Wexford County

HUMAN RESOURCES / PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Michael Bush, Chair

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Human Resources/Public Safety Committee of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 2026, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Room, third floor of the Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER
B. ROLL CALL
C. ADDITIONS / DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA
D. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
E. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 27, 2026, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES 1
F. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   Designated for topics on the agenda only.
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I. PUBLIC COMMENTS
   Open to any public comment.
J. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
K. CHAIR COMMENTS
L. ADJOURN

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COUNTY OF WEXFORD
HUMAN RESOURCES/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Michael Bush, Chair
October 27, 2026

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Bush at 4:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Room, third floor, Historic Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan.

Members Present:	Michael Bush, Brian Potter, Gary Taylor
Members Absent:	Jason Baughan
Also Present:	Travis Baker, Central Dispatch Director; Jami Bigger, Dept. Administrator/HR Director; Erik King, Emergency Management Coordinator; Miranda Grunow, Community Corrections Manager; Daniel Mosholder, MMR Operations Manager; Kristi Nottingham, County Treasurer; Carrie Perez, Veterans Director; Joe Porterfield, 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. Potter 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. Potter to approve the September 22, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes. A vote was called, all in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

AGENDA ITEMS
G.1. Sheriff's Office Monthly Report (September 2026)
Sheriff Trent Taylor was unable to attend the meeting. His report was provided in the meeting packet for review.

G.2. MMR Monthly Update (September 2026)
Mr. Daniel Mosholder, Operations Manager, reported the following:
- Events are wrapping up for the season.
- Activity has slowed down over the past month.
- Efforts are underway to fill a couple of open positions.
- Preparations are being made for the upcoming winter season.
- Assistance is being provided in Escanaba to help get operations up and running.

Comm. Baughan arrived up at 4:02 p.m.

G.3. Emergency Management Monthly Report (September 2026)
Mr. Erik King, Emergency Management Director, reported the following:

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- He attended the regional monthly training meeting.
- He provided an update on the ice storm, $70,706 was approved and $185,351.80 is currently under appeal.
- He participated in an active shooter tabletop exercise at Baker College.
- He responded to several callouts involving a culvert failure, a missing person, and a residential fire.

G.4. Central Dispatch Monthly Report (September 2026)
Mr. Travis Baker, Dispatch Director, reported the following:

- The busiest time of the week was Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.
- A total of 3,658 calls for service were received during the reporting period.
- The trainee is expected to begin working independently on the night shift this Sunday.
- There is currently one vacant nighttime supervisor position. The decision has been made to defer hiring for this position at this time.

G.5. Veterans Services Officer Monthly Report (September 2026)
Veterans Manager, Carrie Perez, informed the committee of the following:

- They assisted a total of 72 veterans and their family members through in-person office visits.
- They received 208 calls, emails, and faxes.
- September has been a busy month, with an increase in the number of new veterans visiting the office for assistance.
- They received reports that several veterans' bank accounts had been compromised. Veterans are advised to monitor their accounts closely and remain vigilant for suspicious activity.

G.6. Employee Recognition
A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to the full Board to present Pamela Losinski with a Certificate of Appreciation recognizing her 5 years of service at the Board of Commissioners meeting on November 04, 2026. A vote was called, all in favor.

G.7 Appointment of the Wexford Missaukee Community Corrections Advisory Board
A motion was made by Comm. Potter and supported by Comm. Taylor to forward a recommendation to the full Board to appoint Brittany Johnson to the Wexford Missaukee Community Correction Advisory Board with term expiring December 31, 2027. A vote was called, all in favor.

G.8. 911 Committee Terms
A motion was made by Comm. Baughan and supported by Comm. Taylor to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve extending the length of 911 Committee member terms from two (2) years to three (3) years. A vote was called, all in favor.

G.9. Reappointment 911 of Committee Members
A motion was made by Comm. Baughan and supported by Comm. Potter to forward a recommendation to the full board to approve the reappointment on the 911 committee members and extend the term of each current board member by one (1) year. A vote was called, all in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE
None.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S COMMENTS
Mrs. Bigger introduced the new Community Corrections Manager, Miranda Grunow, to the Committee. She noted she inquired with Ms. Grunow about the WMCCAB appointment and Ms. Grunow was in favor of Ms. Johnson. Mr. Porterfield informed the Committee that the departments are putting the final touches on their budgets.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS
None.

CHAIR COMMENTS
Comm. Bush told Mr. Porterfield that he was glad to hear his wife was doing better.

ADJOURN
A motion was made by Comm. Taylor and supported by Comm. Potter to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. A vote was called, all in favor.

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Michael Bush, Chair Megan Swanberg, Recording Secretary

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OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF • WEXFORD COUNTY

Trent J Taylor
Sheriff

Jeffrey T. Harnish
Undersheriff

Wexford County Office of the Sheriff

Monthly Report

OCTOBER

2026

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LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

The Wexford County Sheriff's Office, Law Enforcement Division, is comprised of 24 sworn Officers; The Sheriff, Undersheriff, 1 Law Enforcement Lieutenant, 1 Detective Lieutenant, 1 Detective Sergeant, 4 Law Enforcement Sergeants, 14 Deputies and 2 Court Bailiff's.

Law Enforcement Statistic Re-Cap:

Total Calls for Service	875
Total Complaints Taken	219
Felony/Misdemeanor Arrests	45
Citations Issued	112
COURT SECURITY/DEPUTY ARRESTS	
Court Arrests	7

TNT:

The Wexford County Sheriff's Office has one Deputy assigned to the Traverse City Narcotic Team.

Original Reports	**NO DEPUTY CURRENTLY ASSIGNED**
Intelligence Reports	
Arrests	
Assist Other Agencies	

CIVIL PROCESS:

The Law Enforcement Division provides Civil Process Services within the county for citizens, as well as for Courts and Prosecutor's Office.

Total Civil Papers Received	79
Total Civil Papers Completed	56

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

In addition to the many services provided by the Wexford County Sheriff's Office, the Office provides Live Scan Fingerprinting, and Pistol Purchase Permits for individuals who wish to purchase a handgun from an individual. The office is also responsible for registering firearms purchased from citizens with the State of Michigan Firearms Unit.

Live Scan Fingerprint:	
Michigan School Employment	28
Other	4
Court	1

Total Prints..... 33

Pistol Information:	
Pistol Permits Issued	30
Denied Permits	1
Indiv. Pistols registered	109

ANIMAL CONTROL DIVISION:

The Wexford County Animal Control Division is comprised of two Animal Control Officers and is overseen by the Law Enforcement Lieutenant. The Animal Shelter has an attendant that assists in taking care of the animals and advocating for their adoption.

ACTIVITY:	
Total Calls	6
Total Complaints/Reports	6
Animal Bites	3
Citations Issued	3
Animals Lodged in Pound	40
Animals Adopted Out	21
Animals Transferred to Rescue	10
Animals Claimed by Owners	8
Animals Euthanized	3

CORRECTIONS DIVISION:

The Wexford County Corrections Division is comprised of 3 Sergeants, 14 Correctional Officers and is overseen by the Jail Lieutenant.

Average Daily Inmate Headcount	93
Total number of inmates Booked	108
Total Inmates Booked –Year to date	918
Total Number of Inmates Released	110
Number Released-Year to date	927
Jail Overcrowding/State of Emergency	NO

TRAINING/RECOGNITIONS:

Nothing to report for this month.

Wexford County Animal Shelter						Reporting Month October 2026			
The Wexford Count Board of Commissioners requires monthly submission of the following information in accordance with County Ordinance #35 Section3 (B).5 as amended. This report must be submitted to the Wexford County Board of Commissioners within 15 days of the end of the month. This is to be completed according to the guidelines for the Animal Shelter Annual Report -per Act 287. Section9(a) but on a reporting month basis.									
Type of Companion Animal received into the shelter reporting month	Total number of animals received by the shelter during the reporting month less than 6 months of age	Total number of animals received by shelter during reporting month at 6 months of age & older	Total number of animals by type received into the shelter during reporting month	Total number of animals type adopted during reporting month (at the time of adoption) per ref 1		Total number of animals by type sold during reporting month per ref 2	Total number of animals by type transferred to allowable entities during reporting month per ref 3	Total numbers of animal by type euthanized during reporting month	
				Altered	Not Altered			Shelter Animals	Owner Requested
Dogs	8	12	30	6	5	11	10	3	0
Cats	5	5	10	4	6	10	0	0	0

Financial Results	Cats Altered	Cats Not Altered		Dogs Altered	Dogs Not Altered		Total
Adoption Fees	0.00	00.00		90.00	75.00		165.00
Sterilization Deposits	0.00	150.00		0.00	125.00		275.00
Ordinance Fee Refunds							
Reclaim Fees	8 animals reclaimed						150.00
Donations Received							

References:
1. MCL 287.338.8a Sec (1)
2. MCL 287.388
3. MCL 287.338.7;MDARD-registered shelters, law enforcement agencies, or service dog organizations

Printed Name of Person Submitting the Reported	Date Submitted
Rebecca Jenema	11-5-2026
Submitter's Signature Rebecca Jenema	Phone 231-779-9530

Emergency Management Monthly Report

OCTOBER 2026

- Attended Region Emergency Management Planning Meeting
- Attended Regional Training Meeting
- Callouts: Residential Fire
- Upcoming: ICS 300 – December 4, 5, 6

Erik King, EMD

WEXFORD COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH STATISTICS REPORT

DATE: October 2026

CAD GENERATED INCIDENTS

SHERIFF DEPT: 980

ANIMAL CONTROL: 191

MICHIGAN STATE POLICE: 730

CADILLAC POLICE DEPT: 985

MANTON POLICE DEPT: 20

EMS CALLS: 624

FIRE CALLS: 101

SUPPORT SERVICES CALLS: 14

CENTRAL DISPATCH: 135

911 HANGUP/TEXT BACK: 79

TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE: 3,859

COURT PAPERWORK

BOND CONDITIONS: 79

WARRANTS: 19

PPOS: 10

CHANGES OF ORI: 13

PROBATION ORDERS: 13

JUV PICKUP ORDER: 0

REMOVALS: 86

TOTAL: 220

PHONE CALLS RECEIVED

911 (LANDLINE): 28

VOIP: 98

TEXT: 98

911 (WIRELESS): 1254

ADMIN CALLS: 2764

TOTAL CALLS 4,153

BUSIEST DAY OF THE WEEK

SATURDAY

BUSIEST TIME OF THE DAY

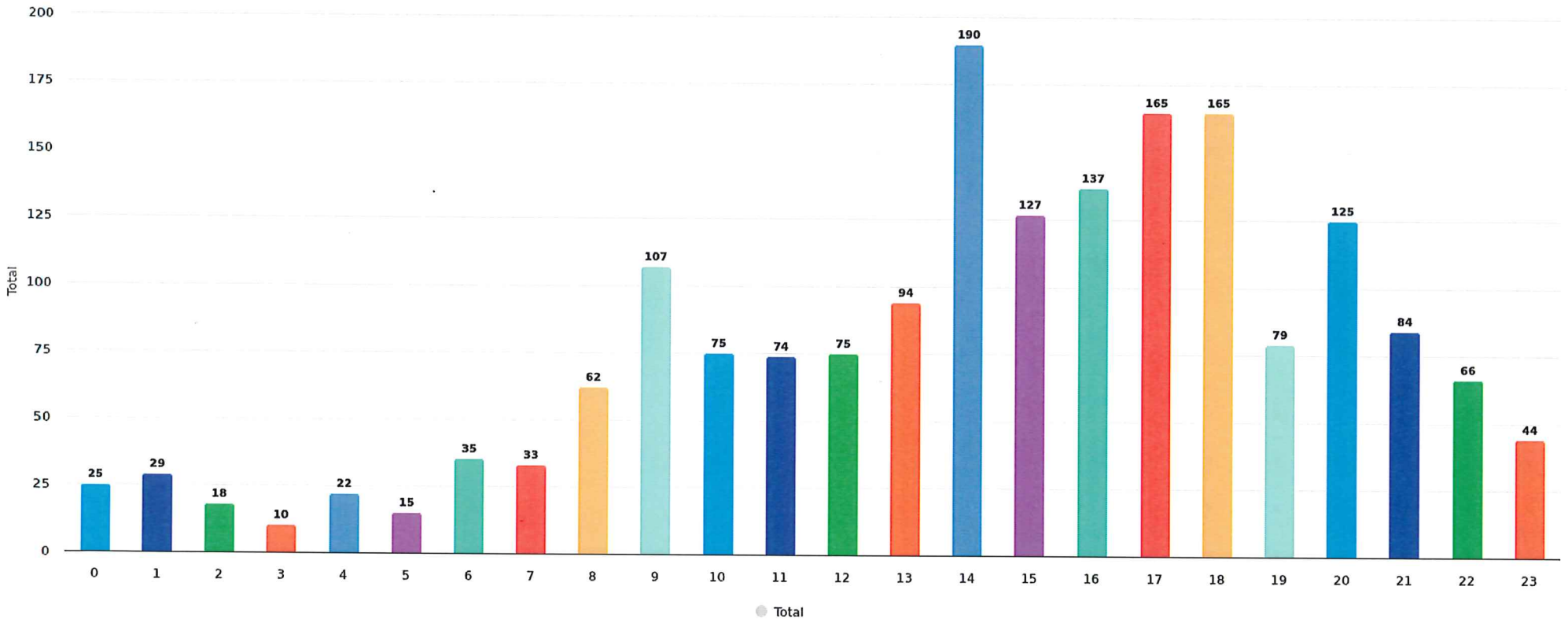
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ESRP Calls by Hour

MI: 2026-10-01 01:00:00 to 2026-10-31 23:59:59

3 PSAPs included

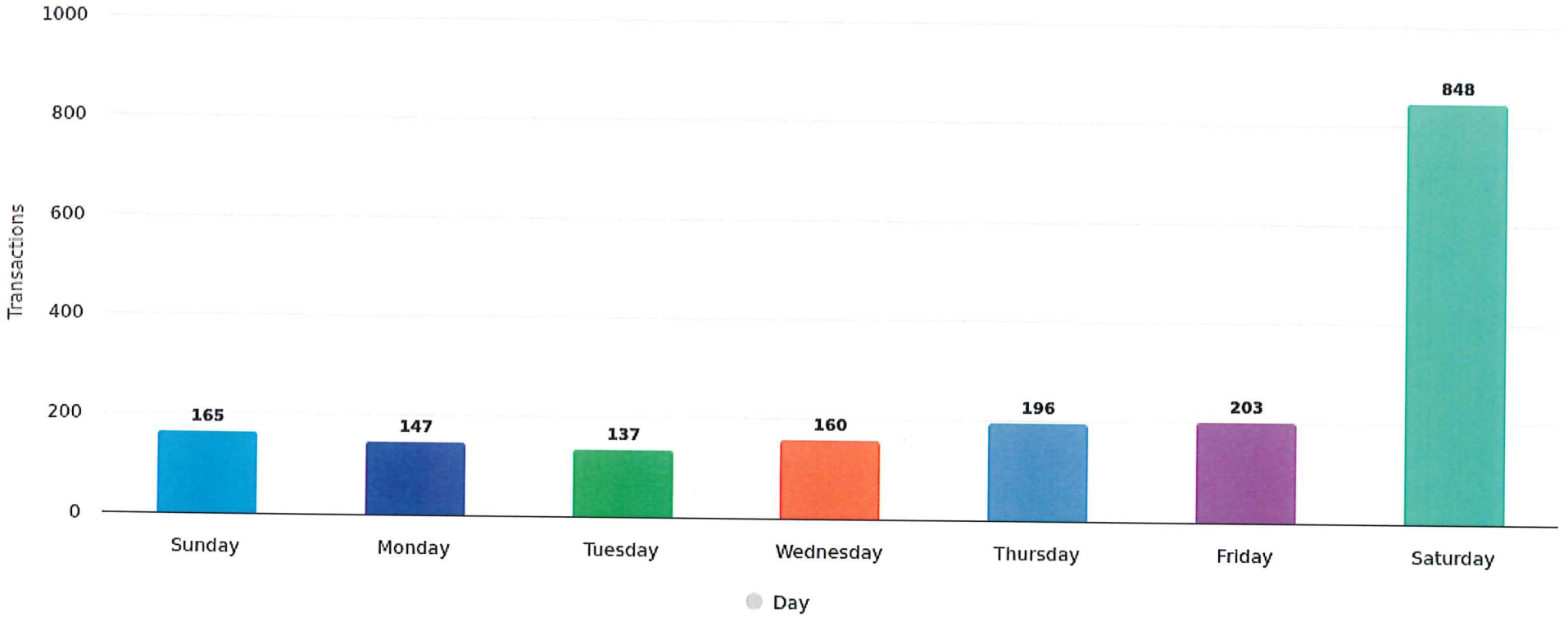


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231-775-6654

Carrie Perez, Director/ Kent Myers,VSO/ Gary Brewer, VSO

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Veterans Services Monthly Report: October 2026

October 2026 Overview

- Veterans/families in office visits –78 total
- Other communications for veterans (call, email, fax, outreach) - 228
- Veterans or families who applied for emergency assistance- 4 in process
- Veterans who received emergency assistance – 1
- County Burial benefits and letters have been initiated – 2
- Champ VA, VAHC applications: 1 and 6, respectively
    - In October, we have had several new veterans come in and apply for claims and benefits who have not been to a VSO or utilized VA resources before.
    - 65 claims were submitted through our office in October to include New, supplemental and pension or DIC claims
    - Outreach:
        - Manton Military Museum meetings are consistently bringing in new claims and veterans new to us
        - Quarterly meeting with COA, WexExpress and others to share information and work together to inform about resources available
        - The Veterans Memorial Wall fundraiser and work is ongoing. Several new photos are up and fundraising continues.
        - We will be meeting with Habitat for Humanity regarding housing repairs and needs for veterans and hope to partner with them for veterans.
        - Wreaths Across America Participation
        - 4th annual Operation Green Light for0 Veterans Day participation included all of our county buildings
    - Kent Myers request to extend through end of this calendar year
    - Social media has helped with outreach and getting more veterans informed of resources and our following is growing as we continue to interact with the community to share information on VA benefits and community events.
    - We continue to have a busy schedule with many claims to submit, many are being granted ratings. We also have been seeing requests for furnace and heating needs now that weather has been getting colder.

Carrie Perez, Director

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO: Human Resources / Public Safety Committee

FROM: Administration

FOR MEETING DATE: November 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Employee Recognition

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED:

Wexford County would like to recognize employees for their service, per County Policy B.13-0, at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 35 years. The following employee should be recognized at the next Board of Commissioners' meeting for their service as follows:

EMPLOYEE NAME	DEPARTMENT	YEARS OF SERVICE
Jessie A. Ochalek	**Wexford County Sheriff's Office**	**5-Years**

Jessie A. Ochalek began his employment with Wexford County Sheriff's Office on November 21, 2021, as a Corrections Officer and he continues to hold that position.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Human Resources / Public Safety Committee recommends the presentation of the Certificates of Appreciation to Mr. Ochalek at the Board of Commissioners' meeting on December 02, 2026.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEM

TO:	Human Resources / Public Safety Committee
FROM:	Administration
FOR MEETING DATE:	November 24, 2026
SUBJECT:	Reappointments to Airport Authority, Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library Board, Cadillac-Wexford County Transit Authority, Construction Board of Appeals, Department of Health and Human Services and Wexford County Road Commission

SUMMARY OF ITEM TO BE PRESENTED:

- **Airport Authority:** The terms of Mr. Townsend and Ms. Dehnbostel are set to expire on December 31, 2026. Both incumbents have been contacted and have expressed interest in reappointment. No other applications have been received.
- **Cadillac-Wexford County Public Library Board:** Ms. Rumohr's term is set to expire on December 31, 2026. She has been contacted, and we are awaiting her response regarding reappointment.
- **Cadillac-Wexford County Transit Authority:** The terms of Ms. Kimbel and Ms. Haight are set to expire on December 31, 2026. Both incumbents have been contacted and have expressed interest in reappointment. No other applications have been received.
- **Construction Board of Appeals:** Mr. Kleinsorge's term expired on October 31, 2026. He has been contacted and has expressed interest in reappointment. No other applications have been received.
- **Department of Health and Human Services:** Mr. Townsend's term is set to expire on December 31, 2026. He has been contacted and has expressed interest in reappointment.
- **Wexford County Road Commission:** Ms. Adams's term is set to expire on December 31, 2026. She has been contacted and has expressed interest in reappointment. No other applications have been received.

RECOMMENDATION:

- **Airport Authority:** Reappoint Mr. Townsend and Ms. Dehnbostel to terms expiring December 31, 2028.
- **Cadillac-Wexford County Transit Authority:** Reappoint Ms. Kimbel and Ms. Haight to terms expiring December 31, 2028.

- **Construction Board of Appeals:** Reappoint Mr. Kleinsorge to a term expiring October 31, 2029.
- **Department of Health and Human Services:** Reappoint Mr. Townsend to a term expiring December 31, 2029.
- **Wexford County Road Commission:** Reappoint Ms. Adams to a term expiring December 31, 2032.