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### **Van Buren County Board of Commissioners select new Chair and Vice Chair**

Paw Paw, MI, January 5, 2022 – The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners selected Randall Peat and Paul Schincariol as Chair and Vice Chair at the organizational meeting held on January 4, 2022. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are selected annually.

Randall Peat has served on the Board of Commission since 2019 representing District 5. He also serves on the following boards: Kinexus Board of Directors, Chairman of the Van Buren County 911 Advisory Board, and Chairman of the Van Buren Economic Development Corporation. Chairman Peat is taking over the role from Commissioner Richard Godfrey who will continue to serve on the board.

Mr. Peat is an entrepreneur with over 40 years of experience in both the information and agriculture industries. In 1969, he returned to his hometown of Paw Paw as a decorated combat veteran. He attended Western Michigan University and later cofounded Manatron, Inc. in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He retired in 2008. Mr. Peat and his wife Madelynn have lived on their farm North of Paw Paw since 1978. They both remain active in Agribusiness and in community service.

Paul Schincariol has served on the Board of Commission since 2017 representing District 7. Mr. Schincariol is the Chair of the County Finance Committee and is active on other board committees. He is an original member of Market Van Buren, both as a Board Member and as a participating local business owner/president. Mr. Schincariol stated he “has long-standing family roots and involvement in the community so serving is important to me to maintain and improve our quality of life for all families and residents.”

Vice Chair Schincariol is taking over the role from Commissioner Mike Chappell who will continue to serve on the board.

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**Chairperson - Randall Peat**



**Vice Chair – Paul Schincariol**

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