



JULY 2022
VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Broadband** - mapping is complete. DCS Technology presented their report at the 7/26/2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. There are some updates pending to the report and maps. Upon completion, the report and maps will be posted to the county website. Digital and/or printed versions will be available by request.
- **Village of Lawrence Annexation** – a public hearing was held on 6/28/2022, with final approval made by resolution at the 7/12/2022 BOC for the petition to annex the real property South of the Village Limits and up to I-94 and permanently expand the boundaries of the Village.
- **Solid Waste & Recycling Program Funding** – the request to increase the County's funding of the solid waste & recycling program administered by VBCD from \$17,800.00 to \$100,000.00 was approved by the Board.
- **Claims** – in the amount of \$10,049,552.82 were approved.
- **ARPA Funding Requests** – all ARPA funding requests have been tabled; to be reviewed again before the end of 2022.
- **Auto Insurance Reform for Home Health Care** – the Board heard a presentation from AdvisaCare requesting that they pass a resolution urging the state to act on the repercussions of the Auto Insurance Reform Act towards home health care. This item is coming back up for discussion.
- **County Administrator Position** – the HR Department presented the applications received to date to the Board. After review, interviews will be scheduled.
- **Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Draft Budget** – the Interim County Administrator, Ryan Post, presented the Draft Budget to the board for review. A Public Hearing is scheduled for 8/9/2022 at 12:50 PM.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. The Use of County Property was approved for:
 - The Grape Lake 5K Race.
 - Paw Paw Days.
2. The Board approved a contractor for the demolition of the 309 South Kalamazoo Street, Paw Paw building. Demo is scheduled to start in September 2022.
3. The Board approved the compensation to a Van Buren County resident for the loss of livestock due to a dog attack.
4. The Region IV Area Agency on Aging Plan was approved by resolution.
5. A Certificate of Recognition for Equalization Director Anthony Meyaard was signed for presentation at the Michigan Assessors Association's annual conference.
6. Approved staffing changes include:
 - Reorganization of the Office of Domestic Preparedness to include one Emergency Management Coordinator and one Emergency Management Planner.
 - Creation of an Additional Deputy Position.
 - Creation of an Additional Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Position.
 - Elimination and Creation of Buildings & Grounds Positions.
7. Approved policies include:
 - County Vehicle Policy.
 - Remote Work Policy & Agreement.
 - Public Transit's ADA Complaint and Reasonable Modification Policy.
8. The Board heard Departmental Updates including:
 - The Hartford facilities storm cleanup efforts by Buildings & Grounds.
 - Veterans Services events, budget, statistics, and workload reports.

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