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, November 4, 2025 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 Block. 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:

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 EHARDT AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MOODY THAT WE APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 21, 2025, AS PRINTED. Motion carried.

Correspondences, Petitions and Introductions:

1. Notice of Drainage Board Meeting for Determination of Practicality.

2. Michigan Public Service Commission – Notice of Hearing Bluebird Midwest, LLC, Case No. U-21959.

Commissioner Reports:

- Commissioner Moody:
  - Village of Melvin
- Commissioner Ehardt: None.
- Commissioner Block:
  - Village of Deckerville
- Commissioner Lee:
  - Lee Cork's funeral
- Commissioner Sarkella:
  - Lee Cork's funeral
  - Village of Applegate
- Commissioner Heberling: None.
- Commissioner Ballard:
  - City of Marlette

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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:

Shannon Kreger, Director of Sanilac County Veterans Affairs, presented the 2024 Annual Report.

Appointment to Standing Committees:

None.

County Commissioner Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees:

None.

County Commission Chair Appointments:

None.

General Resolutions:

None.

Committee Reports:

- Commissioner Ballard: None
- Commissioner Heberling:
  - Personnel Committee
  - Building & Grounds
  - Veteran's Memorial Dedication, November 11th
- Commissioner Sarkella:
  - Building & Grounds
- Commissioner Lee: None.
- Commissioner Block:
  - Personnel Committee
  - Planning Committee
- Commissioner Ehardt: None.
- Commissioner Moody:
  - Central Dispatch Advisory Board
  - Medical Care Facility

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- Michigan Association of Counties, 7th District

Unfinished Business:

None.

New Business:

FA-162-25 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES THE PAYMENT OF CURRENT CLAIMS IDENTIFIED ON THE ACCOUNTS PAYABLE REPORT DATED OCTOBER 28, 2025, FOR THE GENERAL BANK ACCOUNT IN THE AMOUNT OF $106,984.71.

Motion carried.

FA-163-25 – 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:

2025 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

REVENUE:

Increase:	**210-651-441.000**	**Local Community Stabilization Auth**	**$397.25**
Increase:	**211-446-441.000**	**Local Community Stabilization Auth**	**$3,972.45**
Increase:	**214-680-441.000**	**Local Community Stabilization Auth**	**$397.25**
Increase:	**214-680-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$1,898.13**
Increase:	**225-428-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$444.29**
Increase:	**298-671-412.000**	**Delinq Real,Pers,Bldg Lease Ld**	**$1.81**
Decrease:	**298-671-437.000**	**Indust & Commer Facilities Tax**	**$(433.94)**
Decrease:	**298-671-441.000**	**Local Community Stabilization Auth**	**$(1,080.28)**
Decrease:	**298-671-445.000**	**Interest & Penalty on Taxes**	**$(1.52)**
Decrease:	**298-671-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$(10,000.00)**
Increase:	**350-911-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$10,336.94**
Increase:	**350-911-684.003**	**Employer Contributions-Park**	**$1,963.13**
Increase:	**350-911-684.005**	**Employer Contributions-Drug**	**$5,188.63**
Decrease:	**350-911-400.001**	**Beginning Balance**	**$(17,488.70)**
Increase:	**437-325-412.000**	**Delinq Real,Pers,Bldg Lease Ld**	**$1.81**
Increase:	**437-325-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$5,511.98**
Increase:	**595-362-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$3,567.76**
Increase:	**595-362-668.001**	**Royalties-Telephone Commission**	**$10,766.36**
Increase:	**631-265-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$3,000.25**

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Increase:	**662-334-642.000**	**Sales Proceeds**	**$2,300.00**
Increase:	**662-334-642.006**	**Sales Proceeds-Corrections**	**$9,964.25**
Increase:	**662-334-665.003**	**Interest-C/D's & Investment**	**$545.37**
Increase:	**662-334-676.047**	**Reimbursements-Mileage**	**$3,664.10**
EXPENSE:			
Decrease:	**101-239-752.004**	**Supplies-Law Enforcement**	**$2,524.90**
Increase:	**101-257-702.000**	**Wages-Full Time Employees**	**$(2,524.90)**
Decrease:	**296-672-816.000**	**Cost Allocation**	**$3,435.50**
Decrease:	**296-672-996.001**	**Tax Dockets & Tribunal Refunds**	**$955.27**
Increase:	**296-672-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$(4,390.77)**
Decrease:	**210-651-996.001**	**Tax Dockets & Tribunal Refunds**	**$2,464.22**
Increase:	**210-651-942.003**	**Appropriation-Med Control**	**$(2,861.47)**
Decrease:	**211-446-996.001**	**Tax Dockets & Tribunal Refunds**	**$19,642.20**
Increase:	**211-446-955.000**	**Misc Expense**	**$(23,614.65)**
Decrease:	**214-680-996.001**	**Tax Dockets & Tribunal Refunds**	**$964.22**
Increase:	**214-680-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$(3,259.60)**
Increase:	**225-428-861.002**	**Transportation-Mil Reimbursement-MMP**	**$(444.29)**
Increase:	**101-259-935.002**	**Property Liability Ins-Retention Fund**	**$(18,817.01)**
Decrease:	**101-849-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$18,817.01**
Decrease:	**298-671-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$10,998.93**
Increase:	**298-671-996.001**	**Tax Dockets & Tribunal Refunds**	**$515.00**
Decrease:	**437-325-996.001**	**Tax Dockets & Tribunal Refunds**	**$1,964.22**
Increase:	**437-325-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$(7,478.01)**
Increase:	**595-362-941.000**	**Contingency**	**$(14,334.12)**
Increase:	**631-265-930.000**	**Land & Building Repairs**	**$(3,316.23)**
Decrease:	**631-265-930.001**	**Land & Building Repairs-Dawson**	**$315.98**
Increase:	**662-334-931.000**	**Equipment Repairs**	**$(1,256.55)**
Increase:	**662-334-968.000**	**Depreciation Expense**	**$(9,273.17)**
Increase:	**662-334-981.000**	**Vehicles**	**$(5,944.00)**

FURTHER ESTABLISH THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

284-656-202.000 Accounts Payable
508-751-148.000 Vehicles Purchased
508-751-149.000 Acc. Dep-Vehicles
701-000-282.000 Chill Grant
101-430-852.001 Misc.Communication-Internet
662-334-642.006 Sales Proceeds-Corrections
662-334-981.006 Vehicles-Corrections
260-278-400.001 Beginning Balance

Motion carried.

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FA-164-25 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE PURCHASE OF A SKYDIO X10 DRONE SYSTEM WITH ATTACHMENTS FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED $25,000, WITH FUNDING REIMBURSED UP TO $21,000 FROM MMRMA, AND THE REMAINING BALANCE, IF NEEDED (UP TO $4,000), TO BE COVERED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE BUDGET, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL.
Motion carried.

FA-165-25 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES THE DRUG TASK FORCE TO PURCHASE A DUAL-PURPOSE K-9 AND PROVIDE TRAINING FOR HANDLER DEPUTY JENNIFER DEIOTTE THROUGH SHALLOW CREEK KENNELS IN SHARPSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, AT A COST OF $17,600, THE COST MAY VARY BASED ON POTENTIAL IMPORT TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS, WITH FUNDING FROM THE DRUG TASK FORCE MILLAGE.
Motion carried.

FA-166-25 - MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEBERLING THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY AUTHORIZES BENDER BUILDERS TO INSTALL THE VINYL FENCING PORTION AT THE ANIMAL CONTROL BUILDING AT A COST OF $15,892 AND JBS AG TO INSTALL THE CHAIN LINK FENCING AT A COST OF $6,875, PLUS AN ADDITIONAL AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED FOR A SMALL SECTION OF CHAIN LINK FENCING AND GATE, THE TOTAL COST IS NOT TO EXCEED $25,000, WITH FUNDING FROM THE ARPA FUND, FOR IMMEDIATE APPROVAL.
Discussion followed. Motion carried.

FA-167-25 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ADOPTS THE 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET RESOLUTION, GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT AND PROPOSED GENERAL FUND BUDGET AND FURTHER, HEREBY SCHEDULES A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET FOR DECEMBER 2, 2025, AND DIRECTS THE BOARD'S SECRETARY TO PUBLISH THE LEGAL NOTICE.
Discussion followed. Motion carried.

NFA-022-25 – MOVED BY COMMISSIONER SARKELLA AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER EHARDT THAT THE SANILAC COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS HEREBY ACCEPTS THE 2024 VETERANS AFFAIRS ANNUAL REPORT, AS PRESENTED.
Motion carried.

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Public Comments:

Commissioner Ballard raised concern with the recent suicides of our young citizens, and urged any interested members of the community to register for the Mental Health First Aid courses provided by Sanilac County Community Mental. Registration is available online at www.sanilaccmh.org/services/mental-health-first-aid-2.

Closed Session:

None.

Adjournment:

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER LEE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BALLARD THAT WE ADJOURN AT 1:30 P.M. Motion carried.

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Leslie Hilgendorf, County Clerk Jon Block, Chairman

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