



NOVEMBER 2022 VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. **Broadband** – Chris Scharrer from DCE Technology updated there are now 33 PFSA's (*Proposed Funded Service Areas*) and was tasked to review all ARPA Broadband Funding Requests submitted to the County for further consideration by the Board of Commissioners. The DCS Technology Broadband Mapping Report can be found on the County website: <https://www.vanburencountymi.gov/749/Broadband-Expansion-Efforts>.
2. **Purchase of Kelly Page Building** – The County signed an agreement with Kelly and Linda Page to purchase their building, 203 S. Niles Street; Paw Paw, MI 49079. This building will be used for the Friend of the Court office, getting them out of the basement and providing a more open and secure work environment. This is expected to close mid-January.
3. **Land Management (GIS) Relocation** – The Land Management department has been rebranded to GIS to expand their services. They are also seeking a GIS Director. GIS is relocating to the old Administration office, located on the second floor of the administration building, suite 201.
4. **Administration Office Relocation** – The County Administrator and Administrative Services Coordinator has relocated to the old Veterans Services suite on the third floor of the administration building. Additionally, Finance and Human Resources have relocated to the old Land Management suite, also on the third floor.
5. **Revised Apportionment Report** – The 2022 Revised Apportionment Report was reviewed and approved.
6. **Claims** – Claims in the amount of \$11,408,874.98 were approved for the month of October 2022.
7. **State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) grant awards for the Drug Treatment Court, Family Treatment Court, Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program, Adult Recovery Court, and Sobriety Court.** – The Specialty Courts Administrator requested the board's approval and signature for the FY23 grant contracts awarded to the Specialty Court Program. This was approved.

Re-Appointments/Appointments

1. **Re-Appointment to the VBC Road Commission: Reginald Boze** – Request for the re-appointment of Reginald Boze to the Van Buren County Road Commission, with a term expiration date of 12/31/2028, was approved.

2. **Re-Appointment to Kinexus Workforce Development: George Saleeby** – Request for the re-appointment of George Saleeby to the Kinexus Workforce Development Board, with a term expiration of 12/31/2025, was approved.

3. **Appointment to the EDC Board: Stephanie Timmer** - Request to appoint Stephanie Timmer to the Van Buren County Economic Development Corporation Board, with an expiration date of 02-13-2029, was approved.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. Establishing a county wide PACE program in accordance with Public Act 270 of 2010 will have the effect of economic development and enhanced environmental sustainability by allowing the use of PACE for private and not for profit owners of commercial, industrial, and certain multi-unit residential property to install energy efficient/renewable energy improvements. The PACE mechanism allows the owner to access funding that is secured by a special assessment on the property benefiting from the defined energy efficient improvements. The special assessment runs with the property, not the owner, making it a low-risk investment for the commercial lender.
2. The Board authorized the County Treasurer to Invest County Funds in GovMIC, an investment pool allowable under Public Act 20.
3. The following grants / funds were approved:
 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority were granted approval to apply for the Federal EPA Grant.
 - Land Bank Authority were granted approval to apply for the Michigan State Land Bank Authority's RFP 2023-001.
 - The 2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant was signed.
 - The Fiscal Year 2023 OCC Budget.
 - County Child Care Fund Budget Summary FY 23.
4. The Snow Removal Bids for the 22-23 snow season were approved.
5. The MSU Extension Annual Agreement was signed.
6. The FY23 Net Cost Agreement for Substance Abuse Disorder Services with SWMBH was signed.
7. A Letter of Understanding for a wage exception was signed for a promoted FOC employee.
8. The Board approved the purchase of a Traffic Radar Sign for the Sheriff's Office.

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