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, April 7, 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 Moody. Roll call was taken. Members present: Jon Block, Roger Ballard, Gary Heberling, Bill Sarkella, Christine Lee, Evans Ehardt, John Moody. Quorum present. Administrator / Controller, Nathan Roskey also present.

Additions, Corrections and Deletions to the Agenda:

Additions: NFA-006-26, Acceptance of the 2025 Sanilac County Drain Report, and closed session for contract negotiations.

Adoption of Agenda:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT WE ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT WE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 2026, AS PRINTED. Motion carried.

Correspondences, Petitions and Introductions:

None.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Moody: None
- Commissioner Ehardt: None
- Commissioner Block:
  - Marion Twp.
- Commissioner Lee:
  - Elmer Twp.
- Commissioner Sarkella:
  - Village of Port Sanilac
  - Village of Applegate
- Commissioner Heberling:
  - City of Sandusky
- Commissioner Ballard:
  - City of Marlette
  - Lamotte Twp.

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.

Public Comments:

PRESENTATION:

Doug Sweet, Sanilac Drain Commissioner, presented the 2025 Annual Drain Report.

INTERVIEWS:

Sanilac County Community Mental Health Board – Appoint 4

- Joyce Johnson
- Brett Lester
- ~~Anna Lopez~~ (Wil Morris spoke on behalf)
- ~~Angela Weber~~ (Wil Morris spoke on behalf)

Sanilac County Parks & Recreation Board – Appoint 3

- Jim Bowerman
- Jim Terpenning
- ~~Angela VanSickle~~
- Kenneth Wimmer

Veterans Affairs Committee – Appoint 1

- Frederick H. Buchner

Appointment to Standing Committees:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPOINTS JOYCE JOHNSON, BRETT LESTER, ANNA LOPEZ, ANGELA WEBER TO SANILAC COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 3/31/2029.

Motion carried.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LEE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING TO PLACE JIM BOWERMAN, JIM TERPENNING, ANGELA VANSICKLE, AND KENNETH WIMMER INTO NOMINATION FOR THE PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 4/8/2029.

Motion carried.

RESULTS OF SIGNED BALLOTS – PARKS & RECREATION BOARD - APPOINT 3:

Jim Bowerman – Ehardt, Block, Heberling, Moody, Lee, Ballard, Sarkella
Jim Terpenning – Ehardt, Block, Heberling, Moody, Lee, Ballard, Sarkella
Angela VanSickle – Block
Kenneth Wimmer – Ehardt, Heberling, Moody, Lee, Ballard, Sarkella

CHAIRMAN BLOCK DECLARED JIM BOWERMAN, JIM TERPENNING, AND KENNETH WIMMER APPOINTED TO THE SANILAC COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION BOARD FOR A THREE (3) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 4/8/2029.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPOINTS FREDERICK H. BUCHNER TO THE SANILAC COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE FOR A PARTIAL FOUR (4) YEAR TERM, EXPIRING 11/1/2026.
Motion carried.

County Commissioner Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:
None.

County Commission Chair Appointments:
None.

General Resolutions:

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

RESOLUTION HONORING
DAWN CUBITT FOR YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

WHEREAS, Dawn Cubitt is retiring from Sanilac County after more than 30 years of faithful and dedicated public service; and

WHEREAS, Dawn began her career with Sanilac County on March 24, 1996, at the Sanilac County Sheriff's Office, and through her commitment, leadership, and professionalism, was promoted to Central Dispatch Director on July 23, 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Dawn Cubitt demonstrated an unwavering dedication to public service, consistently going above and beyond in the performance of her duties; and

WHEREAS, Dawn was known not only for her exceptional work ethic, but also for her compassion, steady leadership, and genuine care for both the public she served and the colleagues she worked alongside; and

WHEREAS, Dawn's integrity, character and professionalism earned her the respect, trust and admiration of coworkers, peers, and county leadership alike; and

WHEREAS, Dawn's many years of service have left a lasting and meaningful impact on Sanilac County and has contributed greatly to the safety, efficiency, and well-being of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its sincere gratitude and appreciation to Dawn Cubitt for her outstanding service, leadership, and steadfast commitment to Sanilac County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners extends its heartfelt congratulations and warmest wishes to Dawn Cubitt for continued health, happiness, and fulfillment as she begins her well-earned retirement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be presented to Dawn Cubitt and entered into the official proceedings of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of April, 2026.

