



## August 2025 Board of Commissioners Activity Reports

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### HIGHLIGHTS FOR AUGUST 2025

1. **SWAT Awards - Sheriff's Department** – During the August 12th, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, Sheriff Daniel Abbott formally recognized several SWAT Officers for their exemplary service during a critical bomb incident on July 4th, 2025. Those recognized are as follows: Undersheriff Casey Davis, Lt. Greg Pentland, Deputy Eric Calhoun, Deputy Justin Blankenship, Deputy Randy Whitmore, and Deputy Cody Bingaman.
  
2. **Region IV Area Agency on Aging FY26 Annual Implementation Plan** – During the August 12th, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, Planning and Community Development Manager Amanda Drew presented the Region IV Area Agency on Aging FY26 Annual Implementation Plan.
  
3. **Broadband Update: MEC** – During the August 26th, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, Chris Sharrer, with DCS, and Jennifer Gilliam, with MEC, presented the Board and the public with an update on Broadband Projects.
  
4. **Lease Renewal – Dept. of Health and Human Services** – During the August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board approved a lease renewal for the Hartford DHHS property through December 31, 2025, including rent updates and removal of janitorial services.
  
5. **Proclamation – Bessie Maxine Dye Boyd** – During the August 26th, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board adopted a proclamation recognizing Bessie Maxine Dye Boyd on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for her lifelong service and contributions to the South Haven community.
  
6. **MSHDA Housing Rehabilitation Grant – MI Neighborhood Program** – During the August 12th, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board authorized application submission for a \$472,000 Community Development Block Grant for countywide homeowner rehabilitation for low- and moderate-income households.
  
7. **Memorandum of Understanding – Digital Information Departments and Western Michigan University** – During the August 12th, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding forming the Digital Innovation Collaborative Exchange (DICE) with Western Michigan University, offering student internships, joint grant pursuits, and data collaborations.
  
8. **Elimination of Elected County Surveyor Position** – During the August 26th, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board adopted a resolution to eliminate the elected County Surveyor position, effective December 31, 2028.

- 9. July 2025 Claims** – During the August 26, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved claims totaling \$5,209,881.08 for the month of July 2025.
- 10. CIP Project Approval – BMS/HVAC Controls** – During the August 26th, 2025, Board of Commissioners meeting, the Board approved a contract with Andy Egan Company for \$104,443.00 to upgrade Building Management and HVAC systems.
- 11. Access & Visitation Grant – First Amendment Approval** – The Board authorized the Chair to sign the First Amendment to Contract No. SCAO-2025-046 to receive an additional \$1,238.46 in Access & Visitation grant funds during the July 22, 2025, meeting.

### **Appointments/Reappointments**

- 1. Remonumentation Program Appointment – David Gariepy** – During the August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting, the Board approved the appointment of David Gariepy as County Representative to the Remonumentation Program through December 31, 2026.



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