



MINUTES
Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street

July 14, 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. **June 23rd, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**
Motion to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Tina Leary, Carried
5. **Public Comment**
 - Jacob Diljak provided information on upcoming educational sessions.
6. **Presentation**
 - A. **Senior Services of Van Buren County Update**
Executive Director Diane Rigozzi gave a presentation on Van Buren County Senior Services.
7. **Administrative Affairs**
 - A. **Bankson Lake Sewer Authority - Bankson Lake Sewer Extension Project**
Adminstrator Faul presented the request for a resolution to approve and authorize execution of the Cass County Sewage Disposal System bond contract for Bankston Lake Sewer Authority. Project Manager Alan Smaka provided further information.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the authorization for execution of the Cass County Sewage Disposal System bond contract for Bankston Lake Sewer Authority.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

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

Specialty Court Administrator Courtney Michalka presented the expedited request to approve the grant application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration for funding to support the Mental Health Court in the amount of \$400,000 annually for five years.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the grant application to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

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

Community Services Director Lisa Ransler presented the request to accept the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Michigan Agricultural Preservation Program Grant Agreement and authorize the Board Chair to execute all grant documents. There is a need to send a letter to the Land Preservation Board for clarification that there is no conflict of interest with Mr. Druskovich. This item not expedited today.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Michigan Agricultural Preservation Program Grant Agreement and authorize the Board Chair to execute all grant documents.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds

9. Finance

A. Travel Expenditures

Administrator Faul presented the monthly travel expenditures for commissioners for review.

Motion to approve payment of travel expenditures as presented.
Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. Claims

Administrator Faul 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 \$7,286,096.39.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

C. Monthly Financial Statement

Administrator Faul presented the Monthly Financial Statement for review.

Motion to accept the Monthly Financial Statement as presented.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

D. Mobile Radio Encryption EXPEDITED

Captain Jim Charon presented the expedited request to upgrade the mobile radios to comply with FBI encryption standards for CJIS compliance with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$28,000.52.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the upgrade to mobile radios for CJIS compliance with Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$28,000.52.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

E. MDHHS Amendment for CPLR 2026 EXPEDITED

Juvenile Probation Supervisor Jennifer Nockler presented the expedited request to amend the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant and authorize the Board Chair designee to sign required documents.

Motion to approve by resolution at today's meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the amendment to the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant and authorize the Board Chair designee to sign required documents.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

F. MDHHS Amendment for QLR 2026 EXPEDITED

Juvenile Probation Supervisor Jennifer Nockler presented the expedited request to amend the Quality Legal Representation Grant and authorize the Board Chair designee to sign required documents.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the amendment to the Quality Legal Representation Grant and authorize the Board Chair designee to sign required documents.

Motion by Paul Schincariol, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

G. MDHHS CPLR Grant 2027

Juvenile Probation Supervisor Jennifer Nockler presented the request to approve the application for the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant for FY27 in an amount up to \$81,250 and allow the Board Chair designee to sign required documents.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the application for the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant for FY27 in an amount up to \$81,250 and allow the Board Chair designee to sign required documents.

Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Public Comment

- Emily Hickmott - Van Buren Conservation District
- Bret Witkowski - Road Commission update

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 02:10 PM by the Chair.

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk

