



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

Dave Owens, Chair

George Bailey

Jan Bunting

Tim Gay

Steven Sopocy

Tim Dolehanty, County Administrator

Angie Thompson, County Clerk

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A Special Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, August 11, 2026, beginning at 5:20 PM in the Gratiot County Courthouse Circuit Court Room.

- A. Call to Order by Chair Owens at 5:20 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.
Tim Dolehanty Apologized about the Venue.
Tim went over the rules of Public Comment.
Tim explained what our meeting is about that it's just to sign a letter if we are Compatible.
- E. 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
Scott and Jake Apple talked the permit needs to be granted. It would make a positive impact on our community.
Barbara Litwiller is against having Solar around her home.
Elaine Bigelow is for the Solar Project, to help with cost of Property Taxes.
Sheila Salmon against the Solar Project.
Jordan Block considered about property value, we need to make it right for the people.
Eric Wedesky from ibV asking to take a procedural step to move forward to the Plan.
Todd Bennett against Solar farms, worried about a mess after they are gone.

F. Consideration of New Business.

1. Summary of Honeyoey Solar Proposal Review Process from Administrator Dolehanty.

2. Solar Letter of Compatibility.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to Approve Resolution 26-450 to authorize Official Statement Regarding Compatible Renewable Energy Ordinance. Roll call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, Gay and Owens
Motion carried 5-0.

G. Additional public comment and board comments.

Sheriff Clark wanted to give good news, they saved a 5-year-old who swallowed a rock, they used the Life Vac on her, and she is alive.

H. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Tim, second by Bunting to adjourn at 6:05 p.m.

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

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

Approved: