



MINUTES

**Board of Commissioners Chambers
219 East Paw Paw Street**

August 11, 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

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 02:45 PM by Kurt Doroh, Chairman of the Board.
2. **Recital of the Pledge of Allegiance / Prayer**
Invocation given 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. Commissioner Schincariol absent and excused.
4. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**
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 presented.
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
6. **Approval of Minutes**

A. ****July 28th, 2026 Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**
Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Gail Patterson-Gladney, Carried
7. **Public Comment**
 - Patience DeRoo - Facility Master Plan concerns
8. **Administrative Affairs**
9. **Buildings and Grounds**
10. **Finance**

A. **REVISED Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
Child and Parent Legal Representation Grant (CPLR) Grant 2027**

FINANCE RESOLUTION F45/8-11-2026

WHEREAS, the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant provides partial reimbursement for the costs of court-appointed attorneys and a social worker who delivers essential ancillary services to parents involved in child protective proceedings; and, WHEREAS, for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27), Van Buren County received \$81,250.00 in reimbursement from this grant, significantly aiding the County in managing these critical services; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to authorize the acceptance of the grant contract for continued funding and support of these legal representation services; and,

WHEREAS, the approval of the Board Chair, or an authorized designee, to submit the grant contract will allow the County to secure the grant funds and continue providing essential legal services to parents in need; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, authorize the Board Chair, or their designee, to submit the Child & Parent Legal Representation Grant contract.

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

11. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

12. Public Transit

13. Veterans Services

14. Commissioner's Roundtable

- Blueberry Festival
- Renewable Energy presentation
- Election
- Housing Grant Allocation

15. Chairman's Update

- Market One

16. Board Correspondence

17. Closed Session

18. Public Comment

19. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 03:03 PM.

Kurt Doroh, Chairperson

Suzie Roehm, County Clerk