



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

June 24, 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: Chappell, Doroh, DiStefano, Peat, Leary and Schincariol. Commissioner Patterson-Gladney absent and excused.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **June 10th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Tina Leary, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Commissioner Doroh informed the Board of the death of Joyce Freestone.
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **VBCYI Update**
Erin Kucharski presented the Van Buren County Youth Initiative update.
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) Resolution EXPEDITED**
Deb Hess is requesting an expedited resolution to formally oppose the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs). The proposed plan would negatively affect the local providers of behavioral health care and the people they serve.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, opposition to MDHHS' plan to implement a competitive procurement process for PHIPs.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Bankson Lake Sewer Authority - Bankson Lake Sewer Extension Project

The Bankson Lake Sewer Authority and Cass County are requesting a resolution to consent to the acquisition, construction and financing of a sewage disposal system which will also service a portion of Porter Township.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, consent to the acquisition, construction and financing of a sewage disposal system for Bankson Lake.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

B. CIP Project: Replace Glass in Administration Building Atrium

Buildings & Grounds Director John Small provided an update on the replacement of glass in the foyer of the Administration Building. The approved bid from Midwest Glass came in at \$15,150.

C. CIP Project: Refurbish/Repair/Maintain Fire Escape VBC Courthouse, Paw Paw

Buildings & Grounds Director John Small is requesting approval to contract with Manning Enterprise, Inc in the amount of \$35,820.00 to refurbish the fire escape on the Paw Paw Courthouse.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, contracting with Manning Enterprise, Inc in the amount of \$35,820 to refurbish the Paw Paw Courthouse fire escape.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

9. Finance

A. Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Application - EXPEDITED

Michael Defoe presented the expedited request to approve the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Application in the amount of \$81,250.00.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant Application.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

B. Quality Legal Representation Grant Application - EXPEDITED

Michael Defoe presented the expedited request to approve the Quality Legal Representation Grant Application.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Quality Legal Presentation Grant Application.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Road Commission Update

14. Public Comment

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 01:51 AM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk