

ALLEGAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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JANUARY 8, 2026 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 January 8, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of December 11, 2025 and rules of this board; Allegan County Clerk/Register Genestki presiding.

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

The invocation was offered by District #3 Commissioner Lubbers.

Clerk/Register Genestki led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIRPERSON

2/ Clerk/Register Genestki opened the meeting for nominations for Temporary Chairperson for the 2026 Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Beltman nominated Commissioner DeYoung.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner DeYoung as Temporary Chair. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

CHAIR'S TERM OF OFFICE**3/ BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—2026 CHAIR TERM**

BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with MCL 46.3 (4), the Board of Commissioners hereby sets the term of Chair for 2026 as one year.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Beltman to approve the resolution as presented. Motions carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT CHAIR

4/ Temporary Chairman DeYoung opened the meeting for nominations for Chairperson of the 2026 Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Dugan nominated Commissioner Beltman.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Beltman as Chair. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ELECTION OF PERMANENT VICE-CHAIR

5/ Chair Beltman opened the meeting for nominations for Vice-Chair for the 2026 Board of Commissioners. Commissioner DeYoung nominated Commissioner Van Beek.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot to elect Commissioner Van Beek as Vice-Chair. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NO COMMENTS

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

CONSENT ITEMS:**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—REAFFIRM BOARD RULES OF ORGANIZATION**

7/ BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby reaffirms the Board Rules of Organization, as presented on December 11, 2025, effective immediately.

Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:**RULES OF ORGANIZATION—DIVISION OF QUESTION**

8.1/ BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby replaces the current language within the Division of Question section of the Board Rules of Organization and Procedure to read as follows:

DIVISION OF QUESTION: If the question being discussed contains two or more points, each of which is capable of standing as a complete proposition if the others are removed, any BOC member may make a motion to divide the question. Once the motion to divide a question is made, seconded, the BOC must vote on whether to divide the question without debate. If the motion passes, the BOC must then vote on each separate part as if each were a separate motion. Examples of form: "I move to divide the question into 2 parts as follows ..." or "I move to divide the question so as to consider separately the part about ..."

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

RULES OF ORGANIZATION—ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

8.2/ BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby replaces the current language within the Organizational Meeting section of the Board Rules of Organization and Procedure to read as follows:

- a. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING: The first meeting in each calendar year shall be the organizational meeting.
 - i. OATH OF OFFICE: The Clerk-of-the-Board or other statutorily authorized official shall administer the oath of office to the BOC members-elect if the oath has not previously been administered.
 - ii. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR
 - (1) The Chair's term of office shall be two years unless the BOC provides by resolution that the Chair shall be elected annually for a one-year term in accordance with MCL 46.3 (4). The term of office extends until such time as a new Chair is elected at the organizational meeting following the one or two-year term, but not beyond the organizational meeting, or at 11:59 p.m., December 31 of the year in which the Chair has not been re-elected as a commissioner.
 - (2) Upon determination of the Chair's term of office, nominations shall be called for the office of Chair.
 - (3) When nominations are closed by majority vote or no other nominations are forthcoming, the BOC shall determine the method of voting for the office of Chair: voice, written ballot (read aloud), or secret ballot.
 - (4) When one nominee receives a majority of the votes of the BOC members elected and serving, the nominee shall be declared the Chair.
 - (5) The newly elected Chair calls for nominations of the office of Vice Chair.
 - (6) When nominations are closed by majority vote or no other nominations are forthcoming the BOC vote shall determine the method of voting for office of Vice Chair: voice or written ballot (read aloud).
 - (7) When one nominee receives a majority of the votes of the BOC members elected and serving, the nominee shall be declared the Vice Chair.

(8) The Vice Chair's term of office is one year. The term of office extends until such time as a new Vice Chair is elected at the organizational meeting following the one year term, but not beyond the organizational meeting, or at 11:59 p.m., December 31 of the year in which the Vice Chair has not been re-elected as a commissioner.

iii. SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS: The BOC shall establish a schedule of regular meetings if it has not previously been adopted.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—GENERAL APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

9/ **BE IT RESOLVED** that the following appointments and elections are hereby confirmed:

- Tourist Council – fill a new 3-year term set to expire on 12/31/28.
 - Travis Hatfield (new candidate)
- Community Corrections Advisory Board – fill a new 2-year term set to expire on 12/31/27.
 - Chad Catalino of Allegan
- Parks Advisory Board – fill a new 3-year term set to expire on 12/31/28.
 - Greg Kroll (new candidate) of Allegan

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED to the extent an election is required for any position listed above through this resolution, the listed individuals were hereby nominated as listed representatives, nominations were closed, a unanimous ballot was cast, and they were hereby elected to said position.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—ADOPT BUDGET POLICY

10/ **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the updated Budget Policy #211, as attached, effective immediately; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall supersede any prior board action; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Administration shall post the policy to the County website.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to approve the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2026 AT 10:00 A.M.

11/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to adjourn until January 8, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

JANUARY 8, 2026 SESSION – ROLL CALL

12/ 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 January 8, 2026 at 10:00 A.M. in accordance with the motion for adjournment of January 8, 2026 and rules of this board; Chair Beltman presiding

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

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PUBLIC HEARING – 2026-2030 COUNTY 5 YEAR RECREATION PLAN

13/ Deputy Clerk Taylor read the Notice of Public Hearing for the 2026-2030 County Recreation Plan that was published in the Allegan County News on 12/18/25.

Chairman Beltman opened the meeting for the public hearing at 10:01 A.M.

Chairman Beltman opened the meeting for public input and the following individuals offered comments:

1. Dr. Michael Kiella, City of Allegan
2. Henry Rhinehart, Supervisor, Monterey Township
3. Timothy Carr, Fillmore Township
4. Dana Bird, Saugatuck Township

Chairman Beltman closed the public hearing at 10:20 A.M.

DECEMBER 11, 2025 SESSION MINUTES – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

14/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to approve the minutes for the December 11, 2025 session as distributed. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NO COMMENTS

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

AGENDA – ADOPTED AS PRESENTED

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

PRESENTATION:

BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE, HOUSING – ALLEGAN COUNTY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

17/ Chris Kleinjans presented his report to the Board.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

18/ Administrator Sarro noted his written report was submitted to Commissioners. Highlights included the employee section regarding the dispatch director position and the distribution of retention checks in December.

CONSENT ITEMS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE – CLAIMS & INTERFUND TRANSFERS

19/ **WHEREAS**, Administration has compiled the following claims for 12/19/25, 12/26/25, 1/2/26, and 1/9/26; 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 2026 Claims folder of the Commissioners’ Record of Claims.

December 19, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	95,185.86	95,185.86	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	2,039.97	2,039.97	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	1,031.02	1,031.02	
Friend of the Court – Other – 216	1,213.00	1,213.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	15,159.78	15,159.78	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	58,405.04	58,405.04	
Palisades Fund – 257	18.05	18.05	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	40,316.70	40,316.70	

Central Dispatch Fund – 261	25,331.14	25,331.14	
Local Corrections Officers Training Fund – 264	382.13	382.13	
Grants – 279	7,392.64	7,392.64	
Crime Victims Rights Grant – 280	3,185.00	3,185.00	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	462.00	462.00	
Transportation Fund – 288	149,868.67	149,868.67	
Child Care Fund – 292	2,400.89	2,400.89	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	24,300.50	24,300.50	
Senior Services Fund – 298	77,277.60	77,277.60	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	23,369.27	23,369.27	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	438,843.66	438,843.66	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	2,360.60	2,360.60	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	21,892.72	21,892.72	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	75.00	75.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	199.42	199.42	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	457,260.18	457,260.18	
Drain Fund – 801	33,825.17	33,825.17	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$1,481,796.01	\$1,481,796.01	

December 26, 2025

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	212,930.84	212,930.84	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. – 215	3,243.61	3,243.61	
Health Department Fund – 221	844.13	844.13	
Solid Waste/Recycling - 226	1,007.03	1,007.03	
Animal Shelter – 254	4,166.58	4,166.58	
Palisades Fund – 257	32.97	32.97	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	1,275.00	1,275.00	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	4,778.04	4,778.04	
Grants – 279	8,091.20	8,091.20	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	6,115.45	6,115.45	
Transportation Fund – 288	6,601.49	6,601.49	
Child Care Fund – 292	20,827.87	20,827.87	
Veterans Relief Fund – 293	889.12	889.12	
Senior Services Fund – 298	81,616.34	81,616.34	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	57,561.43	57,561.43	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	216,140.18	216,140.18	
CIP – Youth Home Building Fund – 492	47,490.50	47,490.50	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	5,975.77	5,975.77	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	152.54	152.54	

Self-Insurance Fund – 677	1,679.74	1,679.74	
Drain Fund – 801	26,650.50	26,650.50	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$708,070.33	\$708,070.33	

January 2, 2026

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	9,810.84	9,810.84	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	173.49	173.49	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. - 215	-693.21	-693.21	
Health Department Fund – 221	1,038.08	1,038.08	
Animal Shelter – 254	1,825.13	1,825.13	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	515.52	515.52	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	59,859.25	59,859.25	
Law Library Fund – 269	2,304.86	2,304.86	
Crime Victims Rights Grant – 280	1,257.56	1,257.56	
Opioid Settlement Fund – 284	6,152.86	6,152.86	
Transportation Fund – 288	118,929.51	118,929.51	
Child Care Fund – 292	4,089.78	4,089.78	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	1,532.64	1,532.64	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	42,657.66	42,657.66	
Tax Reversion – 620	15,212.00	15,212.00	
Tax Reversion 2024 – 625	24,493.30	24,493.30	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	145.00	145.00	
Fleet Management/Motor Pool – 661	3,256.50	3,256.50	
Drain Fund – 801	10,535.55	10,535.55	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$303,096.32	\$303,096.32	

January 9, 2026

	TOTAL AMOUNT CLAIMED	AMOUNT ALLOWED	AMOUNT DISALLOWED
General Fund – 101	239,576.57	239,576.57	
Parks/Recreation Fund – 208	3,124.56	3,124.56	
Friend of the Court – Cooperative Reimb. - 215	1,321.98	1,321.98	
Friend of the Court -Other – 216	620.00	620.00	
Health Department Fund – 221	7,555.15	7,555.15	
Animal Shelter – 254	3,745.73	3,745.73	
Palisades Fund – 257	2,804.22	2,804.22	
Indigent Defense Fund – 260	1,263.83	1,263.83	
Central Dispatch Fund – 261	4,246.60	4,246.60	

Law Enf Training Fund PA302 – 266	3,924.00	3,924.00	
Law Library Fund – 269	188.50	188.50	
Grants – 279	4,206.00	4,206.00	
Sheriffs Contracts – 287	90.59	90.59	
Transportation Fund – 288	21,173.04	21,173.04	
Child Care Fund – 292	5,079.26	5,079.26	
Senior Services Fund – 298	953.40	953.40	
American Rescue Plan Act – ARPA – 299	11,939.20	11,939.20	
Capital Improvement Fund – 401	11,287.46	11,287.46	
Property Tax Adjustments – 516	4,481.59	4,481.59	
Revolving Drain Maintenance Fund – 639	76.05	76.05	
Self-Insurance Fund – 677	86,457.50	86,457.50	
Drain Fund – 801	25,123.35	25,123.35	
TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS	\$439,238.58	\$439,238.58	

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners adopts the report of claims for 12/19/25, 12/26/25, 1/2/26, 1/9/26, and interfund transfers.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adopt the report of claims for 12/19/25, 12/26/25, 1/2/26, 1/9/26, and interfund transfers. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BREAK – 11:06 A.M.

20/ Upon reconvening at 11:16 A.M., the following Commissioners were present: Commissioner Van Beek, DeYoung, Lubbers, Beltman and Dugan. Absent: None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—ADOPT BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM POLICY #213

21/ **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Brownfield Redevelopment Program Policy #213, as attached, effective immediately; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that Administration shall post the policy to the County website.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to move to an action item on the January 22, 2026 Board meeting agenda. Motion carried by voice vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ACTION ITEMS:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS—ADOPT 2026-2030 ALLEGAN COUNTY 5-YEAR RECREATION PLAN

22/ **WHEREAS**, ongoing planning is a County strategy; and

WHEREAS, to be eligible for state grant funding, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires that Recreation Plans be updated every five years; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2025, the Parks Advisory Board met and reviewed said Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2026, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing in the board room at the Allegan County Services Building, 3283 122nd Ave, Allegan, MI 49010, to provide an opportunity for all residents to comment on aspects of the 2026-2030 Allegan County Recreation Plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the 2026-2030 Allegan County Recreation Plan, as presented; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments, and any necessary documents to complete this action are authorized to be signed.

Moved by Commissioner DeYoung, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

BROWNFIELD – TERMINATE THE BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE FORMER ROCKTENN PAPERMILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

23/ WHEREAS, pursuant to 381 PA 1996, as amended (“Act 381”), the Allegan County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (“Authority”) has been established by resolution of the Allegan County Board of Commissioners (the “County BOC”) for the purpose of promoting the revitalization of eligible properties in Allegan County; and

WHEREAS, on February 11, 2021, County BOC adopted the Brownfield Plan for the Former RockTenn Papermill Redevelopment Project (the “Plan”); and

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2020, City Council of the City of Otsego approved the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2020, Authority approved the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the eligible property described in Exhibit A, attached hereto, is the eligible property subject to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(8) of Act 381 of 1996, as amended, permits a governing body to abolished or terminated according to this subsection; and

WHEREAS, Section 14(8)(c) of Act 381 of 1996, if a brownfield plan or plan amendment is terminated under subdivision (b) the governing body may approve a new brownfield plan or plan amendment for the eligible property under which tax increment revenues may be captured for up to the period of time provided under section 13(5); and

WHEREAS, the County BOC is the governing body (as that term is defined by Act 381) of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Authority’s staff has confirmed that the project has failed to occur with respect to the eligible property for at least five (5) years following the date of the governing body resolution approving the brownfield plan; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2025, the Board of Directors of the Authority adopted a resolution recommending the abolishment of the Plan; and

WHEREAS, on December 2, 2025, a notice of the abolishment of the Plan was given in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(i) of Act 381, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 14(8)(b)(ii) of Act 381, the developer identified in the Plan was provided with an opportunity to be heard at a public meeting on January 8, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the County has spent to date \$1,485,031.71 in eligible activity costs and this action will preserve the use of local-only tax increment revenues, identify new eligible activity costs required for the planned future Developer’s project, and recognize the amendments to PA 381 of 1996, which were signed into law on July 18, 2023 that added new economic incentives for housing-focused real estate development; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the County to see the property developed, it will seek a new Brownfield plan for the planned future development, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby terminates the Brownfield Plan for the Former RockTenn Papermill Redevelopment Project in accordance with Section 14(8)(b) of Act 381; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Administrator is authorized to make the necessary budget adjustments, and any necessary documents to complete this action are authorized to be signed.

Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Lubbers to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NO COMMENTS

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

REQUEST FOR MILEAGE

25/ Moved by Commissioner Dugan, seconded by Commissioner Van Beek to allow payable mileage associated with the visitation or funeral for Chief David Haverdink. Motion carried by roll call vote. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL JANUARY 22, 2026 AT 9:00 A.M.

26/ Moved by Commissioner Lubbers, seconded by Commissioner Dugan to adjourn until January 22, 2026 at 9:00 A.M. The motion carried by voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 11:51 A.M. Yeas: 5 votes. Nays: 0 votes.

Daront Taylor

Deputy Clerk

Scott B.

Board Chair

Minutes approved during the 01/22/2026 Session