



**JANUARY 2023**  
**VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY**

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

1. **Election of Chair and Vice Chair** – Commissioner Randall Peat was elected as Chair and Commissioner Paul Schincariol was elected Vice Chair during the January 10<sup>th</sup> Organizational Meeting.
2. **County Property Sale** – There was a request to sell the foreclosed property located at 42769 Evergreen Park, Decatur, MI 49045 and to allow the Drug Law Enforcement Fund to capture the proceeds by statute. This request was approved.
3. **Renaming the Board of Commissioners Room to the Donald Hanson Board of Commissioners Room**– Commissioner Hanson has led by example, set the bar, and made a lasting impact that we will cherish forever, the naming of a facility is an appropriate recognition for such a distinguished person. The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approved the renaming of the Board of Commissioners Room to the Donald Hanson Board of Commissioners Room.
4. **Claims** – Claims in the amount of \$2,358,148.35 were approved for the month of December 2022.
5. **Request to use County property**– The Van Buren Conservation District is requesting the use of County property for the Paw Paw Recycle Roundup event scheduled to take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00a.m – 2:00p.m. The Van Buren Conservation District is requesting to also use the restrooms inside the building for their staff/volunteers. This request has been approved.

## Re-Appointments/Appointments

1. **Land Bank Authority Board Re-Appointment – Zach Morris** - There was a vacancy on the Land Bank Authority Board and the request for the appointment of Zach Morris to join the Land Bank Authority Board with an expiration date of 12/31/2026, was approved.
2. **Parks Commission Appointment – Emily Hickmott** - There was a vacancy on the Parks Commission and Emily Hickmott is seeking appointment. Paul Garrod has been a part of other local Boards, United Christian Services, Former chairperson for the Lawrence Ox Roast and Homecoming Committee for 33 years, and Van Buren Youth Fair Board member for 22 years. The appointment to the Parks Commission was approved with a term ending 12/31/2025.
3. **Re-Appointment to Building Authority – Wayne Nelson** – The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners are responsible for making appointments to the Building Authority Board and the appointment of Wayne Nelson expires December 31, 2022. It is necessary to make the re-appointment or a new appointment for this position. Wayne Nelson filed an application for his re-appointment for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2025. The Board approved the re-appointment.
4. **Appointment to the District Health Board – Donald Hanson** - The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners are responsible for making appointments to the District Health Board. There was a request to review and approve the appointment of Donald Hanson to the District Health Board.
5. **Appointment to the District Health Board – Tina Leary** - The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners are responsible for making appointments to the District Health Board. There was a request to review and approve the appointment of Tina Leary to the District Health Board.
6. **Appointment to Kinexus Board – Tina Leary** - The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners are responsible for making appointments to the Kinexus Board. There was a request to review and approve the appointment of Tina Leary to the District Health Board for a three-year term, set to expire on December 31, 2025.
7. **Appointment to Kinexus Board – Kurt Doroh** - The Van Buren County Board of Commissioners are responsible for making appointments to the Kinexus Board. There was a request to review and approve the appointment of Kurt Doroh to the District Health Board for a three-year term, set to expire on December 31, 2025.

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