



APRIL 30, 2022
VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

- NOTE: Broadband mapping begins 4/4/2022. See press release: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/749/Broadband-Expansion-Efforts>
- Renewals for the Ambulance Service and Public Safety millage was approved for the August primary ballot.
- Claims in the amount of \$2,418,757.57 were approved.
- The 2022 Equalization Report was approved pursuant to MCL 211.34(1). The combined total valuations for Real and Personal Property of the Cities and Townships in Van Buren County is \$4,898,776,733.
- The following re-appointments were made:
 - Van Buren County Planning Commission (3-year terms):
 - Celinda Gilmore, Scott Cedarquist, and Ray Martin
 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (3-year terms):
 - Dr. Patrick Creagan, Cynthia Compton, and Kate Hosier
- Proclamation Certificates were issued recognizing David and Yazmin Fernandez for their years of service and dedication to the community. Both are retiring from Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- Southwest Michigan Planning Commission was approved to receive the annual contribution of \$15,873.00.
- Deadline for ARPA Fund Proposals was set for May 31, 2022. More information can be found here: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/686/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-of-2021-ARPA>
- \$5000 in funds for the South Haven Buoy were approved. More information can be found here: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/769/South-Haven-Weather-Buoy>



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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. BOC set a public hearing for CDBG Fund Closeout for Mattawan Life Sciences. The hearing will be held on 5/10/2022 at 12:50 p.m.
2. BOC approved to have the ambulance service millage renewal on the August ballot. The current millage expires 12/1/2022. Language approved is as follows:

AMBULANCE MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL:

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.9370 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund ambulance services, but which will expire with the 2022 levy. As a renewal of previously authorized millage which will expire with the 2022 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Van Buren County be increased by 0.9370 mill (\$0.9370 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of four (4) years, 2023 to 2026, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for ambulance services?

- Yes
- No

WHEREAS, a portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in South Haven City, Bangor City, Harford, City, Gobles City, Keeler Township, South Haven Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan.

3. BOC approved to have the public safety millage renewal included on the August ballot. The current millage expired with the 2021 levy. Language approved is as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL:

This proposal will allow Van Buren County to continue to levy 0.5332 mill, which was previously approved by the electors to fund drug enforcement and road patrol services but which expired with the 2021 levy. As a renewal of previously authorized millage which expired with the 2021 levy, shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed on taxable property in Van Buren County be increased by 0.5332 mill (\$0.5332 per thousand dollars of taxable value), for a period of five (5) years, 2022 to 2026, inclusive, for the exclusive purpose of providing funds for the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office for Drug Enforcement and Road Patrol?

- Yes
- No

Whereas, a portion of the revenue collected may be required to be distributed to the Downtown Development Authorities, Tax Increment Financing Authorities, Local Development Financing Authorities and Brownfield Redevelopment Authorities established in South Haven City, Bangor City, Harford, City, Gobles City, Keeler Township, South Haven Township, Villages of Lawrence, Lawton, Paw Paw and Mattawan.

It is estimated that 0.5332 mill would raise approximately \$1,884,933 when first levied in 2022.



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4. PCAP Charter revisions were approved to provide purpose clarifications and membership language updates. More information regarding PCAP can be found here:
<https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/737/Palisades-Community-Advisory-Panel>
5. The Sheriff's office was approved to use capital improvement funds to replace their fingerprinting device at an estimated cost of \$9,995.
6. The board approved the software and maintenance support renewal for a three year period.

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