



April 2025 Board of Commissioners Activity Reports

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HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 2025

- 1. Pastor E.T. Buck Proclamation** – During the April 10, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board issued a formal proclamation honoring Pastor Edward “E.T.” Buck for his lifelong commitment to community service and volunteerism, especially through the AmeriCorps Foster Grandparent Program.
- 2. Van Buren County Planning Commission Bylaws Update** – During the April 10, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved comprehensive updates to the Planning Commission bylaws to enhance transparency, ethics, and governance.
- 3. FOC Contract Renewal with MGT Impact Solutions** – During the April 10, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved the contract renewal at a revised quarterly rate of \$2,250.00 for Title IV-D consulting and billing services.
- 4. Specialty Courts Grant Acceptance** - During the April 10, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board accepted a \$4,550.00 mini-grant from the Great Start Collaborative for the Healthy Living Incentive initiative.
- 5. March 2025 Claims** - During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved payment of claims totaling \$2,893,137.93 for the month of March.
- 6. Hazen Street Brownfield Redevelopment Plan** – During the April 10, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved the \$30.3 million Brownfield Redevelopment Plan in Paw Paw, including a 4.5% interest waiver for reimbursable costs.
- 7. Veterans Treatment Court Funding** – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved a \$5,000.00 funding request for the West Michigan Veterans Treatment Court.
- 8. Veterans Services FY2026 MVAA Grant** – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved submission of the \$58,410.00 MVAA grant request for veteran dental and emergency relief programs.
- 9. Revolving Loan Fund Amendment – Pushard Welding** – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved restructuring the loan agreement to a 7-year, 4% note with potential interest forgiveness.
- 10. Revolving Loan Fund Approval – Coin Express Laundry** – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved a \$35,000.00 loan to Jeremiah Smith Enterprises, DBA Coin Express Laundry, in Hartford, MI.
- 11. MIDC FY2025-2026 Grant Submission** – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved the \$3,525,770.11 MIDC grant application with a \$310,000 county contribution.

12. Strategic Facilities Fund Transfer – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved transferring \$400,000.00 from the General Fund to the Strategic Facilities Fund.

13. Budget Stabilization Fund Transfer – During the April 22, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved transferring \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Request to Use County Property

14. Van Buren County Youth Fairgrounds Sublease – During the April 10, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved a one-year sublease agreement between the Van Buren Youth Fair Association and Vassar Farms for the use of 30 acres of agricultural land.

Appointments/Reappointments

1. Planning Commission Reappointments – Tom Motycka and Will Pugsley reappointed for terms expiring April 1, 2028. Approved April 10, 2025.

2. Transit Advisory Council Reappointment – Sherry Bennet reappointed for a term expiring July 1, 2028. Approved April 10, 2025.



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