



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Dave 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, September 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, Present: George Bailey, Jan Bunting, Tim Gay, Dave Owens, and Steve Sopocy. Absent: None. Also present: County Administrator Ryan Wood 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. Discussion of Finance Director under New Business L3.

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

- F. Brief public comment. None.

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 to Commence the public Hearing regarding the adoption of FY 2025-2026 Budget for Gratiot County.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to go into Public Hearing at 4:34 p.m. regarding the adoption of FY 2025-2026 Budget for Gratiot County. Motion carried 5-0.

- 1. 2024/2025 Budget Amendments.
- 2. Presentation of FY 2025-2026 Gratiot County Budget.
- 3. Discussion.
- 4. Public Comment.
- 5. Consideration to adjourn the public Hearing.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to adjourn Public Hearing and proceed to Regular meeting for the purpose to approve the 2025-2026 Gratiot County Budget at 5:02 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Consideration to Approve the 2025-2026 Gratiot County Budget.

1. Consideration to approve 2024/2025 Budget Amendments Resolution 25-341.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 25-341 to adopt Gratiot County Final Amended Budget for the fiscal year October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 as presented. Roll Call: Yes: Bailey, Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Motion passed 5-0.

2. Consideration to approve the 2025-2026 County Budget with Resolution 25-342.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 25-342 Gratiot County Budget, General Appropriation Act and Millage rates for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026, with adding the 14 to road patrol on the FTE with the change of #23 to #22 on the fourth page Roll Call: yes: Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

Board Action: Motion by Bunting, to amend the Motion on the floor to take off Number 20 Policy off the Resolution- Motion not supported.

3. Consideration to Adopt Gratiot County Fee Schedule and sign Resolution 25-340.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to approve Resolution 25-340 to adopt Gratiot County Fees for the fiscal year October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026. Roll Call: Yes: Gay, Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

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

1. Commissions Minutes of September 2, 2025.
2. Communications.

a. Gratiot Conservation District- Tire Collection.

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

J. Administrator's report. May get some revenue for Court Costs from MAACS Will have training on Oct. 2nd. Attended the Emergency Management meeting and Central Dispatch. The Closing for the Administrator closes Monday.

K. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Bailey: Hamilton Township got landscaping. North Star Township, still having Blight problems.

Commissioner Gay: Emerson Township the chair and Treasurer was absent. Mental Health meeting, talked about finances. Meet with Ryan about Government and Budget.

Commissioner Owens: Met with the German, brought them back to Gratiot County. Consumer hooked up light at M-46 and Warner Rd.

Commissioner Bunting: Bethany Township, and City of Alma meeting. Attended the RESD German Luncheon, along with a couple of other meeting they had.

Commissioner Sopocy: German Lunch at RESD. New Haven, Newark and down to Village of Perrinton. Union Negotiations. North Shade- dealing with Blight.

L. Consideration of New Business.

1. Consideration to authorize to Hire an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at step up 3- Laura Bever.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to all to hire an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney at step up 3 level. Roll Call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, Gay, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report- Terri Ball.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to accept the Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report and put it on file. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Finance Director-Ryan Wood.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, and second by Gay to proceed with the hiring of a Finance Director at the top of the scale of \$120,000 per year. Motion Carried 5-0.

M. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

N. Consideration to go into the Airport Meeting.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to go into the Airport Meeting at 5:45 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.

- O. Recess the Regular meeting and enter into Finance Meeting. Entered into the Finance Meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Regular Meeting Reconvened at 6:40 p.m.

P. Additional public comment and board comments. None.

Q. Adjournment.-

Board Action: Motion by Gay, and second by Bailey to adjourn at 6:41 p.m.

Angie Thompson
Gratiot County Clerk
Approved: