



AUGUST 2022 VAN BUREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSION MONTHLY ACTIVITY

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HIGHLIGHTS

- **Broadband** - mapping is complete, digital and/or printed versions are available by request. The estimated cost for county-wide broadband installation is between \$33million and \$64million. The next steps in broadband expansion efforts are being reviewed and will start with seeking out additional funding through state and federal grants.
- **Creation of a County Parks & Recreation Commission** – the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners approved by resolution the creation of a Parks & Recreation Commission.
- **Hartford School Resource Deputy** – the Board approved a contract with Hartford Public Schools for a full-time deputy.
- **Claims** – in the amount of \$2,448,379.90 were approved for the month of July.
- **Capital Improvement Projects** – The board approved these projects:
 - Register of Deeds HVAC project, \$5,800.00.
 - Human Services East alarm controller, \$8,500.00.
 - Courthouse Air Cool Chiller to be ordered so it can be completed in the 22-23 fiscal year.
- **Cremation Permit Fees** – the Board approved the elimination of the \$10.00 cremation permit fees effective 9/1/2022.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

1. The Use of County Property was approved for:
 - The 2022 Vineyard Classic Bike Tour.
 - The Lakeshore Harvest Ride.
2. The Board approved the Board Chair to sign the Children's Advocacy Center Agreement. The funding was approved at the 5/24/2022 Board of Commissioners meeting.
3. The Board approved by resolution the purchase of a parcel in Syndicate Park for the amount of \$3,600.
4. The salary exception for the Interim County Administration position was approved.
5. The 2022-2023 agreement with Market Van Buren was approved and signed.
6. The resolution appointing Ryan Post as the point of contact for the USDA Lease agreement was approved.
7. The Board approved a change to the union negotiation structure which eliminates the presence of Commissioners in the negotiation meetings.
8. A salary exception was made for the General Maintenance Carpenter position within the Buildings & Grounds Department.
9. Out of state travel was approved for 911 Operator Training.
10. There will be some office movements in an attempt to get staff offices out of the basement of the Administration building. In the first phase of the movements, the board approved the Veterans Services Department to move to the Paw Paw Museum building.
11. Road Commissioner Interviews have been scheduled for 9/6/2022.

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