



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Dave Owens, Chair

George Bailey

Jan Bunting

Tim Gay

Steven Sopocy

Tim Dolehanty, County Administrator

Angie Thompson, County Clerk

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A Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, May 5, 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.

- 1.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy 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. Commissioner's Minutes from April 15, 2026 and April 21, 2026.
 2. Communications.
 - a. Letter from the Treasurer.
 - b. MMR Report.
 - c. Gratiot County Road Commission from March 12, 2026.

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

- I. Administrator's Report.

Tim handed out 2 policies, Service Animals Policy and Information Technology. Fiscal Year 2026 Position Allocation List.

J. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Bailey: Board of Health meeting, normal course of business, still Statewide Sewer proposal. EAA chapter Meeting. Would like to figure out if we can put money in a line item for Christmas Lunch, so George would like to ask the Commissioners to override to have funds go into the Employee Engagement Group

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, and second by Sopocy approve \$5,000 for the Employee Engagement Group to cover Employee Events. Roll Call: Yes: Gay, Sopocy, Bailey, and Owens. No: Bunting. Absent: None. Motion carried 4-1.

Tim cannot support this.

Commissioner Sopocy: Fulton Township looking into creation of a Sewer Authority Board.

Commissioner Bunting: MAC conference, The State is short of funds. Bethany Township. MMR meeting, paperwork in the packet.

Commissioner Gay: MAC conference talked to a lot of commissioners. Kent County has 21 Commissioners. Managing the workforce, talked about Energy and Safety. Opioid Settlement, talk with State Reps.

Commissioner Owens:

K. Consideration of New Business.

1. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-424 in support of Michigan House Bills 5152 and 5153- Kim VanHoose.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 26-424 to approve Resolution 26-424 in support of Michigan House Bills 5152-5153. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-425 to Adopt Proposed Gratiot County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and approve the Amendment of the Gratiot Zoning Ordinance.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-425 to Adopt Proposed Gratiot County Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment and approve the Amendment of the Gratiot Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-426 to approve a Commercial Credit Card Services Agreement.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-426 to approve a Commercial Credit Card Services Agreement. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Finance and Budget Matters.

1. Consideration of Claims.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve the expenditures as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

M. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

N. Additional public comment.

Sheila Barnaby asked for everyone to fill out a Survey for Heartland Recycling. Ashley Foster, from MSU Extension, and they are having an Open House on June 1, 2026 from 3-5 PM.

O. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey, to adjourn at 5:17 p.m.



Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

Approved: