



JUNE 2022
VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Broadband** - mapping is complete. DCS Technology will present their report at the 7/26/2022 Committee of the Whole meeting. For additional information, see press release: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/749/Broadband-Expansion-Efforts>
- **Tax Rate** – the 2022 Tax Rate Request was approved and sent to the MI Department of Treasury.
- **Juneteenth Holiday** – the Juneteenth Holiday was approved for 2022 only. To be reviewed again in union negotiations.
- **2021-2022 HMEP Grant** – the Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning grant was approved for submission.
- **Claims** – in the amount of \$5,006,600.21 were approved.
- **Bangor Train Depot** – the board approved a one-time cost for renovations to the Bangor Amtrak Train Depot in the amount of \$44,900. Bangor is contributing \$20,000 towards the total cost of \$64,900.
- **Public Hearing** – a public hearing was held on the petition to annex the real property south of the Village of Lawrence limits and up to I-94 and permanently expand the boundaries of the Village.

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. The following committee appointments were made:
 - Public Transit Local Advisory Council (4-year terms):
 - Kirk Kruithof
2. The board approved the request for use of the paved parking area at the former Health Department building adjacent to the fairgrounds in Hartford, for the Van Buren County Youth Fair July 18 to July 23, 2022 was approved.
3. The board approved the request for use of the parking lot at 801 Hazen Street for a Paw Paw 5K Costume Run sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church on 10/29/2022.
4. The board approved the reclassification of funds used to purchase furniture to the Capital Improvement Fund.
5. The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners terminated the Palisades Recovery Plan Agreement with Kinexus Group utilizing the 30 day out clause effective immediately with a final term date of July 12, 2022.
6. The Board approved a proposal from Bloomingdale Telecom to lease a strand of fiber optic cable between the Administration building and the datacenter at the Van Buren County ISD to colocate data backup hardware. The cost is \$5,000 per year plus a one-time cost of \$1,000.
7. The Board approved the signing of the agreement for the previously approved ARPA funds granted to South Haven Area Water & Sewer Authority for lead service replacement.
8. The Board approved the wage exception for a newly hired Deputy Clerk position.
9. The Sheriff's Office list of abandoned and unused county owned items were approved to be auctioned through Biddergy.
10. Sheriff's Office deputies or command officers will be permitted to purchase their department issued firearm upon full retirement.

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