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

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

RESOLUTION HONORING RICK MITCHELL
FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Rick Mitchell has given over thirty-three years of dedicated service as the Maple Valley Township Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Rick has further demonstrated his commitment to public service through several years of service on the Brown City Parks Board, the Maple Valley Township Board of Review and the Brown City Fire Authority; and

WHEREAS, his leadership, integrity, and steadfast dedication have significantly contributed to the growth, stability and well-being of Maple Valley Township and the surrounding community;

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and commends Rick Mitchell for his longstanding commitment, faithful service, and invaluable contributions to Maple Valley Township and to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be presented to Rick Mitchell and spread upon the proceedings of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of April, 2026.

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

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

RESOLUTION HONORING EDWARD PFAFF
FOR YEARS OF SERVICE

WHEREAS, Edward Pfaff has dedicated over fifty years of service as Argyle Township Clerk; having joined the township board in May of 1975; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Ed continued his commitment to serving through his community; and

WHEREAS, he contributed to numerous township projects, including the development of Argyle Park, construction of the fire hall, and improvements to township facilities; and

WHEREAS, he maintained accurate records while guiding the transition from handwritten documentation and paper ballots to modern computerized systems; and

WHEREAS, Ed served with distinction through the Michigan Townships Association, took on many additional township responsibilities, revived the Argyle Homecoming tradition, and mentored fellow board members; and

WHEREAS, he served alongside his wife, Ellen, Deputy Clerk, while also working full-time as a diesel mechanic, earning the respect of his colleagues and community; and

NOW THEREFORE, **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes and commends Edward Pfaff for his faithful service, and lasting contributions to Argyle Township.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be presented to Edward Pfaff and spread upon the proceedings of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of April, 2026.

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

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

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION

WHEREAS, the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Associated Pharmacies, Inc.; J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; United Natural Foods, Inc.; and their subsidiaries ("Six Remnant Defendants") have negotiated a proposed settlement agreement ("Proposed Settlement") for Eligible Entities; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Settlement contains an agreement for the Six Remnant Defendants to pay a combined $97,625,000.00 in cash to resolve pending opioid-related litigation; and

WHEREAS, Sanilac County Board of Commissioners previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens Settlements, the Kroger Settlement, the Sandoz Settlement, and the Secondary Manufacturer and Purdue/Sackler Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits;

NOW THEREFORE, Sanilac County Board of Commissioners authorizes the execution of a Participation Agreement for the Remnant Defendants Settlement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners this 7th day of April, 2026.

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

Commissioner Ballard remarked that the adopted resolutions represent a total of 113 years of service for those honored.

Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Ballard:
  - Community Mental Health
  - Justin Huffman, Legislative Director for State Representative Greg Alexander, presented a report at Marlette Airport
- Commissioner Heberling:
  - Multi-County Materials Management Board
- Commissioner Sarkella:
  - Pinellas County Animal Control
- Commissioner Lee: None
- Commissioner Block:
  - Policy Committee
- Commissioner Ehardt:
  - Human Development Commission
- Commissioner Moody:
  - Medical Care Facility
  - Cros-Lex mock interviews
  - Forgotten Man Ministries

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

FA-053-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED MARCH 31, 2026, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF $108,016.08.

Motion carried.

FA-054-26 – 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:

Decrease:	**101-000-626.222**	**Cost Allocation-MHC**	**$(332.56)**
Decrease:	**101-000-400.001**	**Beginning Balance**	**$(1,069.95)**
Increase:	**101-000-628.020**	**Services Rendered-Insp-Mercury**	**$393.75**
Increase:	**101-000-628.021**	**Services Rendered-Insp-Watertown Solar**	**$125.50**
Increase:	**101-000-640.004**	**Register of Deeds-Treasurer Services**	**$330.00**
Increase:	**101-000-676.191**	**Reimbursements-Elections**	**$1,072.51**
Increase:	**279-317-676.000**	**Reimbursements**	**$59,994.00**
EXPENSE:			
Increase:	**101-442-801.047**	**Contractual-Eng.Services-Mercury**	**$(393.75)**
Increase:	**101-442-801.050**	**Contractual-Eng.Services-Watertown Solar**	**$(125.50)**
Increase:	**279-317-995.662**	**Transfer Out-Police Vehicle Fund**	**$(59,994.00)**
Increase:	**508-751-707.007**	**Temporary Wages-Evergreen**	**$(26,000.00)**
Decrease:	**508-751-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$26,000.00**
Increase:	**101-296-955.062**	**Misc Expense-Intern Program**	**$(10,930.00)**
Decrease:	**101-296-702.000**	**Wages-Full Time Employees**	**$10,930.00**

FURTHER ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

224-280-665.003	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**
623-253-672.008	**Misc Revenue-Stale Dated Checks**
624-253-672.008	**Misc Revenue-Stale Dated Checks**
292-662-713.000	**Overtime**
101-296-955.062	**Misc Expense-Intern Program**

Motion carried.

FA-055-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES FUNDING FOR THE TALL COP-HIGH IN PLAIN SIGHT TRAINING, COMMUNITY EVENT ON AUGUST 24, 2026, TO BE HELD AT MARLETTE HIGH SCHOOL, AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $8,500, WITH FUNDING FROM THE DRUG TASK FORCE EDUCATION/TRAINING LINE.

Motion carried.

FA-056-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL APPRAISAL SERVICES BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF SANILAC AND MAC ASSESSING SERVICES, LLC, FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AT A COST FOR 2027 OF $52,865, FOR 2028 OF $53,350 AND FOR 2029 OF $53,835, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED $160,050, WITH FUNDING FROM THE EQUALIZATION BUDGET AND FURTHER AUTHORIZES THE BOARD CHAIRMAN SIGN THE NECESSARY AGREEMENT.

Discussion followed. Motion carried.

FA-057-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES PAYMENT TO BROADCOM NOT TO EXCEED $22,608.96, FOR THE PURPOSE OF A LICENSE RENEWAL, WITH FUNDING FROM THE INFORMATION/TECHNOLOGY BUDGET FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL.
Discussion followed. Motion carried.

FA-058-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AWARD AND AUTHORIZE SA TORELLO FOR THE DEMOLITION PROJECT IN PECK AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED $62,000, FUNDED THROUGH THE COUNTY LAND BANK BUDGET AND REIMBURSED BY THE STATE LAND BANK GRANT.
Motion carried.

FA-059-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AWARD AND AUTHORIZE BERGER CHEVROLET, INC., OF GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN, THE BID FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING TWO (2) 2026 CHEVROLET TAHOE 9C1 POLICE PACKAGE VEHICLES MODEL CK10706, 4-WHEEL DRIVE, 5.3L V8 VVT, TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE UNIFORM SERVICES DIVISION AT A COST OF $53,893.00 EACH, FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED $107,786, WITH FUNDING FROM THE POLICE VEHICLE FUND FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL.
Motion carried.

NFA-005-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPOINTS KRISTAL SCHULZ AS THE 911 CENTRAL DISPATCH DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE APRIL 11, 2026.
Motion carried.

NFA-006-26 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ACCEPTS THE 2025 ANNUAL DRAIN REPORT, AS PRESENTED.
Motion carried.

Public Comments:
None.

Closed Session:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LEE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT THAT WE GO INTO CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATIONS AT 1:58 P.M.

Yes: Block, Ballard, Heberling, Sarkella, Lee, Ehardt, Moody **No:** None. **Absent:** None. Motion carried.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT WE RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AT 2:20 P.M. Motion carried.

Adjournment:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LEE THAT WE ADJOURN AT 2:21 P.M. Motion carried.

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Leslie Hilgendorf, County Clerk Jon Block, Chairman