



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

April 30, 2026

Commissioners

Gail Patterson-Gladney, District 1
Mike Chappell, District 2
Kurt Doroh, District 3
David DiStefano, District 4
Mike Toth, 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 Kurt Doroh, Chairman of the Board. Present: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Mike Chappell, Kurt Doroh, David DiStefano. Commissioners Toth, Leary and Schincariol 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 David DiStefano, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **April 14th, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Dan Dick, MSUE Fruit Tree Specialist, introduced himself to the Board
 - Nicolle Ritchie, MSUE Field Crops Educator
6. **Presentation**
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Reappointment to the Jury Board- Thomas Palenick - EXPEDITED**
Administrator Faul presented the expedited request to reappoint Thomas Palenick to the Jury Board for a six-year term.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the reappointment of Thomas Palenick to the Jury Board for the six-year term to expire April 30, 2032.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by David DiStefano, Carried
 - B. **New County Drain, Drainage District Application Deposit**
Drain Commissioner Joe Parman presented the request for a resolution to establish and require a deposit for new County Drain Drainage District applications. If a petition for a

new county drain is submitted and approved, the future drainage district and drain assessment would reimburse the property owner(s) for that deposit.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the establishment of a deposit for a new County Drain Drainage District application.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Request to Use County Property - 2026 Van Buren County Youth Fair Parking

Administrator Faul presented the request from Van Buren County Youth Fair for use of county-owned paved parking facilities located adjacent to the Fairgrounds for overflow traffic from July 20-25, 2026.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the use of county-owned paved parking facilities by the Van Buren County Youth Fair from July 20-25, 2026.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

B. Request to Use County Property- First Baptist Church of Lawton

Administrator Faul presented the request from First Baptist Church of Lawton for use of county-owned property, Courthouse steps, for an organized prayer gathering on May 17, 2026.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the use of the Courthouse steps by First Baptist Church for a prayer gathering on May 17, 2026.

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

9. Finance

A. Grant Purchase of TruNarc

Administrator Faul presented the request for payment for the TruNarc Delta Analyzer in the amount of \$41,200.00 to Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. The purchase is covered by a grant award.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the payment of \$41,200 to Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. for the TruNarc Delta Analyzer.

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

B. Parks Millage - 2026 Renewal

Community Services Director Lisa Ransler presented the request to adopt the Parks and Recreation tax levy of .10 mill to be applied to the 2026 winter tax bills. This is a continuation of the levy and must be approved annually. Funds would be restricted for parks and recreation purposes and used to implement priorities identified in the adopted Master Plan, including maintenance, capital improvements, grant funds, accessibility upgrades, trail and water access projects, conservation initiatives, and future recreational development.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the adoption of the Parks and Recreation tax levy of .10 mill to be applied

to the 2026 winter tax bills.

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

C. Foster Swift Invoice

Administrator Faul presented the request for payment of the monthly Foster Swift invoice in the amount of \$9,800.75

Motion to approve payment of the Foster Swift invoice in the amount of \$9,800.75 for NCG litigation subject to the cost sharing agreement.

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

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Road Commission Monthly Update

A. Road Commission - Monthly Update

Director Bret Witkowski presented the monthly Road Commission update.

14. Public Comment

- Lisa Ransler-update on Land Preservation Board, Druskovich Farms
- Cindy Compton-Brownfield Redevelopment SoHa Drift Lofts Plan

15. Adjournment

Adjourned by the call of the chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 01:38 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk