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

MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

May 27, 2025

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, Doroh, DiStefano, Peat, and Leary. Commissioners Chappell and Schincariol absent and excused.

2. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

3. Approval of Agenda

   Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
   Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

   A. May 13th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

   Motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
   Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

5. Public Comment

   - Kalli Marshall, Van Buren Conservation District, informed the Board that she was accepted in to the Next Cycle Accelerated Program.

6. Presentation

   A. Van Buren Community Mental Health - Resolution to Address Public Behavioral Health Funding Shortfall

   Debra Hess presented the request for a resolution urging action to address the public behavioral health funding shortfall, including Medicaid funds, flat funding for core services, program costs and administrative burden from state regulators.

   Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the request to urge the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to address the public behavioral health funding shortfall.
   Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

7. Administrative Affairs

   A. Approval of Opioid Settlement RFP Process and Timeline

Lisa Ransler presented the request to approve the opioid settlement Request for Proposals process and the 2025 timeline. The process will begin with a two-year grant cycle totaling $300,000 to ensure long-term sustainability. The Steering Committee will review, score and recommend proposals submitted under the RFP process.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the opioid settlement Request for Proposals process and the 2025 timeline.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. CIP 2025 Request: Courthouse - Jail Courtyard Repaving

John Small presented the request to approve the Jail Courtyard Repaving Project with Kalamazoo Excavation in the amount of $109,874. This is an approved Capital Improvement Project.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Jail Courtyard Repaving Project with Kalamazoo Excavation in the amount of $108,874.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. CIP 2025 Request – Replacement of Security Fence at Courthouse and Jail

John Small presented the request to approve the Security Fence Replacement Project with Justice Fence in the amount of $14,795. This is an approved Capital Improvement Project.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Security Fence Replacement Project with Justice Fence in the amount of $14,795.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

9. Finance

A. Parks Millage - 2025 Renewal

Lisa Ransler presented the request for the renewal of the 0.10 Parks Millage, place on the L-4029 and levy with the December 2025 tax bill.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the renewal of the 0.10 Parks Millage, place on the L-4029 and levy with the December 2025 tax bill.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. L- 4029 2025 Tax Rate Request

Lyndsey Shembarger presented the request to review and approve the 2025 Tax Rate Request, Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029, including the Parks Millage.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the 2025 Tax Rate Request, Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4029.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Foster Swift Invoice

The April 2025 Foster Swift invoice for New Covert Generating litigation was submitted for review.

Motion to authorize payment of the Foster Swift invoice for NCG litigation in the amount of $9,422.50, subject to the cost-sharing agreement.
Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

D. 2025 PC Refresh

IT Director CJ Johnson presented the request for the 2025 PC Refresh purchase from SHI in the amount of $38,883.80. This is an annual project aimed at replacing aging devices deployed around the County.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the 2025 PC Refresh purchase from SHI in the amount of $38,883.80.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney (APA) Starting Salary Exception - Prosecutor's Office

Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Keith Robinson presented the request for a salary exception at Level 35 D (2 year) to fill the current vacant position due to the candidate's experience.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the salary exception at Level 35 D to fill the current vacancy.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Road Commission Update

A. Monthly Update

Bret Witkowski presented the monthly Road Commission Update.

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 01:49 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk