



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

October 28, 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 Paul Schnicariol, Vice-Chairman of the Board. Commissioners present: Patterson-Gladney, Doroh, DiStefano, Leary and Schincariol. Commissioners Peat and Chappell absent and excused.
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. **October 14th, 2025 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Kurt Doroh, Second by David DiStefano, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Melanie Hooker - Veteran's Stand Down and DVC update
 - Anthonette Cox - Covert resident thanked the Board for recognizing her mothers 100th birthday
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Juvenile Justice System**
Hon. Jeffrey Dufon gave a presentation on the complex and constantly evolving Juvenile Justice System.
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Resource Recovery Quarterly Report**
Kalli Marshall presented the Van Buren Conservation District Resource Recovery Programs 2025 Annual Report.
 - B. **2023 Recycling Infrastructure Grant Presentation**
Kalli Marshall presented the results of the 2023 Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and The Recycling Partnership Infrastructure Grant

Project from the Van Buren Conservation District Resource Recovery Program.

C. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) - Zambrano Appeal Addition

Administrator Faul presented the FOIA Appeal received from Anthony Zambrano for a denial by the County Clerk. The records requested from the County Clerk do not exist in that office and the Courts are governed under MCR 8.119.

Motion to deny the FOIA appeal for a FOIA denial for certain records as they do not exist in the County Clerk's Office and the Court records are governed under MCR 8.119.

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

D. Quality Legal Representation Grant Contract

Veronica Stillson presented the request to approve by motion authorization for the Family Division Administrator to sign in EGRAMS on the Board Chair's behalf for the CPLR-2026 agreement.

Motion to authorize the Family Division Administrator to sign in EGRAMS on the Board Chair's behalf for the CPLR-2026 agreement.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds

9. Finance

A. Purchase of Vehicle - Sheriff Department

Administrator Faul presented the request from the Sheriff's Department to purchase a 2025 Ford Cargo Van for the Drain Crew in the amount of \$51,815. This is an approved CIP request.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of a 2025 Ford Cargo Van for the Sheriff's Department Drain Crew in the amount of \$51,815.

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

B. Application for Additional MERS Service Credit Purchase

Administrator Faul presented the request from Jim Charon to purchase five additional years of service credit through MERS. The employee is solely responsible for the cost of service credit.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of five additional years of service credit through MERS by Jim Charon.

Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

C. Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH) Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Net Cost Contract

Courtney Michalka presented the request to approve the FY25-26 Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Net Cost Agreement for Substance Use Disorder Services for Specialty Courts.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the FY25-26 Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Net Cost Agreement for Substance Use Disorder Services for Specialty Courts.

Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Kurt Doroh, Carried

D. Foster Swift Invoice 926270

The monthly Foster Swift invoice was submitted for review.

Motion to approve payment of the Foster Swift invoice for NCG litigation in the amount of \$23,010, subject to the cost sharing agreement.

Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

A. Dispatch Radio Equipment Upgrade

Laurie Schlipp presented the request to purchase new dispatch radio equipment from Roe-Comm Communications in the amount of \$35,058. The current Public Transit equipment is aging and obsolete and parts are no longer available.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of dispatch radio equipment for Public Transit from Roe-Comm Communications in the amount of \$35,058.

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

12. Veterans Services

13. Road Commission Update

A. Monthly Update

Director Bret Witkowski presented the Road Commission monthly update.

14. Public Comment

- Jeff Roe

15. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 02:52 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk