



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

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George Bailey

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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, July 7, 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.

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Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay 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 June 16th, 2026.

2. Communications.

a. Gratiot County Road Commission Minutes from May 28, 2026.

b. Free Tire Collection –Gratiot Conservation District.

c. Public Hearing from Bethany Township July 14, 2026

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

- I. Administrator's Report.

Handed out a review about Toxic work environment from June—see extra's.
Handed out Workplace Harassment and Information Technology policies for next meeting. Internal Audit Control Draft is ready. Blight meeting, working on positive things to come out about the process. The County mileage to be delayed by one year to make sure the language is correct.

J. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Bailey: Airport Terminal planning. Final draft should be available soon. Looking like a cost of \$800,000.00 for the building. Brownfield meeting appoint a Vice Chair. Breckenridge Village Meeting the Old Beacon and Bridge building is gone. Board of Health set schedule for Finance meeting.

Commissioner Sopocy: Parks and Recreation topic talked about Splash pad for Alma park. City of Alma meeting met at the park that it will be installed. Fulton township working with Washington township study about Pompeii for the Sewer system to raise cost to cover the expense. Health Department will have an update from Liz. Blight meeting, sounds like the townships are still interested. Washington township would like to have a park at the township hall.

Commissioner Bunting: Blight Ordinance, asked a question about the recycling. Planning Commission meeting, about Solar panels. Michigan Works we have a 10 year contract coming due.

Commissioner Gay: Michigan Township Association meeting, had a discussion to change data over to the Cloud.

Commissioner Owens: Greater Gratiot, Brownfield, MTA, Rural Urban day, and the Sheriff Golf outing.

K. Consideration of New Business.

1. Mid-Michigan District Health Department Annual Report and Updates-Liz Braddock.
2. Firewall replacement Capital Improvement Project- Matt Hewitt.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 26-437 to accept a quote to replace the Courthouse Firewall System and to make the necessary budget adjustments. Yes: Bailey, Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Finance and Budget Matters.

1. Consideration of Claims.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to approve the Check register. Motion carried 5-0.

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

M. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

N. Additional public comment.

Bonnie Gustavison do we have plans to spot check the Solar Farms. Someone needs to watch them.

Stacey Karry Jenksens, wanted to be on record regarding Solar Panels they have had farmers approached to sign up with them. Would like the Commissioner to get the Planning commission to listen.

O. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey, to adjourn at 5:25 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angie Thompson".

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

Approved: