

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Wexford County Board of Commissioners, held at the Wexford County Courthouse, 437 E. Division St., Cadillac, Michigan on the second day of October 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mitchell, Musta, Townsend, Adams, Bush, Theobald, Baughan, Potter & Taylor.

ABSENT: None.

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Commissioner Theobald and supported by Commissioner Adams.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24 - 20  
DECLARING WEXFORD COUNTY IS NOT A SANCTUARY  
COUNTY FOR ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Immigration Studies has, without basis in law or fact, labeled Wexford County, and certain other Michigan Counties and municipalities, on a list of so-called “sanctuary” jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, based on this designation, unfounded and untrue reports have circulated that Wexford County is a sanctuary county for Illegal Immigration; and

**WHEREAS**, such false and misleading Center for Immigration Studies designation has been challenged by another Michigan County resulting in retraction and correction by the Center for Immigration Studies. See, <https://www.woodtv.com/news/kent-county/think-tank-says-it-will-take-kent-county-off-sanctuary-list/>; and

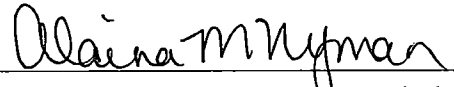
**WHEREAS**, federal law (8 USC 1373) prohibits policies that impede cooperation between federal, state, and local officials when it comes to the sending, requesting, maintaining, or exchanging of information regarding immigration status; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wexford County Prosecutor and the Wexford County Sheriff have reiterated that their offices’ policies have been, and will continue to be, to cooperate with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials and all other law enforcement agencies in connection with the enforcement of federal law, including the detention or transfer of possible illegal migrants in Wexford County consistent with requirements of the law including matters regarding County civil risk management and due process requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wexford County Board of Commissioners categorically denies that Wexford County is a sanctuary county. To that end, the Wexford County Board of Commissioner hereby affirms that the Board of Commissioners has NOT established a resolution declaring Wexford County a “sanctuary” jurisdiction, nor has the Board of Commissioners enacted policies or procedures which would obstruct immigration enforcement by ICE or other law enforcement agencies.



I hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution 24 - 20 adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Wexford County at a regular meeting held on October 2, 2024, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Alaina M. Nyman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

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Alaina Nyman, County Clerk