



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

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Tim Gay Steven Sopocy

Tim Dolehanty, County Administrator
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A Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, February 3, 2026 beginning at 4:30 PM in the Gratiot County Courthouse Commissioners Room.

- A. Call to Order by Vice Chair Bunting 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 Chief Deputy Clerk Teresa Bushre.
- 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 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.

- G. Consideration of Consent Calendar: Board Minutes, Communications and recommendations from committees.

- 1. Commissioner's Minutes from January 20, 2026.
 - 2. Communications.
 - a. Letter from ITC about a Local Listening Session.
 - b. EightCAP, Inc Minutes from November 21, 2025.
 - c. Gratiot County Central Dispatch Authority Board Minutes.

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

- H. Administrator's Report.

Tim presented the Board with the next round of Policies he would like them to look over, and they will be on the next agenda to approve.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to give Tim Dolehanty the authority to settle the court case that will be heard on February 7, 2026. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Bailey: Breckenridge Meeting, just talking about the budget. They will be meeting with Wheeler to talk about common interests. Kurt Giles will be attending to discuss Transportation for them to join the Authority. Health Department.

Commissioner Gay: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Owens: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Bunting: Nothing to report.

Commissioner Sopocy: Parks and Recreation- Getting ready for the spring.

Working on the Grant applications. Health Department offers Radon testing. Still recommends the Flu Shot. Greater Gratiot meeting to talk about his Jurisdictions.

J. Consideration of New Business.

1. Animal Shelter Annual Report- Jamie Haase.

2. Resolution 26-352, Parks and Recreation Sub Grant Awards.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, and second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-362 to approve Parks and Recreation Millage Grants. Roll Call: Yes: Gay, Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Gratiot County Department of Community Development Annual Report 2025.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to direct the Planning Commission to prepare an Ordinance for Data Centers for Gratiot County, and to report back to the Commissioner's on a quarterly basis. Motion carried 5-0.

K. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

L. Additional public comment and board comments.

M. Consideration to enter into Closed Session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement (MCL 15.268(c)).

Board Action: Motion by Bunting, and second by Sopocy to go into closed session at 5:59 p.m. to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement as allowed by (MCL 15.268(c)). Motion carried 5-0.

N. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

Angie Thompson

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk
Approved