



MINUTES

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

August 25, 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 1:00 PM by Kurt Doroh, Chairman of the Board. Present: Gail Patterson-Gladney, Mike Chappell Kurt Doroh, David DiStefano, Mike Toth, Tina Leary, and 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 David DiStefano, Carried

4. Approval of Minutes

A. August 11th, 2026 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2026 Coimmittee of the Whole meeting as presented.

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

5. Public Comment

Janice Zerbe with MSU Extension gave an update on Van Buren County 4-H accomplishments.

6. Presentation

A. State of the Court Address - Judge Brickley

Chief Judge Kathleen Brickley presented the 2026 State of the Court Report.

7. Administrative Affairs

A. Medical Examiner Appointments

Administrator Faul presented the request to appoint Dr. Fernanda Da Silva Lamerira MD and Abigail Alexander MD, WMU Medical Examiner's Office as Van Buren County Deputy Medical Examiners and remove the appointments of Dr. Amanda Fisher-Hubbard MD and Nicolas Kostelecky MD.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the appointment of Dr. Fernanda Da Silva MD effective August 3, 2026 and Abigail Alexander MD effective September 4, 2026.

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

8. Buildings and Grounds

A. Capital Improvement Plan - Courthouse Fan Coil Units

Building and Grounds Director, John Small requests to approve the purchase of five wall heating units for the Courthouse included in the Capital Improvements Plan.

Motion to approve by resolution and the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the purchase of five wall heating units from Andy Eagan Company for the Courthouse.

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

9. Finance

A. FY 2026/2027 Final Budget

Finance Director Becky Grabemeyer presented the request for approval of the final budget for all funds and budget policies for adoption.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners the approval of the final budget and budget policies.

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

B. L-4029 Update EXPEDITED

Administrator Faul presented the request to approve the revised 2026 tax rate request (L-4029).

Motion to approve by resolution at today's regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners the revised 2026 tax rate request.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by David DiStefano, Carried

C. Dispatch Phone System Upgrade

911 Director Mike Hostetler presented the request for the purchase of Motorola Vesta Next phone system to replace the current 911 phone system that is end of life and no longer able to be upgraded.

Motion to approve by resolution at the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners the purchase of Motorola Vesta Next phone system through INDIGITAL.

Motion by Mike Chappell, Second by Tina Leary, Carried

10. Labor, Negotiations, and Contracts

11. Public Transit

12. Veterans Services

13. Public Comment

Van Buren County Road Commission Director Bret Witkowski presented an update on the Road Commission and road work completed around the county.

14. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Motion by David DiStefano, Second by Paul Schincariol, Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 PM .

Kurt Doroh, Chairperson

Beth MacDonald, Chief Deputy County Clerk