



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

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George Bailey Jan Bunting
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, October 6, 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, Steve Sopocy, and Dave Owens. Absent: Tim Gay. 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.
 - 1. Public Hearing for the Village of Ashley October 8, 2026. See extra.
Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to approve the agenda.
Motion carried 4-0.
- 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. Gratiot County Board of Commissioner's Minutes from September 15, 2026.
 - 2. Communications.
 - a. Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. Minutes and Financials.
 - 3. Department Reports.
 - 4. Other Counties Resolutions.
Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to approve the minutes and accept the communication. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Administrator's Report.

Tim handed out a Personnel Action Request (PAR) form for new employees. Had a meeting on Opioid. Looked at how to implant the Settlement money. GC Whistle Blower.com was asking questions, and Tim is not going to respond unless they identify themselves.

J. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Sopocy: North Shade Township meeting talked about harvest season. Health Department meeting, standard business. ITC holding a public forum meeting on Transmission lines.

Commissioner Bunting: Nothing.

Commissioner Bailey: Health Department meeting. Breckenridge meeting, they hired Michelle Fitzpatrick for the Clerk/Treasurer.

Commissioner Gay: Absent.

Commissioner Owens: Did a road trip with Animal Control. Attended the ITC meeting.

K. Consideration of New Business.

1. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-463 the 2026 Report of Taxes to be Apportioned Pursuant to the General Property Tax Act.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 26-463 the 2026 Report of Taxes to be Apportioned Pursuant to the General Property Tax Act. Roll Call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Gay. Motion carried 4-0.

2. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-464 to accept a proposal for Commission on Aging Parking Lot Improvements.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-464 to accept a proposal for Commission on Aging Parking Lot Improvements at a cost not to exceed \$128,740.00. Roll Call: Yes: Bailey, Bunting, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Gay. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-465 an internal financing agreement for Gratiot County Drain No. 050.

Board Action: Motion by Bunting, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 26-465 an internal financing agreement for Gratiot County Drain No. 050. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-466 an Agreement for Extension Services.

Board Action: Motion by Bunting, second by Sopocy to approve Resolution 26-466 an Agreement for Extension Services. Roll Call: Yes: Bunting, Sopocy, Bailey, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Gay. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-467 an Agreement for Services provided by the Gratiot Conservation District- Kevin Craig.

Board Action: Motion by Bunting, second by Sopocy to approve Resolution 26-467 an Agreement for Services provided by the Gratiot Conservation District.

Motion not called.

Discussion proceeded.

Sopocy would like to table the Resolution to dive into the finances.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to table Resolution 26-467. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-468 Two Seven Oh Grant Agreement.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to approve Resolution 26-468 Two Seven Oh Grant Agreement. Motion carried 4-0.

7. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-469 an agreement for Clinical Services.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-469 an agreement for Clinical Services not to exceed \$37,800.00. Roll

Call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Gay.

Motion carried 4-0.

L. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

M. Discussion and Report on Finance and Budget Matters.

1. Consideration of Claims.

The Credit Card Company list Book Store for supplies that are ordered through Amazon.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to approve the invoices on file and pay the expenditures. Motion carried 4-0.

N. Additional public comment and board comments.

Dave Rapacz emergency management working on a Hazard Litigation report Survey.

Jordan is in support for Animal Control to get a pay raise.

- O. Consideration to enter closed session at 5:17 p.m. to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement (MCL 15.268(c)).

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to go into closed session to consider strategy connected with the negotiation of a collective bargaining agreement. Roll Call: Yes: Bailey, Bunting, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Absent: Gay. Motion carried 4-0.

Entered Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.

Meeting Reconvened at 5:29

P. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to adjourn at 5:29 p.m.
Motion Carried 4-0.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angie Thompson". The ink is black and the signature is fluid and legible.

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk
Approved: