



Wexford Joint Planning Commission

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DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Time & Date: 6:30pm, Monday, January 26, 2026

Meeting location: Wexford County Road Commission Meeting Room, 85 West Highway M-115, Boon, Michigan.

Coordinates: 44° 19' 32.5" N, 85° 34' 53.4" W (44.325685, -85.581500)

A. Call to Order@630pm, Pledge of Allegiance, Roll Call

Members Present: Mike Woodward, Secretary (Hanover) – Acting Chair
Donna Taylor, Treasurer (South Branch)
Richard Harvey (Boon)
Ben Hicok (Cherry Grove)
Amanda Kimbel-Sparks, (Liberty)
Alan Devereaux (Slagle)

Members Absent: *Lori Wetherell (Selma)
Vacant (Wexford)
Vacant (Springville)
Vacant (Antioch)

Others Present: Robert Hall, Zoning Administrator
Ben Townsend, Assistant Zoning Administrator
Heather O'Connor, Recording Secretary via telecom

B. Set/Amend/Approve the Agenda: Motion to Approve the Agenda as amended to add Section H Commissioner Discussion & Under new Business – 3. Data Centers, made by **Richard Harvey**, supported by **Donna Taylor** and passed via voice vote. See ([Agenda](#)).

C. Matters pertaining to citizens, in the following order: NONE

D. Public Comment – Chair recognized several members of public present. **No Comments offered**

E. Housekeeping Business

1. Consent Business

a. Approval of December 15th, 2025 DRAFT Minutes –Motion to Approve the December 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes as presented made by **Alan Devereaux** supported by **Ben Hicok** and passed via voice vote. See ([Proposed Minutes](#))

b. Approval of Commissions Expense Report (pay the bills for JANUARY 2026 total \$5912.85) – Motion made by **Richard Harvey**, supported by **Alan Devereaux** and passed via voice vote. See ([Bills & Supporting Documents](#))



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2. Treasurer's Budget Report – Donna Taylor - See ([Bills & Supporting Documents](#))
3. Planning & Zoning Report – Robert Hall – See ([Staff Report](#))

- F. Unfinished Business & Reports** - (items considered here are taken up in the same order as established by the Commission to fix a priority for consideration and work done in the planning office)
1. ADU Ordinance 'draft' language discussion. See ([ADU](#)). – Discussion: removal of ALU language as synonymous to ADU / Line 23 strike "internal" / Add definition of ALU before acronym usage / See lines 20-25 / move Line 56 to AFTER Line 42 / Move Lines 54 & 55 to AFTER Line 46
 2. DRAFT Budget Review / Annual Report – See ([2026-2027 DRAFT Budget](#))
- G. New Business –**
1. Election of Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer
Nominations:
Chair: Mike Woodward
Vice Chair: Ben Hicok
Secretary: Lori Wetherell (upon acceptance)
Treasurer: Donna Taylor
Motion to elect slate of officers named above made by **Richard Harvey**, supported by **Ben Hicok** and passed unanimously via roll call vote
 2. Liberty Township – Intent to Withdraw Findings / Budget – See ([Liberty Findings](#) & [Liberty Withdrawal Plan](#))
 3. Data Centers – effects on WJPC area
- H. Public Comment – added under B**
Connie D from Liberty – how much for Liberty to withdraw from WJPC
- I. Commissioner Discussion** (Previously listed under unfinished business as a continuing item) – visits to townships without current representation – Alan Devereaux (Slagle) noted that Slagle Township has no intention of withdrawing from the WJPC. For vacancies – suggest a board member/trustee of the township for representation
- J. Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn made by **Donna Taylor**, supported, and adjourned at 7:33pm.

Prepared by Heather A. O'Connor, Recording Secretary

Respectfully submitted



Mike Woodward, (elected) Chair

*Notice of Absence provided



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