Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

David Owens, Chair
George Bailey Jan Bunting
Tim Gay Steve Sopocy

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A Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, December 16, 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 Elect. 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 of agenda.
    1. Delete J2 from the agenda
    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.
    Bart Stoneman was introduced as the new Greater Gratiot Employee.
G. Consideration of consent calendar: Board Minutes, Communications and recommendations from committees.
    1. Commissioner Minutes of December 2, 2025.
    2. Communications.
    Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to approve the Minutes and receive the communications. Motion carried 5-0.
H. Administrator's Report.
    Looking at our Policies and Procedures and will be bringing them to the board to revise. They will be distributed over to Department heads as well. Will compile for easy access on our website. The board will see the policies through a resolution. Will be attending the MTA meeting to meet the County Elected. Will be attending the Greater Gratiot Meeting on Monday. On, February 5, 2026, at 5 PM the GIS will be having a meeting.

I. Commissioner Committee Reports.
Commissioner Bailey: North Star township passed a new Dangerous Building ordinance. Lafayette Township talking about getting a Bond for a new township hall. Wheeler township, normal business. Airport advisory meeting. Hamilton township, regular meeting just adding new things to the township hall.
Commissioner Bunting: Bethany Township.
Commissioner Gay: Employee Luncheon. City of Alma Commission meeting. Dave Ringle talked about construction of Sewer services. Come home to Alma season has started. Strand Theatre has a flat roof; they are trying to raise funds to get a new roof. Mental Health meeting was held at the Drop-in center in Alma,
Commissioner Sopocy: Employee Holiday luncheon. Elba Township meeting working on the new Township Hall. North Shade Township meeting normal business. They are updating the Security Cameras.
Commissioner Owens: City of Alma Parade.

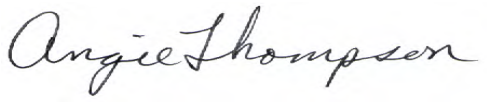
J. Consideration of New Business.
1. Consideration to sign Resolution #25-344 in appreciation and gratitude Honoring Mary Kay Hunter for 36 years of dedicated service to the probate court of Gratiot County.
Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution #25-344 in appreciation and gratitude Honoring Mary Kay Hunter for 36 years of dedicated service to the probate court of Gration County. Roll Call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, Gay, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Gratiot County Zoning Board of Appeals Request for zoning Ordinance Text Amendment.
Taken off the Agenda.
3. Consideration to appoint 3 Positions for Planning Commission 3 year term ending December 31, 2028.
Board Action: Motion by Sopocy and second by Bunting to appoint Carla Childers, Robert Endter and David Justin to the Planning Commission for 3 years ending December 31, 2028. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Consideration to appoint 2 Positions for Parks and Recreation Commission 3 year term ending December 31, 2028.
Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to appoint Jerry Lewis and Lyle McCoon Jr. to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2028. Motion carried 5-0.
5. Consideration to appoint 1 Position for the Veteran's Affairs Board term ending April 30, 2029.
Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to appoint Crawford to the Veteran's Affairs Board for a term ending April 30, 2029. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

L. Consideration to enter the Airport Meeting.
Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to enter the Airport Meeting at 4:56 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

Recessed the regular meeting and went into the Airport Meeting at 4:56 p.m.

M. Consideration to enter the Finance Meeting.
Entered the finance meeting at 5:36 p.m.
Regular meeting Reconvened at 5:54 p.m.
N. Additional public comment and board comments.
O. Adjournment.
Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.
Motion carried 5-0.



Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk
Approved: