MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

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

July 14, 2026

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 02:22 PM by Kurt Doroh, 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, Mike Toth, Tina Leary, Paul Schincariol.

4. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

Delete Item: 8.D. and move Item 17 to after Item 13.

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 amended.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

6. Approval of Minutes

A. **June 23rd, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

7. Public Comment

8. Administrative Affairs

A. **Appointment to the Van Buren Community Mental Health (VBCMH) Board of Directors - Michael Mosely

<u>ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A44/7-14-2026</u>
WHEREAS, Michael Mosley was a very valued member of the VBCMH Board, with excellent attendance and participation in VBCMH Board governance meetings and activities. The current VBCMH Board has endorsed his application and requests his appointment; and,
WHEREAS, Mr. Mosley previously served on the VBCMHA Board from 2007 to 2024.

Michael served on the Board until term limits specified in the by-laws ended his service in 2024. The by-laws allow that when a person's service is ended due to term limits they may apply to return after at least a year off the Board. In addition to his previous Board service, Mr. Mosley is also an active volunteer with Knights of Columbus in South Haven; and,
WHEREAS, Michigan law requires Community Mental Health Boards to govern actions of the CMH Authority. Michigan law also has several requirements for those appointed, including that a minimum number of Board members are recipients of mental health services and family members of recipients of mental health services. Federal rules require that Board members overseeing expenditures of Medicaid funds must not be on a federal exclusion list that forbids certain persons from having any oversight of how federal healthcare funds are spent. VBCMH Board will continue to be in compliance with requirements with the addition of the above-listed applicant; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the appointment of Michael Mosely to the VBCMH Board of Directors for a term to expire March 31, 2027.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

B. **Proclamation - James and Gayle Crandall

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A45/7-14-2026

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Crandall and Gayle Crandall have devoted their lives to the betterment of the Lawrence community; and
WHEREAS, Jim's entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish and grow numerous successful ventures, most notably Quality Assured Plastics; and
WHEREAS, Jim's foresight and determination helped make possible the development of the Lawrence/Crandall Business Centre; and
WHEREAS, Jim's service extended beyond business, including twenty-three years on the Intermediate School District Board; and
WHEREAS, the vision and investments of Jim and Gayle have produced lasting benefits for the community including numerous initiatives that enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors alike; and
WHEREAS, following Jim's passing in December 2021, his legacy continues through the projects, opportunities, and community improvements made possible by his vision, determination, and steadfast belief in the future of Lawrence; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that this pavilion shall be dedicated and named the James and Gayle Crandall Pavilion in recognition of their decades of service, leadership, generosity, and enduring commitment to the Lawrence community.
BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that the Van Buren Board of Commissioners express their sincere gratitude to Jim and Gayle Crandall for their remarkable contributions and celebrate the lasting legacy they have created for present and future generations.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

C. Specialty Court — Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Grant Application EXPEDITED

ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS RESOLUTION A46/7-14-2026

WHEREAS, This application would support the Van Buren County Mental Health Court program and provide funding for the retention of key program staff, including the Program Case Manager and Treatment Provider. Funding would also support treatment services, training and professional development, housing assistance, medication assistance, home visits, peer support services (including mileage), drug testing supplies, hygiene kits, and program evaluation activities; and
WHEREAS, This is a five-year funding opportunity with an award amount of up to $400,000 annually; and
WHEREAS, The financial responsibility to the County involves providing upfront support to cover program costs, with the understanding that grant reimbursements from SAMHSA are

issued on a quarterly basis. This temporary fiscal bridge ensures continuity of services while awaiting scheduled reimbursements and reflects the County's commitment to sustaining these impactful, treatment-focused initiatives; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the submission of the SAMHSA grant applications.

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

D. Michigan Agricultural Preservation Program Grant Agreement – Acceptance and Authorization EXPEDITED

This Item was removed from the agenda.

9. Buildings and Grounds

10. Finance

A. **Server and Virtualization (Internal Data Center) Refresh

FINANCE RESOLUTION F38/7-14-2026

WHEREAS, The County's current server and virtualization infrastructure is built on aging hardware and a legacy platform that is becoming increasingly costly to maintain, particularly as vendor subscription and licensing costs continue to rise; and
WHEREAS, This project replaces that environment with a modern hyperconverged infrastructure deployed across both primary and disaster recovery sites, improving reliability, performance, and cybersecurity while enabling rapid system recovery in the event of hardware failure or a cyber incident; and
WHEREAS, The solution also introduces a lifecycle-based replacement strategy, allowing hardware to be refreshed incrementally over time, reducing large capital spikes and ensuring the environment remains supported, secure, and cost-effective long term.
WHEREAS, The cost of this purchase would be split between funds allocated for this project through the capital improvement plan (444.0-228.00-975.073) and the special technology fund (636.0-228.00-802.000). The latest quote for purchase came in at just under $485,000; and
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, authorize the IT Director to spend up to $500,000 for six physical servers, hardware support, and software subscription licensing.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

B. Mobile Radio Encryption EXPEDITED

FINANCE RESOLUTION F39/7-14-2026

WHEREAS, We are currently out of compliance with CJIS standards regarding radio encryption standards. This will encrypt radio transmissions, so we are in compliance with this standard; and
WHEREAS, The financial impact is $28,000.52 which will be paid out of 101.0-302.00-980.009 with sufficient funds.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, approve the request to upgrade the mobile radios in the amount of $28,000.52 to comply with FBI encryption standard for CJIS compliance.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

C. MDHHS Amendment for CPLR 2026 EXPEDITED

FINANCE RESOLUTION F40/9-14-2026

WHEREAS, The CPLR grant partially reimburses costs of court appointed attorneys and a

social worker who provide ancillary services to parents in child protective proceedings; and,
WHEREAS, CPLR provides reimbursement for services rendered post removal, whereas QLR provides services pre removal; and,
WHEREAS, This year's post removal services have billed higher, and pre-removal has billed lower therefore MDHHS has approved this contract amendment which will increase this contract from $81,250.00 to $147,484.00.
WHEREAS, This will allow us to maximize reimbursement.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, authorize the Board Chair, or designee, to sign the amendment of the grant contract.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorizes the Board Chair or designee to sign electronically in the EGrAMS system.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

D. MDHHS Amendment for QLR 2026 EXPEDITED

FINANCE RESOLUTION F41/7-14-2026

WHEREAS, The QLR grant partially reimburses costs of court appointed attorneys and a social worker who provide ancillary services to parents in child protective proceedings; and,
WHEREAS, CPLR provides reimbursement for services rendered post removal, whereas QLR provides services pre removal; and,
WHEREAS, This year's post removal services have billed higher, and pre-removal has billed lower therefore MDHHS has approved this contract amendment which will decrease this contract from $81,250.00 to $15,015.00 and apply the excess funds to the CPLR grant; and,.
WHEREAS, This will allow us to maximize reimbursement through the CPLR grant.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, we, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, authorize the Board Chair, or designee, to sign the amendment of the grant contract. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that authorizes the Board Chair or designee to sign electronically in the EGrAMS system.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

12. Public Transit

13. Veterans Services

14. Commissioner's Roundtable

- Recycle Tour
- Porter Township
- Solar Training
- Pioneer Cemetery
- Crandall Dedication
- Parks & Rec Bus Tour
- Juvenile Detention beds

15. Chairman's Update

- NACo update

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- MAC Conference registration

16. Board Correspondence

A. Washtenaw County Resolution - Allocated Funds to Planned Parenthood

17. Closed Session

A. Attorney Client Privileged Discussion Regarding Litigation: Wayside Church v Van Buren County

This item was heard out of order.

Motion to enter into closed session with attorney for purpose of pending litigation with Wayside Church v Van Buren County pursuant to Sec. 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried
Roll Call Vote: All Yes

Board entered into Closed Session at 2:29 p.m.
Board returned to Open Session at 3:00 p.m.

18. Public Comment

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 03:27 PM.

Kurt Doroh, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk