Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

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A Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, September 1, 2026, beginning at 4:30 PM in the Gratiot County Courthouse Commissioners Room.

A. Call to Order by Chair Owens at 4:30 p.m.
B. Roll Call of Commissioners, Present: George Bailey, Jan Bunting, Tim Gay, Steve Sopocy, and Dave Owens. Absent: None. Also present: Administrator Tim Dolehanty and Clerk Angie Thompson.
C. Invocation by Commissioner Bailey.
D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
E. Additions/Deletions to Agenda and approval.
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    Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
F. Declaration of Conflicts of Interest.
G. Brief public comment on agenda items.

    The Board welcomes all public input and appreciates adherence to the time limits established. Each period shall be limited to one 3-minute comment per period
H. Consideration of Consent Calendar: Board Minutes, Communications and recommendations from committees.
    1. Gratiot County Board of Commissioner's Minutes from August 18, 2026.
    2. Communications.
        a. Gratiot County Drain Notices.

        Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to approve the minutes and accept the communication. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Administrator's Report.

Land Lease with Alma, Tim is working with John from Parks and Recreations to get the Lease done for the Splash Park. Handed out the IT Service Model Transition (see extra) phasing out VC3 with a live person here at the County. Tim went over some changes that happened with the Budget, and the draft is out online. The Budget is using Fund Balance, but that is being used for Capital Improvements that are one time costs.
Hearing Notice for the Budget Hearing, the Department Heads will be asked to come to make one last pitch for extra funds if needed.

J. Commissioner Committee Reports.
Commissioner Bailey: Breckenridge Monthly meeting, Bridget McPherson resigned, they will be short of help. Board of Health meeting.
Commissioner Sopocy: Conservation District, topic was Solar Panels Project. Board of Health meeting.
Commissioner Gay: City of Alma meeting talked about the Waste Water plant, set Holloween Hours. Approved Housing project Jim Stones Estates.
Commissioner Bunting: Michigan Works meeting- the State has a lot of jobs open. City of Alma Meeting.
Commissioner Owens: Sumner meeting, there were people speaking against the Solar. They think the discussion has already been made about the project. Dave tried to calm them down.

K. Consideration of New Business.
1. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-456 to approve Municipal Employees' Retirement System Defined Contribution Plan Amendments- Todd Moeggenborg.
Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-456 to approve Municipal Employees' Retirement System Defined Contribution Plan Amendments. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-455 to appoint a member to the Department of Health and Human Services Board.
Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Sopocy to approve Resolution 26-455 to approve Resolution 26-455 to appoint Ms. Thompson to the Department of Health and Human Services Board. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

M. Discussion and Report on Finance and Budget Matters.
1. Consideration of Claims.
Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to approve the invoices on file and pay the expenditures. Motion carried 5-0.

N. Additional public comment and board comments.

O. Consideration to enter into closed session at 5:09 p.m. to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement (MCL 15.268(c)).

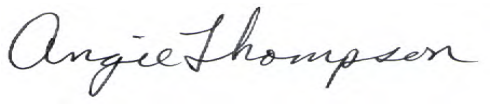
Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to go into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll Call: Yes: Bailey, Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Entered Closed Session at 5:09 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 5:29

P. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to adjourn at 5:29 p.m. Motion Carried 5-0.



Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

Approved: