



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

August 13, 2024

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Mike Chappell, District 2
Kurt Doroh, District 3
Richard Godfrey, District 4
Randall Peat, District 5
Tina Leary, District 6
Paul Schincariol, District 7

Board of Commissioners Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
On the above date the regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 02:50 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board.
2. **Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer**
Invocation given by Commissioner Doroh.
3. **Roll Call**
The roll was called by County Clerk Suzie Roehm with the following commissioners answering to their name and district: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Mike Chappell, Kurt Doroh, Richard Godfrey, Randall Peat, Tina Leary. Commissioner Paul Schincariol absent and excused.
4. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
Add Item 17.A. - Closed Session under MCL 15.268E
5. **Approval of Agenda**
All items on the agenda marked with "***" are part of the consent agenda. Commissioners or the public can request that items be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
6. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ****July 23rd, 2024 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
7. **Public Comment**
Julie Pioch presented an update and handout on Paw Paw District Library.
8. **Administrative Affairs**
9. **Buildings and Grounds**

A. ****Purchase of Vehicle**
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS RESOLUTION B12/8-13-2024
WHEREAS, there has been a request for the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners to approve the Buildings and Grounds Department to purchase a new vehicle from Tapper Ford for the amount of \$44,271.00; and,

WHEREAS, during the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) process, the Buildings and Grounds Department submitted a request to purchase a new vehicle; and,
WHEREAS, Tapper Ford in Paw Paw has a suitable vehicle on site and ready for pickup at a cost below the originally requested amount; and,
WHEREAS, the original amount requested for the vehicle was \$45,000.00, and the actual balance required is \$44,271.00; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the request by the Buildings and Grounds Department to purchase the new vehicle from Tapper Ford for \$44,271.00.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. ****Disposal of Vehicles**

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS RESOLUTION B13/8-13-2024

WHEREAS, the Buildings and Grounds Department has submitted a request for the auction and disposal of two vehicles; and,

WHEREAS, the details of the vehicles are as follows:

- 2011 Chevy Impala, VIN: 2G1WD5EM1B1262181 (to be disposed of at L&L)
- 2014 Ford F150, VIN: 1FTFX1EF2EKF78430 (to be auctioned at Biddergy); and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approves the request by the Buildings and Grounds Department to auction and dispose of the two vehicles listed above.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

10. Finance

A. Access and Visitation Grant Application - EXPEDITED

FINANCE RESOLUTION F40/8-13-2024

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court seeks permission to apply for the SCAO Access and Visitation Grant, with an application deadline of August 21, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, this non-competitive grant is based on county population and has historically been applied for jointly by Van Buren, Cass, and Berrien counties to maximize funds for supervised parenting time; and,

WHEREAS, expedited approval is recommended to meet the application deadline and secure the necessary signature; and,

WHEREAS, it is requested that this item be added to today's Board of Commissioners meeting agenda for final approval; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, grant the Friend of the Court permission to apply for the SCAO Access and Visitation Grant.

Motion by Richard Godfrey, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

12. Public Transit

13. Veterans Services

14. Commissioner's Roundtable

- Veterans Boat Parade

- Pete Sinclair Recognition
- Election Updates
- National Night Out
- Blueberry Festival

15. Chairman's Update

- Consultant for Facility Plan interview format

16. Board Correspondence

17. Closed Session

Motion to enter into closed session under MCL 15.268E regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with pending litigation with Karee Krause that would have a detrimental effect if it were held in open session.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Board went into closed session at 3:15 p.m.

Board returned from closed session at 3:36 p.m.

18. Public Comment

- Clerk Roehm gave a brief update on the August Primary Election.

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 03:46 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk