



## June 2025 Board of Commissioners Activity Reports

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### HIGHLIGHTS FOR JUNE 2025

1. **Van Buren County Life Saving Award – Deputy Borah** – During the June 10, 2025, meeting, Sheriff Abbott presented a Life-Saving Award to Deputy Borah in recognition of his heroic actions during a critical emergency involving a one-month-old child.
2. **Approval of Opioid Settlement RFP Process and Timeline** – During the June 10, 2025, meeting, the Board approved a resolution adopting the opioid settlement Request for Proposals (RFP) process and timeline, initiating a two-year grant cycle totaling \$300,000 to distribute funds in accordance with national settlement terms and local public health priorities.
3. **AEP Easement – VBC Youth Fairgrounds** – During the June 10, 2025, meeting, the Board granted an easement to Indiana Michigan Power Company to install electric lines across County property at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds.
4. **Van Buren County Specialty Court FY 2026 SCAO Grant Applications** – The Board authorized the submission of grant applications to the State Court Administrative Office for continued funding of the County’s Specialty Courts, with a total potential award of \$734,543.66. This was formally approved during the June 10, 2025, meeting.
5. **Meeting Date Change: September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, to September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025** – During the June 24, 2025, Board meeting, the Board approved to changing the date of the first meeting in September to ensure full Commissioner participation during budget deliberations.
6. **May 2025 Claims** – During the June 24, 2025, BOC meeting, the Board approved claims totaling \$12,927,134.52 for the month of May 2025.
7. **Saddle Lake Level Assessment** – During the June 24, 2025, meeting, the Board approved the Saddle Lake Level Assessment Roll as presented by the Drain Commissioner following a public hearing and final computation of project costs.
8. **Saddle Lake Level – Approve Issuance of Bonds** - The Board authorized the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$254,000.00 for improvements to Saddle Lake and pledged the County’s full faith and credit for the bond repayment, during the June 24, 2025, Board meeting.
9. **VBC Youth Initiative Update** – Erin Kucharski delivered a presentation to the Board providing an update on the Van Buren County Youth Initiative’s recent efforts and impacts.

## **Appointments/Reappointments**

- 1. Reappointment to Public Transit Local Advisory Council** – During the June 24, 2025, Board meeting, the Board approved the reappointments of Melanie Giddings and Faith Dowd to the Public Transit Local Advisory Council for terms ending July 1, 2029.
- 2. Materials Management Planning Commission Appointment** – During the June 24, 2025, meeting, the Board approved the appointment of Commissioner Kurt Doroh as the Van Buren County representative to the Materials Management Planning Commission.



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