



December 2024 Board of Commissioners Activity Reports

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR DECEMBER 2024

- 1. Security Camera and NVR Replacement:** During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, the Board approved a \$391,804.31 project to replace outdated county security cameras and Network Video Recorder (NVR) storage systems. The upgrade includes moving to the Avigilon platform, which will allow the Sheriff's Office to monitor real-time footage from county schools and other facilities during emergencies.
- 2. Dispatch Center Refresh Project:** During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, the Board approved a \$43,257.44 contract with Xybiz for updating the county's emergency dispatch center. The project includes reconfiguring the floor layout, replacing outdated technical furniture, and ensuring efficient workstation functionality.
- 3. Courthouse Facade Repair:** The Board awarded a \$651,572.00 contract to Building Restorations during the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting to repair the exterior of the County Courthouse.
- 4. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Roof Replacement:** The Board awarded a \$351,410.00 contract during the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, with Lyster Inc. to replace the DHHS building roof.
- 5. HSW (Health & Human Services) Roof Replacement:** The Board awarded a \$550,300.00 contract during the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting to Lyster Inc. for the replacement of the HSW building roof.
- 6. Sheriff's Administrative and Jail HVAC Project:** During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, the Board approved a \$37,000.00 contract with Unified Engineering for engineering and design work on the HVAC system for the Sheriff's Office and Jail.
- 7. Historical Museum Brick and Wall Repair:** Due to damage from straight-line winds in 2022, the Historical Museum required exterior repairs. The Board approved a \$52,989.00 contract during the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, with Building Restoration Inc.
- 8. November 2024 Claims:** During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, claims amounting to \$10,322,788.43 for the month of November 2024 were approved.
- 9. Emergency Preparedness Staffing & Vehicle:** During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, the Board approved an agreement with Holtec Palisades to fund additional staff and a vehicle for the county's Office of Domestic Preparedness/Emergency Management. This is in response to the planned restart of the Palisades Nuclear Power Plant, which requires increased emergency planning and training. The agreement ensures these additional resources are fully funded by Holtec, with no financial impact on the county.

10. Support for Palisades Small Modular Reactors (SMRs): During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, the Board passed a resolution supporting Holtec International's plan to deploy two 300-megawatt Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) at the Palisades Nuclear Plant. These reactors will provide a total of 600 megawatts of carbon-free energy. The project is expected to create hundreds of permanent, high-paying jobs and thousands of additional jobs during construction and maintenance phases.

11. Police Officers Labor Council Agreement: During the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting, the Board approved a Letter of Understanding with the Police Officers Labor Council (Command Unit). This agreement ensures that employees who are promoted or transferred out of the unit retain their seniority if they return to their previous roles

Appointments/Reappointments

1. Land Bank Authority Reappointment: The Board approved the reappointment of Paul DeYoung as Vice Chair for another three-year term, expiring December 31, 2028, during the December 10, 2024, BOC meeting.

Chairman's Update

1. The Board recognized Commissioner Richard Godfrey for his 14 years of service as a County Commissioner. A proclamation was presented to honor his contributions to Van Buren County.

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