



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

September 8, 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

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 02:56 PM by Paul Schincariol, Vice-Chairman of the Board.
2. **Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer**
Invocation 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, David DiStefano, Tina Leary, and Paul Schincariol. Commissioner Peat absent and excused.
4. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
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 presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
6. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ****August 26th, 2025 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
7. **Public Comment**
8. **Administrative Affairs**

A. ****County Full Faith & Credit - McConnell & Olcott Intercounty Drain**
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A53/9-8-2025
WHEREAS, pursuant to a petition filed with the Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, proceedings have been taken under the provisions of Act 40, Public Acts of Michigan, 1956, as amended (the "Act"), for the making of certain improvements to the McConnell and Olcott Intercounty Drain (the "Project"), which is being undertaken by the McConnell and Olcott Intercounty Drain Drainage District (the "Drainage District"); and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the Drainage Board intends to issue the Drainage District's note or notes (the "Note"), in one or more series, in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$370,000, in anticipation of the collection of special assessments against property and public corporations in the Counties of Berrien and Van Buren, said special assessments to be duly confirmed as provided by the Act; and,
WHEREAS, thirty eight percent (38%) of the cost of the Project has been apportioned by the Drainage Board for the Drainage District to the County of Berrien and sixty two percent (62%) of the cost of the Project has been apportioned by the Drainage Board to the County of Van Buren (the "County"); and,
WHEREAS, the Drainage Board deems it advisable and necessary to request that this Board adopt a resolution pledging the limited tax full faith and credit of the County on the Note to the extent of special assessments are assessed against benefited properties and public corporations in the County; and,
WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners (the "Board") may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote of two-thirds of the members of the Board, pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Note pursuant to Section 434 of the Act; and,
WHEREAS, the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County to the Note will reduce the cost of financing the Project and will be a benefit to the people of the County.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 434 of the Act, the Board, by a majority vote of two-thirds of its members elect, does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Note, to the extent of the sixty two percent (62%) of the cost of the Project apportioned to the County and specially assessed against property and public corporations in the County and assessments against the State of Michigan, to the extent apportioned to the County, and does agree that in the event that the property owners or public corporations in the Drainage District or the State of Michigan shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County for the amount of any special assessment installment and interest (in anticipation of which the Note are issued), when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary. The ability of the County to levy taxes to pay its share of the principal of and interest on the Note shall be subject to applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.
2. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County advances County funds to pay any part of the principal of and interest due on the Note, the County shall take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.
3. The Chairperson of the Board, the County Controller/Administrator, Deputy Administrator, the County Clerk, the County Treasurer, Finance Director, and any other official of the County, or any one or more of them (the "Authorized Officers"), are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary or desirable for the issuance of the Note and to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the issuance of the Note, including, but not limited to, any applications including the Michigan Department of Treasury Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, any waivers, certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules, or regulations, and to sign such documents and give any approvals necessary therefor.
4. This Resolution shall become effective only if the Board of Commissioners of the County of Berrien adopts a resolution substantially in the form of this resolution that pledges the limited tax full faith and credit of the County of Berrien to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Note when due to the extent of its apportioned share of the cost of the Project.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this

Resolution, rescinded to the extent of the conflict.

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

B. ****Opioid Settlement Agreement - Purdue**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A54/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, Van Buren County has actively participated in previously offered settlements under the National Opioid Settlement framework, which has provided critical funding to support opioid remediation efforts within the County; and,
WHEREAS, the County has now been invited to participate in a separate settlement involving Purdue Pharma L.P., which requires specific authorization to secure participation and receive associated settlement funds; and,
WHEREAS, as a condition of participation in the Purdue Settlement, Van Buren County must also accept the amended Michigan State–Subdivision Agreement, which introduces new reporting requirements that include, beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, annual reports to the Michigan Department of Attorney General detailing all opioid settlement funds received, expenditures, and allocations committed for future use; and,
WHEREAS, to ensure compliance with these requirements and facilitate streamlined administrative oversight, it is recommended that Van Buren County Administrator John Faul be designated as the County's Authorized Representative for all current and future opioid-related settlements; and,
WHEREAS, this designation authorizes the Administrator to execute participation and release documents, submit required reporting and payment forms, and coordinate with state and national administrators through the National Opioid Settlements Portal, while ensuring the Board of Commissioners is notified prior to execution, when feasible, and formally receives and files a written settlement report following execution at the earliest practical regular meeting; and,
WHEREAS, there is no immediate expense to Van Buren County for participation in this settlement, and doing so ensures continued eligibility for opioid settlement funds which must be used in accordance with settlement terms, including for opioid remediation efforts; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners authorize Van Buren County's participation in the Purdue Opioid Settlement, accept the amended Michigan State–Subdivision Agreement, and designate County Administrator John Faul as Van Buren County's Authorized Representative for all current and future opioid settlements.

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

C. ****Rural Readiness Grant Application**

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A55/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, Van Buren County and St. Joseph County have established a bilateral intergovernmental partnership to jointly operate a shared Digital Information Department (DID), which has produced measurable cost savings and expanded digital capacity through the deployment of artificial intelligence, geographic information systems (GIS), and automation services; and,
WHEREAS, the Rural Readiness Grant would support the evolution of this partnership into the Digital Innovation Collaborative Exchange (DICE), a multi-jurisdictional initiative designed to deliver scalable, ethically governed digital services to rural communities throughout Southwest Michigan; and,
WHEREAS, rural governments increasingly face demands to digitize public services, improve transparency, and respond more quickly to residents despite limited staff, funding, and technical infrastructure, and DICE aims to address these challenges by offering shared access to modular, affordable, locally governed digital tools; and,
WHEREAS, if awarded, grant funds would support the formalization of DICE into a regionally governed public-sector utility that expands service delivery to additional counties

and municipalities, develops and deploys practical “MicroTools” for permitting, FOIA, digital communications, codification, and website modernization, and launches a nonprofit arm to secure long-term funding and manage innovation pilots; and,
WHEREAS, the proposed grant request totals \$50,000, with a required \$10,000 match to be shared equally between Van Buren and St. Joseph Counties, with each contributing \$5,000 in in-kind services; and,
WHEREAS, there is no immediate expense to Van Buren County for participation in this settlement, and doing so ensures continued eligibility for opioid settlement funds which must be used in accordance with settlement terms, including for opioid remediation efforts; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the submission of a Rural Readiness Grant application in the amount of \$50,000 in support of the Digital Innovation Collaborative Exchange (DICE) initiative.

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

D. Out-of-State Travel Request: Prosecutor's Office - Ohio Sept. 15-19, 2025
EXPEDITED

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A56/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, there has been a request on behalf of Prosecuting Attorney Susan Zuiderveen to grant permission for herself and Assistant Prosecutor Rachel Keeley to travel to Ohio to attend the Sexual Assault Investigation Academy from September 15–19, 2025; and,
WHEREAS, the National Criminal Justice Training Center is hosting this intensive conference in Lancaster, Ohio, to better equip prosecutors in supporting victims of sexual assault, utilizing investigative resources such as SANE nurses and victim support services, and preparing cases for successful prosecution; and,
WHEREAS, this training aligns with the Prosecutor's Office commitment to advancing professional skills and victim-centered prosecution strategies in Van Buren County; and,
WHEREAS, the requested travel includes reimbursement for mileage, overnight accommodations, and meals, and does not require additional county funds, as the cost is already included in the current year's Employee Training budget; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the out-of-state travel request for Prosecuting Attorney Susan Zuiderveen and Assistant Prosecutor Rachel Keeley to attend the Sexual Assault Investigation Academy in Lancaster, Ohio, from September 15–19, 2025, with reimbursement for mileage, accommodations, and meals as outlined.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

E. Region IV Area Agency on Aging - MI Choice Waiver Resolution
EXPEDITED

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A57/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, Michiganders overwhelmingly prefer to age in place in their own homes and local communities; and,
WHEREAS, the baby boomer generation begins turning 80 years of age in 2026, further increasing demand for in-home and community-based services; and,
WHEREAS, the Medicaid MI Choice Waiver Program currently provides essential in-home services and supports more than 16,000 older adults and individuals with disabilities each year; and,
WHEREAS, managed primarily by Area Agencies on Aging, the MI Choice program offers a comprehensive array of services including community living support, home-delivered meals, supports coordination, transportation, adult day care, counseling, medical equipment, and health-related services; and,
WHEREAS, MI Choice capitation rates have not kept up with inflation, and recent increases in minimum wage and earned sick time have not been funded resulting in

financial stress for MI Choice managers and participants; and,
WHEREAS, without full funding of the MI Choice program, the number of providers will decrease, leading to care rationing, service delays, staff turnover, longer waitlists, compliance challenges, and increased hospital and nursing home admissions—at more than double the cost of MI Choice's average per diem; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, that Van Buren County recognizes the important mission and significant contributions of the MI Choice program in helping older adults and people with disabilities continue to live at home; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners calls upon our State Representatives and Senators to preserve and grow MI Choice by ensuring full and sustainable funding of the program; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the substantial value of MI Choice to the residents of Van Buren County and the significant cost savings it delivers to the State of Michigan's Medicaid program; and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners affirms that while MI Choice is not a mandatory Medicaid program, it is not optional—it is essential—and must be preserved as a cornerstone of Michigan's long-term care network.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

9. Buildings and Grounds

A. **Disposal of Property - 2009 Ford Fusion

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS RESOLUTION B15/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, the 2009 Ford Fusion was originally assigned to the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office and later transferred to the Specialty Courts for their operational use; and,
WHEREAS, the vehicle has reached a condition where it is no longer cost-effective to maintain and operate due to age and wear; and,
WHEREAS, Specialty Courts now have access to a shared court vehicle and have no current plans to replace the 2009 Ford Fusion; and,
WHEREAS, it is in the County's best interest to dispose of the vehicle through the appropriate surplus or disposal procedures; and,
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the disposal of the 2009 Ford Fusion previously used by the Specialty Courts.

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

10. Finance

A. **FY 2025/2026 Final Budget

FINANCE RESOLUTION F42A/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, Public Act 621 of 1978, an amendment to Public Act 2 of 1968, otherwise known as the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act provides a system of unified procedures for the preparation and execution of budgets for units of local government; and
WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller received revenue projections and expenditure requests for all County departments, and;
WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has reviewed in detail those requests and has recommended a 2025-2026 General Fund Budget, as well as supporting documentation required by Public Act 621, and;
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to provide the solvency of County Fiscal Operations by adopting a General Appropriations Act as required by law, and;
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to articulate policy relative to

monitoring, maintenance accounting and implementation of the General Appropriations Act as required by law, and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Board of Commissioners to continue its allocation for substance abuse services of 50% of the convention facility/liquor tax revenue as required by Public Act 106 of 1985, and;

WHEREAS, a public hearing for the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget was held on August 12, 2025 after due notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation, and;

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Budget is based on the intent of the Board of Commissioners to levy property tax millages as follows:

County Operating 4.4267, Ambulance 0.9353, Roads 0.9703, Public Safety 0.5322, Public Transit 0.2453, Conservation District 0.0989, Veterans Relief 0.0993, and Parks 0.1000; and;

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget has been apportioned to the various County departments as itemized on the following table:

2025-2026 General Fund Budget GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Taxes 21,798,900 License & Permits 107,000 Federal Grants 1,685,000 State Grants 4,349,200 Charges for Services 1,900,200 Fines & Forfeitures 207,000 Interest & Rent 1,457,000 Other Revenue 468,650 Transfers In 140,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES 32,112,950

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

101.00 Board of Commissioners 457,100 172.00 Administrator 342,750 212.00 Finance 412,300 215.00 Clerk 541,970 228.00 Information Technology 855,750 243.00 Land Management 451,000 245.00 County Survey & Remonumentation 59,300 253.00 Treasurer 496,800 257.00 Equalization 262,000 260.00 Indigent Defense Fund 1,200 262.00 Elections 104,500 293.00 Elections Early Voting 23,000 265.00 Building & Grounds 2,517,050 266.00 Attorney/Corporation Counsel 392,000 270.00 Human Resources 276,350 271.00 General Benefits 1,360,520 282.00 Courts Shared Costs 126,000 282.D0 Courts Shared Costs – Due Process 75,000 283.00 Circuit Court 838,900 283.D0 Circuit Court – Due Process 201,000 284.00 Family Court 637,300 284.D0 Family Court – Due Process 417,000 286.00 District Court East 1,014,500 286.D0 District Court East – Due Process 7,000 287.00 District Court West 1,109,350 287.D0 District Court West – Due Process 10,000 294.00 Probate Court 688,500 294.D0 Probate Court – Due Process 58,000 295.00 State Probation 4,800 296.00 Prosecuting Attorney 1,658,000 297.00 Grand Jury 26,900 301.00 Sheriff 457,100 302.00 Sheriff Road Patrol 2,249,900 306.00 Courthouse Security 468,650 316.00 Secondary Road Patrol 227,350 317.00 OHSP Enforcement 22,000 331.00 Marine Law Enforcement 91,350 331.D0 Dive Response Recovery 8,650 332.A0 Snowmobile Law Enforcement 8,450 335.00 Sheriff's Youth Services Program 25,000 351.00 Jail 3,440,000 355.00 Sheriff's Court Officer 110,850 364.00 Sheriff's Alternative Work Program 208,800 426.00 Emergency Management 260,100 430.00 Animal Control 512,650 442.00 Drain Commissioner 456,750 445.00 Drain – Public Benefit 105,000 605.00 Contagious Disease 10,000 648.00 Medical Examiner 273,000 681.00 Veterans Burials 6,000 682.00 Veterans Counselor 182,000 682.01 MVAA Grant 63,500 701.00 Planning 115,700 710.00 MSU Extension 308,810 711.00 Register of Deeds 303,600 728.00 Economic Development 212,000 754.00 Community Services 233,600 965.00 Operating Transfer Out 6,326,300
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 32,112,950 and;

WHEREAS, the 2025-2026 Expenditure Budget for all other remaining funds are itemized on the following table:

2025-2026 Other Fund Expenditures

207.0 Sheriff's Extra Voted Millage Fund 2,321,050 208.0 Parks and Recreation Fund 690,500 210.0 Ambulance Fund 4,040,000 211.0 Specialty Courts Fund 2,656,200 215.0 Friend of the Court Fund 2,408,250 217.0 Dispatcher Training Fund 16,000 230.0 Sheriff's Drain Work Crew Fund 50,790 236.0 Inmate Lodging Fund 215,500 237.0 MColes State Training Fund 20,000 237.A MColes CPE Fund

55,500 239.0 Entergy Stipend Fund 158,800 242.0 Local Brownfield Revolving Fund 6,850 243.0 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund 68,950 244.0 Economic Development Strategic Fund 0 246.0 Local Emergency Planning Committee Fund 5,000 256.0 Register of Deeds Automation Fund 96,000 259.0 Crime Victims Rights Fund 172,100 260.0 Indigent Defense Fund 3,358,000 261.0 Central Dispatch 2,560,000 263.0 Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund 56,150 264.0 Local Corrections Officer's Training Fund 6,500 265.0 Drug Law Enforcement Fund 38,000 266.0 Law Enforcement Fund 1,581,400 269.0 Law Library Fund 30,000 276.0 Housing Program Income Fund 0 284.0 Opioid Settlement Fund 165,000 285.0 American Rescue Plan Act Fund 1,900,000 289.0 Courthouse Restoration Fund 0 290.0 Social Welfare Fund 11,000 292.0 Child Care Fund 2,910,750 293.0 Veterans Relief Fund 50,000 296.0 Veterans Service Tax Millage 355,500 298.0 Family Counseling Fund 6,500 365.0 Public Works Projects Debt Fund 0 366.0 Jail Building Debt Fund 353,500 401.0 Strategic Facilities Fund 0 444.0 Capital Improvement Program Fund 719,000 466.0 Jail Building Fund 500 516.0 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund 937,100 520.0 Tax Forfeiture Fund 506,500 523.0 Land Bank Fund 2,000 537.0 Computer Mapping Fund 50,000 575.0 Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund 20,000 588.0 Public Transit 2,417,700 595.0 Commissary 100,000 636.0 Technology Improvement Fund 567,000 639.0 Drain Equipment Revolving Fund 20,000 704.0 Fringe Benefit Fund 4,988,200 801.0 Drain District Fund 1,132,834 841.0 Lake Level Districts Fund 61,000
TOTAL OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES 37,965,824

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the General Appropriations Act for all Funds including anticipated fund balances, revenues, expenditures, and budget policies as attached and made a part hereof.

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

FINANCE RESOLUTION F42B/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, certain funds of the County receive revenues after expenditures have been paid from the fund; and

WHEREAS, for this reason, cash is at times in a deficit position, and;

WHEREAS, the cash in these funds is a part of the common cash account, which is under the custody of the County Treasurer, and;

WHEREAS, use of the cash in the common account by other funds is considered to be an inter-fund borrowing, and;

WHEREAS, such borrowing is permitted only by resolution of the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners; and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following fund of Van Buren County are hereby authorized to borrow from the common cash account during the County's 2025-2026 fiscal year:

Budget Stabilization #102 Crime Victims Rights Fund #259 Jail Bond Debt Fund #366 Sheriff's Extra Voted Millage Fund #207 Indigent Defense Fund #260 Stabilization Fund #401 Parks and Recreation Fund #208 Central Dispatch Fund #261 Capital Improvements Program #444 Ambulance Fund #210 Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund #263 Jail Building Fund #466 Specialty Court Fund #211 Local Correction Officer's Training Fund #264 Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund #516 Friend of the Court Fund #215 Drug Law Enforcement Fund #265 Tax Forfeiture Fund #520 Dispatcher Training Fund #217 Law Enforcement Fund #266 Land Bank Fund #523 Sheriff's Drain Work Crew Fund #230 Law Library Fund #269 Computer Mapping Fund #537 SCAR Grant Fund #232 Housing Program Income Fund #276 Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund #575 Inmate Lodging Fund #236 Opioid Settlement Fund #284 Public Transit #588 MColes State Training Fund #237 American Rescue Plan Act #285 Commissary #595 MColes CPE Fund #237.A Courthouse Restoration #289 Technology Improvement Fund #636 Entergy Stipend Fund #239 Social Welfare Fund #290 Drain Equipment Revolving Fund

#639 Local Brownfield Revolving Fund #242 Child Care Fund #292 General Custodial Fund #701 Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Fund #243 Veterans Relief Fund #293 Treasury Tax Fund #703 Economic Development Strategic Fund #244 Veterans Service Tax Millage #296 Fringe Benefit Fund #704 Local Emergency Planning Committee Fund #246 Family Counseling #298 Drain District Fund #801 Register of Deeds Automation Fund #256 Public Works Debt Project Fund #365 Lake Level Fund #841 Disaster Contingency Fund #258

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

FINANCE RESOLUTION F42C/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, under the laws of the State of Michigan, Public Act 40 of 1932, 1st Extra Session as amended (MCL 129.12), the Board of Commissioners is required to provide by resolution for the deposit of all public moneys, including tax moneys, belonging to or held for the state, county, or other political units coming into the hands of the County Treasurer in one or more banks within the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1.) The Board of Commissioners of the County of Van Buren hereby directs the Van Buren County Treasurer to deposit all public moneys, including moneys and funds held for the State Board of Escheats or missing or coming heirs, coming into his/her hands as Treasurer, in any bank within the State which is a legal depository as defined by the state and/or federal law, and;

2.) The Treasurer is authorized to invest funds in certificates of deposit of these institutions, or any investment permitted by state statute, which is Act 20 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1943, as amended (MCL 129.91), or federal law of regulations within the limits set therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer is authorized to enter into and execute on behalf of the County with Mercantile Bank of Michigan for the safekeeping or third party custodianship of any of the County's securities, as well as any contracts or repurchase agreements with any corporation for the purchase of any such safekeeping of third party custodianship arrangement on such term and conditions as the County Treasurer shall require.

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

B. **OTM Cyber – Cybersecurity Services Agreement

FINANCE RESOLUTION F43/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Information Technology Department is seeking approval to enter into a three-year service agreement with OTM Cyber to enhance the County's cybersecurity infrastructure and protection capabilities; and,

WHEREAS, this agreement will provide comprehensive cybersecurity services including but not limited to: 24/7/365 managed detection and response, continuous security monitoring, regular threat activity reporting, incident response support, and the development and refinement of incident response plans; and,

WHEREAS, these services will bolster the County's ability to defend against the ever-evolving landscape of cyber threats, providing both proactive and reactive protections critical to securing systems, data, and operations; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of the agreement is \$58,060.00 per year, billed annually over the course of the three-year term, and is a budgeted expenditure for the IT Department; and, WHEREAS, the annual cost will be allocated as follows: \$43,000 from fund 636.0-228.00-802.000, and \$15,060 from fund 261.0-325.00-801.015, with Dispatch Director Tim McGee confirming budget coverage for the latter portion; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve entering into the proposed three-year cybersecurity service agreement with OTM Cyber.

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

C. ****VMWare Annual Renewal**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F44/9-8-2025

WHEREAS, the Van Buren County Information Technology Department utilizes VMware software to operate all the County's virtual servers, providing a foundational platform for critical infrastructure and system operation; and,

WHEREAS, VMware was recently acquired by Broadcom, resulting in significant price increases, and the renewal cost for the required subscription now exceeds the threshold for Administration-level approval and requires Board authorization; and,

WHEREAS, the total cost of the annual subscription renewal is \$48,568.56, to be paid from the Technology Improvement Fund, line item 636.0-228.00-802.000; and,

WHEREAS, County purchasing policy requires multiple quotes for purchases exceeding a certain dollar amount, but VMware software is proprietary, and all pricing is ultimately controlled by a single representative at the parent company, regardless of the reseller used, making competitive pricing quotes infeasible; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the renewal of the VMware software subscription in the amount of \$48,568.56, to be paid from fund 636.0-228.00-802.000, and authorize a waiver of the multiple quote requirement due to the proprietary nature of the software and the centralized pricing structure.

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

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

12. Public Transit

13. Veterans Services

14. Commissioner's Roundtable

- Wine and Harvest Festival
- DHHS
- SW Michigan Behavioral Health

15. Chairman's Update

16. Board Correspondence

A. Kalamazoo County

17. Closed Session

18. Public Comment

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 03:10 PM.

Randall Peat, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk