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

August 11, 2026

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. Commissioner 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. July 28th, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

      Motion to approve the minutes of the July 28, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.
      Motion by Mike Toth, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

5. Public Comment

   - Melanie Hooker - Veterans Standdown October 9th
   - Chris Scharrer, DCS Technology - Broadband project update
   - Patience DeRoo - Facility Master Plan concerns

6. Presentation

7. Administrative Affairs

8. Buildings and Grounds

   A. Acquisition of Parcels - Village of Bloomingdale

      Administrator Faul presented the request to transfer county-owned parcels 626 and 626A to the Village of Bloomingdale. The Village desires to use the lots for snow removal and Amish community buggy parking. The transfer is for a public purpose and does not need to go to auction.

      Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of

Commissioners, the transfer of parcels 626 and 626A to the Village of Bloomingdale for a public purpose.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

B. Memorandum of Understanding - Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD) Use of Van Buren County Fairgrounds Tower

Administrator Faul presented the request to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Van Buren Intermediate School District for their continued use of the communications tower and generator at the Fairgrounds. This grants them access to the tower for their equipment and requires them to maintain the tower, including inspections, related to the equipment and generator.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Memorandum of Understanding with Van Buren Intermediate School District for continued use of the communications tower at the Fairgrounds.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

C. Lease - Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD) Use of Human Services West Building Space

Administrator Faul presented the request to approve a Lease Agreement between the County and Van Buren Intermediate School District for use of a portion of the Human Services West building space that was formerly occupied by the Health Department. VBISD needs a temporary space during a renovation period on their campus. The proposed lease is for two years, January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2028. VBISD will assume the cost of leasehold improvements up to $150,000, and if less, will be paid in rent.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Lease Agreement with Van Buren Intermediate School District for space at the HSW Building for a period of January 1, 2027 through December 31, 2028.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

9. Finance

A. Claims

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented monthly claims in the amount of $7,189,940.24 for review.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, payment of claims in the amount of $7,189,940.24.
Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Mike Chappell, Carried

B. 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 Toth, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

C. ARPA Quarterly Update - June, 2026

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented the ARPA Quarterly update.

D. Report and Jail Management System - CORE Technology

Captain Jim Charon presented the request to approve the change of Jail and Report Management Systems to CORE Technology. CORE Technology is a cloud-based system requiring less support from in-house IT staff and no need to replace servers. The implementation cost of $238,900 will be covered by the Public Safety Fund and Jail Fund. The annual increase from the General Fund would be around $18,000.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the change of Jail and Report Management to CORE Technology JMS and RMS.
Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

E. Foster Swift Invoice

The monthly Foster Swift invoice was submitted for review.

Motion to authorize payment of the monthly Foster Swift invoice in the amount of $5,910 for NCG litigation subject to the cost sharing agreement.
Motion by Mike Toth, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

A. Elected Officials Salary Schedule

Administrator Faul presented the request to implement a new comparable county salary schedule for elected officials effective January 1, 2027. A county-wide unified pay-scale was implemented earlier this year and elected officials were not included in the new scale. The revised comparable counties are Clinton, Midland, Lapeer, Lenawee, and Bay.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the new comparable county salary schedule for elected officials effective January 1, 2027.
Motion by Tina Leary, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

B. Prosecutor - Assistant Prosecutors Early Hire

Prosecutor Susan Zuiderveen presented the request for funding to hire a new Assistant Prosecutor on November 1, 2026 and on December 1, 2026 to overlap for training in the amount of $20,000. There will be three vacancies in the office as of January 1, 2027. The third vacancy will not be filled until March, 2027.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, additional funding of $20,000 to allow hiring new Assistant Prosecutors on November 1, 2026 and December 1, 2026 to overlap for training.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried

C. Prosecutor - Victim Rights Grant Shortage

Prosecutor Susan Zuiderveen presented the request for funding to cover a shortage in grant funding for victim's rights in the Prosecutor's Office and the amount of $63,318.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, additional funding the amount of $63,318 to keep the two victim advocate positions in the Prosecuting Attorney's Office.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Public Comment

- Tyler Augst - MSU Extension

14. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn.
Motion by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Second by Mike Toth, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 02:45 PM.

Kurt Doroh, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk