



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

April 22, 2025

Commissioners

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

Committee of the Whole Meeting

1. **Call to Order**
The Committee of the Whole meeting was called to order at 01:00 PM by Randall Peat, Chairman of the Board. Present: Patterson-Gladney, Chappell, Doroh, DiStefano, Peat, Leary and Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **April 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by David DiStefano, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Lisa Ransler introduced Kylie Abrams, the new Community Redevelopment Specialist through the AmeriCorps program.
 - Allegan County Judge William Baillargeon provided an update on Veteran's Treatment Court and the need for funding and grant writing. There is a request for \$5,000 in funding for the West Michigan Veterans Treatment Court.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, funding in the amount of \$5,000 for West Michigan Veterans Treatment court.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried
6. **Presentation**
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Approval of Van Buren County Parks Commission Updated Bylaws**
Lisa Ransler presented the request to approve the Van Buren County Parks Commission Bylaws as recommended by the Commission.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of

Commissioners, the Van Buren County Parks Commission Bylaws as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

9. Finance

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. MERS Health Care Savings Program - Amendment

Anna Blankenship is requesting approval to amend the existing MERS Health Care Saving Program. Currently, the county maintains multiple divisions within the program that have the same contribution structure, vesting schedule and eligibility requirements. Merging these divisions would provide administrative and recordkeeping benefits.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, amending the MERS Health Care Savings Program into a unified division.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

11. Public Transit

A. MDOT Master Agreement Amendment

Laurie Schlipp presented the request to amend the MDOT Master Agreement to extend the term by one year to clarify and amend certain sections to meet the four-year schedule.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the MDOT Master Agreement 2022-0144 Amendment 1 and authorize the Board Chair to digitally sign the amendment.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

12. Veterans Services

A. FY 2026 MVAA Grant Request - EXPEDITED

David Krzycki presented the expedited request for approval of the FY2026 MVAA Grant submission in the amount of \$58,410.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the FY2026 MVAA Grant submission in the amount of \$58,410 and authorize the Board Chair to sign required documents.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

13. Road Commission Update

A. Road Commission Monthly Update

Bret Witkowski presented the Road Commission monthly update and the National Work Zone Memorial honoring fallen Van Buren County Road Commission Worker Rene Rangel.

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 01:47 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk