



## Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Dave Owens, Chair  
George Bailey      Jan Bunting  
Tim Gay              Steven Sopocy

Angie Thompson, Clerk  
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At Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, May 6, 2025 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: Deputy Administrator Sheila Barnaby 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.
  - 1. Change 1 and 2 around.
  - 2. Add, N Consideration to approve the tentative Union Negotiation Agreement.

**Board Action:** Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to approve the amended agenda.  
Motion carried 5-0.

F. Brief public comment

*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.*

Sheila Salmon wanted the board to know the City of St. Louis is using the Cemetery land for purposes not authorized.

- G. Consideration of consent calendar: Board Minutes, Communications, and recommendations from committees.
  - 1. Board of Commissioners Minutes of April 14, 15, and 16, 2025.
  - 2. Communications.
    - a. Gratiot County Drain Office.
    - b. Gratiot County Road Commission Minutes.

**Board Action:** Motion by Gay, second by Bunting to approve the minutes and receive the communications. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Administrator's report.

Building and Grounds will be closed May 9<sup>th</sup>. COA kitchen manager and Senior Center Coordinator. Material Management is seated, and Sheila is Chair.

I Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Sopocy- Security Meeting, looking at the building and make sure fire exits work properly. Veteran's Affairs may be moving to get a Security Office.

Commissioner Bailey: Breckenridge village meeting. Health Department meeting normal business.

Commissioner Bunting: City of Alma and Harrison the Material Management meeting.

Commissioner Gay: Attended the meeting with Tom Sutton about the Solar Energy Storage.

Commissioner Owens: Ribbon cutting for the Pine River Solar Farm.

J. Consideration of New Business.

1. Delivery of Surety Bond Rider-Paul Funk, DTE Renewable Energy.

Decommission Cost for Surety Bond up to 14.8 mill cost for the project.

2. Securus Phone Agreement-Lieutenant Andrews.

**Board Action:** Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve the 18 month agreement with Securus. Motion carried 5-0..

3. Gratiot County Opioid Funding Distribution RFP-Liz Braddock.

**Board Action:** Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve the Proposal process for the Opioid Advisory Group to provide services. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consideration to hire an interim Administrator.

**Board Action:** Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to hire Ryan Wood and sign the interim contract effective May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Roll Call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Gay, and Owens. No: Bunting. Motion carried 4-1.

5. Consideration to sign memorandum of Understanding with MDOC-Matt Hewitt.

**Board Action:** Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to sign the memorandum of Understanding with MDOC. Motion carried 5-0.

6. Election Coding compensation- Angie Thompson.

**Board Action:** Motion by Gay, second by Gay to approve \$20,000.00 per year spread out over each pay period for coding compensation effective October 1, 2024, coming from election reimbursement. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

L. Additional public comment and board comments.

M. Consideration to go into Closed Session under MCL 15.268(8) (C), "For strategy and negotiation sessions connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement if either negotiating party requests a closed hearing." "Rules of Organization: January 7, 2025, Ar.4.5 (5): To consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement.

**Board Action:** Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to go into closed session at 5:35 pm.  
Motion carried 5-0.

N. Consideration to approve the tentative Agreement for the Union Negotiation  
Negation.

Nothing at this point needing approval.

N. Adjournment

**Board Action:** Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to adjourn at 5:45 p.m.  
Motion carried 5-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angie Thompson".

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk  
Approved: