



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

May 12, 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, Mike Toth, Tina Leary, Paul Schincariol.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **April 30th, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the April 30, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Toth, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Award Presentation- Sheriff's Office**
Sheriff Dan Abbott and Undersheriff Casey Davis presented Sheriff's Award of Excellence to Deputy Jason Erikson and Sgt. Larry Weers and the Life Saving Award to Deputy Cody Bingaman and K-9 Charlie for their work during a call on April 17, 2026 for a missing person. Their swift actions located and rescued the disoriented subject in a freezing river.
 - B. **Van Buren Cass Community Health Department Annual Report**
Director Danielle Persky presented the Annual Report for the Van Buren/Cass County Community Mental Health Department.
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Van Buren County Office of Community Corrections - FY 2027 Grant Application**
Specialty Court Administrator Courtney Michalka presented the request to approve the submission of the annual grant application for Office of Community Corrections pretrial

services programs in the amount of \$144,150.87.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the submission of the annual grant application for OCC pretrial services programs in the amount of \$144,150.87.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Buildings and Grounds - Department Update

Director John Small presented the Buildings & Grounds annual report.

9. Finance

A. Travel Expenditures

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented the commissioner's monthly travel expenditures for review.

Motion to approve the monthly travel expenditures for payment as presented.

Motion by Tina Leary, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

B. Claims

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented monthly claims for review.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the payment of monthly claims in the amount of \$4,423,211.23.

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

C. Monthly Financial Statement

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented the Monthly Financial Statement for review.

Motion to accept the Monthly Financial Statement as presented.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

D. ARPA Quarterly Update - March, 2026

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented the ARPA quarterly update.

E. L-4029 2026 Tax Rate Request

Lyndsey Shembarger presented the request to approve the L-4029 2026 Tax Rate Request at the next Board meeting.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the L-4029 2026 Tax Rate Request.

Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

F. Purchase of Truck- Drain Office

Joshua Griffith presented the request to approve the purchase of a new truck for the Office of the Drain Commissioner in the amount of \$41,469.68 from Tapper Ford. This is an approved CIP item.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of a new truck from Tapper Ford in the amount of \$41,469.68.

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

G. Cyber Liability Insurance Renewal

Administrator Faul presented the request to renew the Cyber Liability insurance policy with Cowbell Cyber. This is for \$3M coverage with a cost of \$27,534 for the 2026-27 renewal term.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the renewal of the Cyber Liability insurance policy with Cowbell Cyber at a cost of \$27,534.

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

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Prosecuting Attorney's Office Summer Interns 2026

Assistant Prosecutor Jay Blair presented the request to approve the employment of two summer interns from May-August, 2026 at a cost of \$5,550.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the employment of two summer interns for the Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$5,550.

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

11. Public Transit

A. Public Transit - Director's Report

Laurie Schlipp presented the Public Transit Director's Report.

B. Transit Finance Reports

Tami Naber presented the Public Transit Finance Report.

Motion to accept the Finance Report.

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

C. Transit Operations Report

Tami Naber presented the Public Transit Operations Report.

Motion to accept the Operations Report.

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

12. Veterans Services

13. Public Comment

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 02:25 PM.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk

