



Gratiot County Board of Commissioners

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Tim Gay

Steven Sopocy

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A Regular Full Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Gratiot County was held Tuesday, August 4, 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. Gratiot County Board of Commissioner's Minutes from July 21, 2026.
 - 2. Communications.
 - a. Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. Minutes and Financial Report.
 - b. Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy-Determination Letter.
 - c. Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy Water Resources Division General Permit Authorization.
 - d. Greater Gratiot Development, Inc. Minutes and Financials.

- e. Letters Concerning Solar Projects.
- f. EightCAP, Inc. Minutes from May 22, 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.

Looking at having a work session on August 18th, at 3:30 p.m. to listen to a Brownfield Project. At the next meeting there should be a draft of the 2026/27 Budget. Tim met with MMRMA he is planning on having a walk through. He is looking into our Health Insurance. They had their meeting with Honeyoey Solar Proposal. They do want to work with the Townships and the County to meet our Ordinance. The Chair needs to send a letter about our intention to work with them. Question to the board, do we send a letter that we are not compatible. Tim would like to hold a special meeting on August 11, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. to discuss whether we are compatible with the States Ordinance.

J. Commissioner Committee Reports.

Commissioner Bailey: Vacation

Commissioner Sopocy: Health Department meeting talked about the Health Issues. Michigan was one of the first to test for this out break. Solar meeting with Honeyoey Creek LLC. Fulton township and a joint meeting with Washington about the Sewer in Pompeii. Looking at a 3 percent raise to help offset of the Cost for the Sewer. Perrinton and Fulton township will be talking about a Sewer Board Authority. FEMA's last day was today for the Storm damage. Soil Conservation Board is looking at the Deer Population. NRCS is a Gratiot County Deer Donation Drive. Donate the Deer to help feed people.

Commissioner Gay: Comment on Solar, Eric Ladiski called Tim about the Solar farm. Tim doesn't want to see our farmland going to Solar.

Commissioner Bunting: City of Alma, talked about the new water park. Also, they are disappointed that the Transportation Millage did not go forward.

Commissioner Owens: Gratiot Community Foundation Scholarship.

K. Consideration of New Business.

1. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-445 to amend MGT Impact Solutions Master Services Agreement- Jennifer Wood.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bunting to approve Resolution 26-445 to amend MGT Impact Solutions Master Services Agreement. Roll Call: Yes: Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, Gay, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-449 to Approve Fiscal Year 2027 Child Care Fund Budget- Jennifer Wood.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Bailey to approve Resolution 26-449 to approve Fiscal Year 2027 Child Care Fund Budget. Roll Call: Yes: Bailey, Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-446 an Agreement for Supportive Parenting Intervention Services- Lori Teal & Meloney Davis.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Gay to approve Resolution 26-446 an Agreement for Supportive Parenting Intervention Services. Roll Call: Yes: Bunting, Gay, Sopocy, Bailey, and Owens. No: None. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-447 to approve an agreement for Advanced/Early Impact Services – Lori Teal.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, second by Gay to approve Resolution 26-447 to approve an agreement for Advanced/Early Impact services. Roll Call: Yes: Gay, Sopocy, Bailey, Bunting, and Owens. No: None. None. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Consideration to approve Resolution 26-448 to Certify Gratiot County Representatives to the MERS 2026 Retirement Conference.

Board Action: Motion by Sopocy, and second by Bunting to approve and sign Resolution 26-448 to Certify Gratiot County Representatives Sheila Barnaby and Anne Sharkey to the MERS 2026 Retirement Conference. Motion carried 5-0.

6. FOIA Appeal – Sokol.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second Bunting to Reject the FOIA appeal. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Material Management Plan Update – Sheila Barnaby.

L. Consideration of Unfinished Business.

M. Discussion and Report on Finance and Budget Matters.

1. Consideration of Claims.

Board Action: Motion by Bailey, second by Sopocy to put the invoices on file. Motion carried 5-0.

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

N. Additional public comment and board comments.

Stacey Jenkins talked about Solar taking away from our Farmland.

O. Adjournment.

Board Action: Motion by Gay, second by Bailey to adjourn at 5:53 p.m.

Angie Thompson

Angie Thompson, Gratiot County Clerk

Approved: