

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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JUNE 12, 2025 SESSION – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

1/ The Board of Commissioners of the County of Allegan, State of Michigan, met in the Board Room of the County Services Building in the Township of Allegan on June 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of May 22, 2025 and rules of this board; Chair Dugan presiding.

The invocation was offered by District #1 Commissioner Van Beek.

The Deputy Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Upon roll call the following members answered as Commissioners for the respective Districts:

DIST #1	CRAIG VAN BEEK
DIST #2	MARK DEYOUNG
DIST #3	BRAD LUBBERS
DIST #4	SCOTT BELTMAN
DIST #5	GALE DUGAN

COMMUNICATIONS

2/ Deputy Clerk Taylor noted to the board that they received the following communications:

1. A Resolution to recognize the month of May 2025 as Jewish Heritage Month in Genesee County.
2. A Resolution to recognize June 19, 2025, as Juneteenth in Genesee County.
3. A Resolution to recognize the month June 2025 as Pride Month in Genesee County.

May 22, 2025 SESSION MINUTES – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

3/ Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to approve the minutes for the May 22, 2025 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – COMMENTS

4/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Michael Villar, Allegan County Prosecuting Attorney
2. Henry Reinart, Monterey Township Supervisor

AGENDA ADDITIONS

5/ Chair Dugan asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Administrator Sarro asked that a Resolution to Affirm Release of L-4029 to Local Units be added to the agenda under the Consent items.

Moved by Commissioner Beltman, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the changes to the meeting agenda as requested. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

AGENDA – ADOPTED AS AMENDED

6/ Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adopt the meeting agenda as amended. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PRESENTATION

7/ Employee Recognition of Craig Sewell upon his retirement.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

8/ Honorable Judge Antkoviak and Jennifer Brink, Court Administrator – 48th Circuit Court presented their Annual Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

9/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. There was discussion over future Marine funding.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

10/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, and 6/13/25; and **WHEREAS**, the following claims, which are chargeable against the County, were audited in accordance with Section 46.61 to 46.63, inclusive, M.C.L. 1970 as amended and resolutions of the Board; and **WHEREAS**, said claims are listed in the 2025 Claims folder of the Commissioners’ Record of Claims.

May 30, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	136,242.91	136,242.91	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	2,414.84	2,414.84	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	300.00	300.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	3,088.74	3,088.74	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	15,649.60	15,649.60	
Animal Shelter – 254	2,501.21	2,501.21	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	934.32	934.32	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,323.99	1,323.99	
Justice Training Fund – 266	500.00	500.00	
Grants – 279	1,030.71	1,030.71	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	756.69	756.69	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,936.93	6,936.93	
Child Care Fund – 292	40,944.51	40,944.51	
Senior Services Fund – 298	17,819.42	17,819.42	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	18,642.24	18,642.24	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	145,553.88	145,553.88	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	433.50	433.50	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	18,949.75	18,949.75	
Tax Reversion – 620	175.00	175.00	
Drain Fund – 801	224,052.37	224,052.37	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$638,250.61	\$638,250.61	

June 6, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	180,338.98	180,338.98	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	1,121.83	1,121.83	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,258.72	7,258.72	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	7,210.38	7,210.38	
Animal Shelter – 254	7,770.90	7,770.90	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	3,375.05	3,375.05	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	1,557.22	1,557.22	
Law Library Fund – 269	2,048.44	2,048.44	
Grants – 279	14.96	14.96	

Sheriffs Contracts – 287	100.00	100.00	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,443.63	6,443.63	
Child Care Fund – 292	11,574.21	11,574.21	
Senior Services Fund – 298	739.90	739.90	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	478.61	478.61	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	417.62	417.62	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	350.00	350.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	697.00	697.00	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	483,686.94	483,686.94	
Drain Fund – 801	1,164,972.68	1,164,972.68	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,880,157.07	\$1,880,157.07	

June 13, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	227,912.18	227,912.18	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	3,068.26	3,068.26	
Friend of the Court Cooperative Reimb. – 215	131.29	131.29	
Friend of the Court – Other – 216	859.00	859.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	8,857.91	8,857.91	
Solid Waste/Recycling – 226	67,354.34	67,354.34	
Animal Shelter – 254	5,180.62	5,180.62	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund – 256	105.18	105.18	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	7,149.50	7,149.50	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	42,124.73	42,124.73	
Concealed Pistol Licensing Fund – 263	26.00	26.00	
Justice Training Fund – 266	200.00	200.00	
Grants – 279	2,248.30	2,248.30	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	305.66	305.66	
Transportation Fund – 288	199,861.61	199,861.61	
Child Care Fund – 292	21,049.99	21,049.99	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	2,456.45	2,456.45	
Senior Services Fund – 298	103,499.54	103,499.54	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	15,249.00	15,249.00	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	285,833.17	285,833.17	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	39,822.00	39,822.00	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	6,781.14	6,781.14	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	382.05	382.05	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	7,115.02	7,115.02	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	18,152.54	18,152.54	
Drain Fund – 801	71,927.47	71,927.47	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,137,652.95	\$1,137,652.95	

2025 MILLAGE LEVY – AFFIRM RELEASE OF L-4029 TO LOCAL UNITS

11/ WHEREAS, pursuant to State Law (MCL 141.412 and 141.413), a notice of a public hearing concerning the 2025 County Budget was published in the Allegan County News, a newspaper of general circulation, on October 3, 2024, and a public hearing concerning the budget was held on October 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners (Board) adopted a Fiscal Year 2025 Appropriation on October 10, 2025; and

WHEREAS, having held said hearing, the Board has determined the levy of said proposed millage to be in the best interests of the County.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, 6/13/25, interfund transfers and affirms the signing and release of the attached L-4029.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner DeYoung to adopt the report of claims for 5/30/25, 6/6/25, 6/13/25, interfund transfers and affirms the signing and release of the attached L-4029. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REPOWERING OF THE PALISADES NUCLEAR PLANT BY HOLTEC INTERNATIONAL**

12/ WHEREAS, Holtec International has reported that,

- the Palisades Nuclear Plant has historically provided over 800 megawatts of safe, reliable, and clean energy to the State of Michigan, and has been a key contributor to the energy reliability and economic vitality of Southwest Michigan,
- it maintained an exemplary operational record before its scheduled closure, including consecutive record-breaking generation runs, an online reliability factor exceeding 95 percent,
- during operation the plants supported over 600 full-time, high-skill, high-wage jobs, in addition to creating employment for more than 1,000 specialty workers during outages, and was one of the region's largest taxpayers, supporting local schools, colleges, libraries, and area services, a study by the Economic Growth Institute at the University of Michigan found that the Palisades closure resulted in an annual loss of \$259 million in labor income and value-added for the surrounding tri-county region,
- the Palisades restart effort has regrown the plant's full-time workforce to nearly 600, supported by hundreds of specialty and skilled trades contractors,
- significant investments have been made in the plant's restart and long-term safe and reliable operation, including scheduled inspections, testing, maintenance, repairs, and upgrades, thanks to the support of the U.S. Department of Energy, State of Michigan, and plant owner Holtec International,
- the plant has entered into a long-term power purchase agreement with two rural electric cooperatives to ensure the plant's financial viability and sustained reinvestment in safe and reliable operations for decades to come,
- the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission issued in May 2025 a final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact with respect to the plant's restart, a testament to nuclear as both the most environmentally friendly and reliable 24/7 source of electrical generation; and
- Palisades ranked in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's highest safety category and has been recognized by the Institute of Nuclear Power Operations as a top-performing plant in the country,
- Palisades operated, and would continue operations, in strict adherence to all federal and state regulations under the independent oversight of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to maintain the health and safety of our community, the plant workforce, and our environment,
- the Palisades restart has been subject to 20 U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission public meetings, providing the opportunity for education and public comment,
- Holtec International has demonstrated a commitment to transparency, regulatory compliance, and community engagement, both throughout the repowering of the existing plant and the future deployment of advanced Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) at the Palisades site,

- the restart of Palisades helps meet the regional need for reliable baseload generation, both in satisfying current electricity demands as well as forecasted increases in demand driven by advanced manufacturing, AI, data storage, and electrification,
- nuclear energy is broadly recognized as critical to our nation's energy independence, economic growth, and national security,
- the deployment of two SMR-300 units, generating a combined 600 megawatts of additional safe baseload energy, would further strengthen Michigan's leadership in nuclear innovation, while supporting national goals for energy security and reliability,
- the SMR project is expected to create hundreds more permanent, high-paying jobs and thousands of construction and maintenance jobs, benefiting the workforce of Allegan County and the broader Southwest Michigan region; and

WHEREAS, Allegan County supports efforts that align with economic development, public health, energy reliability, and environmental sustainability.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (Board) reaffirms its support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners, U.S. Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin, U.S. Representative Bill Huizenga, Governor Gretchen Whitmer, State Senators Aric Nesbitt, Roger Victory, and Thomas Albert, and State Representatives Joey Andrews, Matt Hall, Rachele Smit, Nancy DeBoer, Pauline Wendzel, and Angela Rigas.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to reaffirm support for the repowering of the Palisades Nuclear Plant by Holtec International. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – REAFFIRM 2025-29 STRATEGIC PLAN COMPONENTS

13/ WHEREAS, the Allegan County Board of Commissioners has reviewed its 2025-29 Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy Plan contains values, goals and goal statements, strategic priorities, objectives, tasks, measurements (trends), and projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board reaffirms the 2025-29 Board Strategic Plan, as presented.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to Reaffirm 2025-29 Strategic Plan Components for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING – CLOSEOUT

14/ WHEREAS, through its 2023-24 planning sessions, the Board of Commissioners identified these projects.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board recognizes that these projects have been satisfactorily completed and may be closed:

- By December 31, 2026, ratify 12 Collective Bargaining Agreements,
- Maintain an accessible team site with full organizational access,
- Continue proactive meetings (quarterly or more as needed) to gather input from employee groups and share information,
- Conduct Engagement Survey Phase 1,
- Courthouse/County Services Building and former OnPoint Clinic's Facilities Master Plan,
- Courthouse Southeast Corner Construction Phase 1,
- County Services Building Renovation Phase 2,
- 2025 Annual Budget,
- 2023 Audit,
- Water Quality and Availability Plan,
- National Survey,
- Community Update.

Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to approve the 2024-28 Board Planning – Closeout for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

2024-28 BOARD PLANNING – CARRY OVER TO 2025-29 PLAN

15/ **WHEREAS**, through its 2023-24 planning sessions, the Board of Commissioners identified these projects. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board recognizes that these projects may be multi-year in nature; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that these projects will carry over with priority of completion into the 2025-29 Board Strategic Plan:

- Proactively maintain employee labor relations
 - 2022-23 County Recruitment and Retention Plan
 - Comprehensively analyze and evaluate the significance of turnover rates among new employees within the organization, distinguishing between those with 0 to 12 months of tenure and those with 1 year and above
 - Comparable county turnover
- Maintain employee engagement level similar to benchmark
 - Engagement Survey Phase 2 thru 4
- Eden Replacement Plan,
- Update County Energy Management Policy,
- Facilities Master Plan (Phase 3 thru 8),
- Courthouse Renovation Phase 3,
- 2026-30 Annual Budgets,
- 2024-29 Annual Audits,
- Debt Elimination,
- Parks & Recreation Plan,
- Modernization of Parks,
- Broadband Wired Infrastructure Expansion Project implementation,
- DNR State Game Area,
 - Address concerns to Natural Resources Commission and Legislature,
 - Community Meetings,
- Monitoring Wells,
- Material Management Plan,
- Corridor Development
 - Independent study to outline the Growth/Needs relative to these areas (county perspective may impact transportation plans, support for federal/state funding, safety plans, economic development),
 - Organize presentations to the Board through district commissioner for planning sessions or special meetings or consider special board of commissioners meetings held in these particular districts to gain input,
 - Increase the involvement of the Regional Planning Commission and, to the extent applicable, Lakeshore Advantage of the expansion of the 131 Corridor,
- Calkins Dam Project,
- Housing (Partnerships with community efforts, such as Hom Flats at River Street and the Housing Stock Workgroup, to encourage housing expansion),
- Childcare
 - schedule BOC presentation to inform on all existing efforts and plans on this topic, and have Board identify any gaps,
 - participate in the Regional Childcare Coalition and explore a partnership with Community Action of Allegan County for expanded opportunity,
- PACE Program

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the Carry Over to 2025-29 Plan for immediate action. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

2025-29 BOARD PLANNING – NEW PROJECT ADDITIONS

16/ Moved by Commissioner Van Beek, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to move the New Project Additions 2025-29 Plan under action items on the June 26, 2025 meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BREAK – 10:26 A.M.

17/ Upon reconvening at 10:36 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Van Beek, DeYoung, Lubbers, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NO COMMENTS

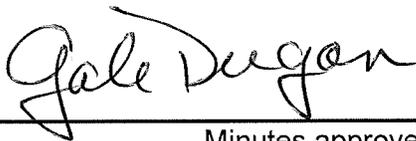
18/ Chair Dugan opened the meeting to public participation and as there were no comments from the public, he closed the meeting to public participation.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JUNE 26, 2025 AT 9:00 A.M.

19/ Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to adjourn until June 26, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.



Deputy Clerk



Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 6/26/2025 Session