge also asked if there was any insurance coverage or mediation available to avoid litigation. Administrator Porterfield explained that at this point, there has not been discussion about that.

Roll Call: Motion passed 5-3 with Commissioner Sogge, Commissioner Nelson and Commissioner Baughan voting against the motion.

6. Dell Technologies Purchase Order Request-Register of Deeds Office
MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Bush to approve the Dell Technologies Purchase Order Request for the Register of Deeds Office and authorize the County Administrator to sign on behalf of the County.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

7. FOIA Appeal
MOTION by Comm Nelson and seconded by Comm Theobald to deny Mr. Meyers' FOIA appeal and uphold the County's quoted fee that was made in accordance with the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act. MCL 15.443(1)(a) – (c).

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

8. No New Roster Positions
MOTION by Comm Bengelink, seconded by Comm Sogge to approve no new additional roster positions be added to any county department until the state of the FY 2027 budget is known.

Commissioner Theobald questioned if this was refilling positions or adding them in. It was explained this was adding new positions.

Commissioner Nelson questioned what the point was because the Board has to approve them anyway.

Administrator Porterfield explained that in the past several departments have come to request new positions, and that makes it difficult to budget for wages and benefits. He was wanting to wait for those requests until after the budget is in place.

Roll Call: Motion passed 8-0.

Administrator's Report-

Administrator Porterfield noted we are getting started on the budget. The new phones were installed, and there were a few issues at Lake Street. He reminded everyone he and Jami would be at the MAC Conference the following week.

Correspondence- *None.*

Public Comments-

Alaina Nyman, County Clerk, let everyone know that her father wanted her to tell everyone thank you for the prayers and well wishes. He is hoping to be back to meetings the next month, so please keep them coming.

Don Koshmider, Cadillac, reminded everyone that Info Wars has pending litigation, and it is a dead site right now. In the meantime, you should get your news and updates at alexjoneslive.com. He asked everyone to watch and pay attention.

Liaison Reports-

Commissioner Bush attended a Material Management meeting. He will email those out once he receives them.

Commissioner Theobald would be emailing hers out as well.

Board Comments-

Commissioner Potter was glad to hear about Commissioner Nyman.

Commissioner Nelson reminded everyone the 102nd Harvest Festival will be in Manton that weekend. He encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Theobald reminded everyone of the Child Safety Expo on September 11th at the Cadillac Fire Department. There will be food, fire trucks, and child car seat safety checks.

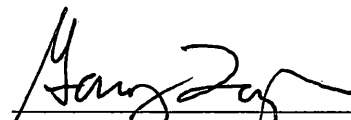
Chairman's Comments-

Chair Taylor noted it was great news about Commissioner Nyman. He thanked everyone for attending.

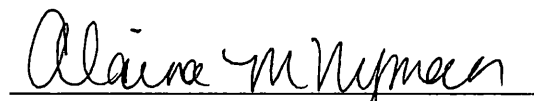
Adjourn

MOTION by Comm Theobald, seconded by Comm Potter to adjourn at 4:12 p.m.

All in favor.



Gary Taylor, Chairperson



Alaina Nyman, County Clerk