The regular meeting of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Jon Block at 1:00 p.m., on Tuesday, March 3, 2026, in the Board of Commissioners' Chambers at 60 W. Sanilac Avenue, Sandusky, Michigan. The prayer was given by Commissioner Sarkella, and the pledge was led by Commissioner Lee. Roll call was taken. Members present: Jon Block, Roger Ballard, Gary Heberling, Bill Sarkella, Christine Lee, John Moody. Members absent: Evans Ehardt. Quorum present. Administrator / Controller, Nathan Roskey also present.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda:

None.

Adoption of Agenda:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT WE ADOPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA THAT WE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2026, AS PRINTED. Motion carried.

Correspondences, Petitions and Introductions:

1. EGLE Notice of Authorization for Site Name: 76 – Mushroom Road over Middle Branch of the Cass River, Permit Number: WRP041296 v. 1.

2. Minutes from the Sanilac County Parks Commission meeting held on February 3, 2026.

3. Minutes from the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Board meeting held on December 8, 2025.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Moody:
  - Village of Melvin
  - Worth Township
- Commissioner Block: None
- Commissioner Lee:
  - Village of Peck
- Commissioner Sarkella:
  - Village of Carsonville
  - Buel Township
- Commissioner Heberling: None.
- Commissioner Ballard:

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- City of Marlette

Administrator's Report:

Nathan Roskey, County Administrator/Controller provided a report to the Board on meetings attended and continued work on pending projects for the last two weeks.
Discussion followed.

Public Comments:

PRESENTATION:

Sanilac County Drug Task Force Lieutenant Mike Moore presented the 2025 Annual Report.
Discussion followed.

Appointment to Standing Committees:

None.

County Commissioner Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

None.

County Commission Chair Appointments:

None.

General Resolutions:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

COUNTY OF SANILAC
SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF K-9 PHOENIX

WHEREAS, K-9 Phoenix, a Belgian Malinois, was acquired by the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office in January 2021 through funding provided by the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Millage, demonstrating the community's commitment to proactive crime prevention and public safety; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of dedicated service, K-9 Phoenix exemplified courage, discipline, and unwavering loyalty in the performance of law enforcement duties, playing a vital role in protecting the citizens of Sanilac County and supporting narcotics enforcement, patrol operations, and public safety initiatives; and

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WHEREAS, K-9 Phoenix's service stands as a direct reflection of the value and impact of the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Millage and the partnership between the citizens of Sanilac County, the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office, and law enforcement agencies working together to combat illegal drug activity and promote safer communities; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Phoenix served alongside his handler, Deputy Jennifer Deiotte, forming a highly trained and trusted K-9 team that embodied professionalism, teamwork, and commitment to the mission of the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, due to health considerations affecting his ability to continue active-duty service, K-9 Phoenix is being honorably retired from law enforcement service on March 3, 2026; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners formally recognize not only the faithful service of K-9 Phoenix, but also the community support provided through the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Millage that made his service possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners does hereby honor and commend K-9 Phoenix for his outstanding, loyal, and distinguished service to the citizens of Sanilac County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that K-9 Phoenix is hereby granted an honorable retirement effective March 3, 2026, in recognition of his faithful performance of duty and lasting contributions to public safety and narcotics enforcement efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sincere appreciation is extended to Deputy Jennifer Deiotte for her dedication, professionalism, and exceptional partnership in the care, training, and service of K-9 Phoenix; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be entered into the official records of the County of Sanilac as a permanent tribute to the service and sacrifice of K-9 Phoenix and the community investment made through the Sanilac County Drug Task Force Millage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of March, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Ballard, Heberling, Lee, Moody, Block, Sarkella. No: None. Absent: Ehardt.
Resolution declared adopted.

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MOVED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING:

SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION HONORING THE SERVICE AND RETIREMENT OF K-9 ZUZANA

WHEREAS, the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners proudly recognizes the extraordinary contributions of its law enforcement K-9 partners, whose training, dedication, and service enhance public safety and support the mission of protecting the citizens of Sanilac County; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Zuzana was purchased in August 2019 from Mid-Michigan Kennels and entered service with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office as a dual-purpose narcotics detection canine; and

WHEREAS, K-9 Zuzana and then Corrections Deputy James Anderson successfully completed an intensive five-week Basic K-9 Academy, demonstrating exceptional discipline, reliability, and operational readiness; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, K-9 Zuzana and Deputy Anderson were assigned to the Sanilac County Jail, where they provided vital narcotics detection capabilities, enhanced institutional safety, and served as a valuable resource in maintaining a secure correctional environment; and

WHEREAS, throughout her years of service, K-9 Zuzana exemplified the highest standards of working canine professionalism, contributing to the safety of staff, inmates, and the broader community while strengthening the Sheriff's Office mission; and

WHEREAS, after years of faithful and distinguished service, K-9 Zuzana will officially retire effective April 1, 2026, concluding a career marked by dedication, loyalty, and dependable performance; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the strong bond formed through years of partnership and service, K-9 Zuzana will retire to the care of Sergeant James Anderson and his family, where she will enjoy a well-deserved life of comfort and companionship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to K-9 Zuzana for her honorable service to the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Sanilac County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board commends Sergeant James Anderson for his partnership, commitment, and care of K-9 Zuzana, both during her active service and into retirement; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners formally recognizes April 1, 2026, as the official retirement date of K-9 Zuzana and extends its best wishes for her continued well-being and enjoyment in retirement.

Adopted by the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 3rd day of March, 2026.

ROLL CALL: Yes: Moody, Ballard, Sarkella, Heberling, Lee, Block. No: None. Absent: Ehardt.
Resolution declared adopted.

Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Ballard:
  - Community Mental Health
- Commissioner Heberling:
  - Multi-County Materials Management Board
- Commissioner Sarkella:
  - Transportation
- Commissioner Lee: None.
- Commissioner Block:
  - Negotiations Team
- Commissioner Moody: None.

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

FA-036-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2026, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF $217,951.89.
Motion carried.

FA-037-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS AND ESTABLISHES THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

2026 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

REVENUE:

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Increase:	**101-000-628.021**	**Services Rendered-Insp.Watertown Solar**	**$993.00**
Increase:	**101-000-628.022**	**Services Rendered-Insp.Peatville**	**$132.50**
Increase:	**101-000-628.023**	**Services Rendered-Insp.Deck.DTE Solar**	**$729.50**
Increase:	**101-000-628.024**	**Services Rendered-Insp.Squan**	**$175.00**

EXPENSE:

Increase:	**508-751-936.000**	**Vehicle Insurance**	**$(594.12)**
Increase:	**508-751-850.001**	**Communications-Telephone**	**$(600.00)**
Increase:	**508-751-703.400**	**Salaries-Vacation Pay**	**$(2,000.00)**
Decrease:	**508-751-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$3,194.12**
Increase:	**101-296-707.001**	**Temporary Wages**	**$(10,000.00)**
Increase:	**101-296-713.000**	**Overtime**	**$(100.00)**
Decrease:	**101-296-702.000**	**Wages-Full Time Employees**	**$10,100.00**
Increase:	**101-257-702.000**	**Wages-Full Time Employees**	**$(1,576.13)**
Increase:	**101-257-709.000**	**FICA**	**$(120.57)**
Increase:	**101-257-716.000**	**Deferred Contribution**	**$(110.32)**
Decrease:	**101-849-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$1,807.02**
Increase:	**101-442-801.050**	**Contractual-Eng.Services-Watertown Solar**	**$(993.00)**
Increase:	**101-442-801.051**	**Contractual-Eng Services-Peatville**	**$(132.50)**
Increase:	**101-442-801.052**	**Contractual-Eng Services-Deck.DTE Solar**	**$(729.50)**
Increase:	**101-442-801.053**	**Contractual-Eng Services-Squan**	**$(175.00)**

FURTHER ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

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632-267-901.000 Advertising
Motion carried.

FA-038-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZE AND AWARD FLOORING EDGE, INC., THE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING IN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S CLINIC AREA, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $16,250 WITH FUNDING FROM THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS BUDGET.
Motion carried.

FA-039-26 - MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SANILAC COUNTY AND THE TPOAM GENERAL BARGAINING UNION, ESTABLISHING A FOUR (4) DAY, 32-HOUR WORK WEEK FOR GAIL MCCONNACHIE, ACCOUNTING SPECIALIST.
Motion carried.

FA-040-26 - MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF CANINE, BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SANILAC, SANILAC COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JENNIFER DEIOTTE, DEPUTY AND CANINE HANDLER, AS PRESENTED AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIRMAN SIGN THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT.
Motion carried.

FA-041-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF CANINE, BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SANILAC, SANILAC COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND JAMES ANDERSON, CORRECTIONS DIVISION SERGEANT AND CANINE HANDLER, AS PRESENTED AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIRMAN SIGN THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT.
Motion carried.

FA-042-26 - MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES A ONE-YEAR SUBSCRIPTION FOR THISGEN 911, A TRAINING TOOL UTILIZED FOR NEW HIRES AND VETERAN DISPATCHERS AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $5,000, WITH FUNDING FROM THE 911 MILLAGE.
Motion carried.

FA-043-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE 40 GROSS FLAGS FROM NATIONAL FLAG & DISPLAY CO., INC., AT A COST OF $5,760.00 AND TO PURCHASE 362

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MARKERS FROM NEW ENGLAND FLAG MFG., COMPANY, AT A COST OF $2,115.10 FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED $7,875.10, WITH FUNDING FROM THE VETERANS AFFAIRS MILLAGE, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL.
Motion carried.

NFA-003-26 - MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ACCEPTS THE SANILAC COUNTY 2025 DRUG TASK FORCE ANNUAL REPORT, AS PRESENTED.
Motion carried.

Public Comments:

None.

Closed Session:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA THAT WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS AT 1:58 P.M.
Yes: Block, Ballard, Heberling, Sarkella, Lee, Moody No: None. Absent: Ehardt
Motion carried.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT WE RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 2:09 P.M. Motion carried.

Amendment of the Agenda:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LEE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT WE AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD NFA-004-26, RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT FOR THE CORRECTIONS DIVISION.
Motion carried.

New Business (Continued):

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LEE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBRERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY RATIFIES THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE POLICE OFFICERS LABOR COUNCIL (POLC) CORRECTIONS UNIT AS OFFERED AND ACCEPTED, FOR 2026, 2027 AND 2028, EFFECTIVE THE FIRST FULL PAY PERIOD FOLLOWING RATIFICATION, MARCH 8, 2026. FURTHER, AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.
Motion carried.

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Adjournment:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LEE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT WE ADJOURN AT 2:13 P.M. Motion carried.

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Leslie Hilgendorf, County Clerk Jon Block, Chairman

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