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# ***WEXFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION***

***OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A SAFE AND EFFICIENT ROAD SYSTEM***

Regular Meeting

April 29, 2026

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Harry Hagstrom at 7:30 a.m.

Roll Call: Present – Hagstrom, Falan, Leggett, Jurik

Also Present:

Engineer/Manager: Karl Hanson  
Superintendent: Tim Schonert  
Engineer Tech: Brad Dahlstrom

Finance and Business Manager: Annie Strom  
Assistant Superintendent: Brad Harris

Visitor(s): Richard Harvey, Rory Willette

Pledge of Allegiance

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to approve March 18, 2026, meeting minutes as presented. Roll call on the motion: Abstained-Hagstrom; Ayes-Falan, Leggett, Jurik. Motion carried.

Addition to the Agenda: Milne Road Abandonment date

Public Comment: none

County Board Liaison: not present.

Previous Business: none

New Business:

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Falan to award the seasonal material bids in the best interest of the road commission taking into account cost but availability of the materials, size, type and need of equipment as well. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to allow Cadillac Jeeper's to close Industrial Drive on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to allow Manistee Dirt Birds to close Industrial Drive on June 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

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A motion was made by Commissioner Falan and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to extend the closure of Seasonal Roads in Wexford County until further notice due to the damage done from the two natural disasters experience in the last several months.

Discussion on the matter: Mr. Jurik asked if this would be for all Seasonal Roads. Mr. Hanson explained yes, and that the insurance company recommended the closure until we can assess and open all primary and local roads. Mr. Jurik recommended having a public notice put out.

Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Jurik to accept the results of the 2025 audit. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to accept the 2025 Act 51 report.

Discussion on the matter: Mr. Jurik commented on the historically underfunded local roads, asking if this will be the trend for this year with the storm damage. Ms. Strom responded, the data indicates that this will be the case. Mr. Jurik also commented on the education expense specifically for the administrative staff, stating he is in favor for an increase in this line item. He feels it is important to have all staff attend continuing education.

Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to accept the 2026 first quarter financial review as presented. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leggett and seconded by Commissioner Falan to request the engineering reimbursement from MDOT. Roll call on the motion: Motion unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jurik and seconded by Commissioner Leggett to reschedule the Milne Road Abandonment meeting to May 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

#### Administrative Reports:

Mr. Schonert provided an update on operations, stating it has been winter, ice storm, and flooding; commenting hats off to the crew and the front office, everybody has stepped up and the crew has worked lots of overtime. Began working on shoulder pulling and replacing failed culverts.

Mr. Harris commented that several culverts have been ordered and there is a backlog for the orders, so they are being replaced as they come in.

Mr. Dahlstrom introduced himself to the board and stated he is getting familiar with the upcoming projects and is learning about the road system.

Mr. Hanson informed the board that crack sealing and wedging would begin the first week of May, Mr. Coffel attended leadership training, 3 new drivers and some seasonal temporary workers have been hired. He spoke about a plugged culvert issue on E. Lake Mitchell due to a resident building a retaining wall and informed the board that the attorney is working on the issue. Mr. Hanson provided an update on the flooding, stating Lake Mitchell is lowering, however the ground is very saturated, and swamps are still very full and that the City of Cadillac has two pumps back up which affect the Lake Mitchell residents. The roads around the lake are heavily deteriorating from the water, but a full assessment can't be completed until all the water recedes. He commented he is not expecting a FEMA declaration at this point, which would help with funding on the local road

system. There may be a possibility of Section 19 funding, however that fund is depleted from previous state disaster declarations and the reimbursement on it is very select. Mr. Leggett asked if the blacktop is bad, can we grind it back to gravel until funding comes in. Mr. Hanson explained not at this time but may be a viable solution after the base dries. Mr. Hagstrom asked in a worst-case scenario, no funding, what do we prioritize? Mr. Hanson explained the prioritizing process. Gravel fixes will be completed as we can get to them, and general maintenance can be expected to be behind schedule. Mr. Jurik asked if there would be any scaling back. Mr. Hanson commented yes, we can scale back on capital outlay and look at the project list. Mr. Hanson also stated that the years of drainage maintenance and shoulder pulling have paid off by reducing washouts and failed culverts. He echoed that everyone has stepped up and stress levels are high, but everyone has performed very well. Mr. Hanson informed the board of the Paul Bunyan meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Board Comments:

Mr. Falan commented everyone is doing a great job from the top to the field and the Board appreciates it.

Mr. Jurik stated ditto, appreciates the work.

Mr. Leggett commented that he can't say enough; everyone is going from one issue to the next, Thank you!

Mr. Hagstrom passed along a thank-you from a resident and was told we are going above and beyond, keep up the good work!

Payroll 3/19/2026	\$97,390.69
Payroll 4/2/2026	\$124,058.82
Payroll 4/16/2026	\$85,596.11
AP 3/26/2026	\$132,017.69
AP 4/9/2026	\$292,927.47

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

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Harry Hagstrom, Chairman

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Annie Strom, Finance & Business Manager