Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

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

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A Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, July 21, 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: Jan Bunting, Tim Gay, Steve Sopocy, and Dave Owens. Absent: George Bailey. Also present: Administrator Tim Dolehanty and Clerk Angie Thompson.
C. Invocation by Commissioner Sopocy.
D. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
E. Additions/Deletions to Agenda and approval.
    1. Add K8 Resolution 26-444 to Approve Michigan Department of Transportation contract for a State/local Airport Project.

    Board Action: Motion by Gay , second by Sopocy to approve the amended agenda. Motion Carried 4-0.
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. Commissioner's Minutes from July 7, 2026.
    2. Communications.
        a. Gratiot County Drain Notices
        b. Gratiot County Road Commission Minutes from June 25, 2026.

c. Written Offer to Meet Pursuant to Section 223(2) of Public Act 233 of 2023- Proposed Solar Energy Facility, Sumner Township and Seville Township, Michigan.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve the minutes and accept the communication. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Administrator's Report.

Tim Talked about the Transit Millage that will be on the November ballot, see extra.

Tim gave a Statement on the employee comments on Facebook, see extra for more detail.

J. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Sopocy: Elba Township, they are going to be voting at the new hall. They are discussing property in Bannister that the War memorial sits on, to move the memorial over to the Park. Washington Township joint meeting with Fulton to talk about the Sewer in Pompeii. North Shade FEMA location from the Storm damage.

Commissioner Bailey: Absent.

Commissioner Owens: Greater Gratiot, talking about the millage.

Commissioner Bunting: City of St. Louis. Bethany Township, working on Solar and Battery.

Commissioner Gay: Arcada Township, Fire Island renewed their application. They have problems with changes in Technology. Mental Health talked about drug addiction. Emerson Township talked about the Fair. Emerson Township is not doing Solar, and they do have wind. Alma City passed a Resolution from CORE Technology, and they do have a Bond for the Waste Water treatment plant. Alma is done with the Road Construction. Reminded Early Voting will be starting.

K. Consideration of New Business.

1. Maner Costerisan, Internal Controls review Project- Bethany Verbel.
2. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-438 to establish Administrative Secretary Position.

   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-438 to establish Administrative Secretary Position for Animal Control. Roll Call: Yes: Bunting, Sopocy, and Owens. No: Gay. Absent: Bailey. Motion carried 3-1.
3. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-439 to approve 65B District Court Magistrate Appointment.

   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-439 to Approve 65B District Court Magistrate Samantha Thompson Appointment. None. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-443 to approve Splash Pad Construction and Management.
   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve Splash Pad Construction and Management. Roll Call: Yes: Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Bailey. Motion carried 4-0.
5. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-440 to approve Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Interlocal Agreement.
   Board Action: Motion by Bunting, second by Sopocy to approve Resolution 26-440 to approve Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works Interlocal Agreement, changing the date to July 21, 2026. Motion carried 4-0.
6. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-441 to approve Information Technology Policy.
   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-441 to approve Information Technology Policy. Motion carried 4-0.
7. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-442 to approve Harassment in the Workplace Policy.
   Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Sopocy to approve Resolution 26-442 to approve Harassment in the Workplace Policy. Roll Call: Yes: Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Bailey. Motion carried 4-0.
8. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-444 to approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract for a State/Local Airport Project.
   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve Resolution 26-444 to approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract for a State/Local Airport Project. Motion carried 4-0.

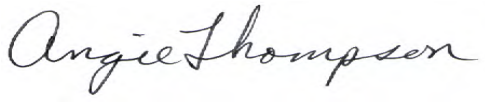
L. Consideration of Unfinished Business.
   Commissioner Sopocy wanted to address the Millage Proposal.
   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy second by Gay to Resend Resolution 26-431 to the Electorate a Special Millage Question for Authorization of a County- Wide Public Transit Millage Proposal. Roll Call: Yes: Gay, Sopocy, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Bailey. Motion carried 4-0.

M. Discussion and Report on Finance and Budget Matters.
   1. Consideration of Claims.
      Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Sopocy to pay the expenditures. Motion carried 4-0.
   2. Treasurer's Reports.

N. Consideration to enter the Airport Meeting.
   Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to go into the Airport meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
   Entered the Airport meeting at 6:06 p.m.
   Regular Meeting reconvened at 6:22 p.m.

O. Additional public comment.
P. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Sopocy to adjourn at 6:23 p.m.. Motion carried 4-0.



Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk
Approved