



MACOMB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair Don Brown – District 1
 Vice Chair Harold L. Haugh – District 10
 Sergeant-at-Arms Sylvia Grot – District 3

Phil Kraft – District 2
 Joe Sabatini – District 4
 Don VanSyckel – District 5
 Joseph V. Romano – District 6
 James M. Perna – District 7
 Antoinette Wallace – District 8

Barbara Zinner – District 9
 Mai Xiong – District 11
(January 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024)
 Gus Ghanam – District 11
(May 16, 2024 - December 31, 2024)
 Michelle Nard – District 12
 Sarah Lucido – District 13



2023 - 2024 END OF TERM REPORT

2023 -2024 COMMISSIONERS

"One Team, One Mission"

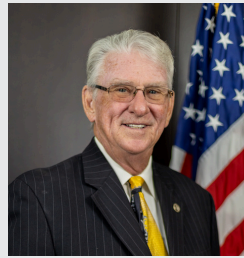
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Don Brown
Chair
District 1

*Chair of Intermediate Retirees' Medical Benefits Trust Board
MAC Environmental Committee Chair
NACo Environment, Energy, and Land Use Policy Steering Committee Member*

Led the Board through two concurrent terms with a theme of bipartisanship and collaboration. Improved relationship and communication with administration. Leaned on his 35 years of experience as a Commissioner to guide and support several new Commissioners.



Harold L. Haugh
Vice Chair
District 10

*Chair of Government Oversight
Chair of the Retiree Healthcare Board
Vice Chair of the Intermediate Retirees' Medical Benefits Trust Board
Retirement Board Member*

Created the Child Support Task Force, an effort that brought all parties to the table and streamlined their efforts, increasing the collection of back child support owed to custodial parents.



Sylvia Grot
Sergeant-at-Arms
District 3

*Chair of Macomb Orchard Trail Commission
Vice Chair of Internal Services*

Successfully gained additional funding to maintain County trails and utilizes her deep community roots to keep Commissioners connected and informed.



Phil Kraft
District 2

*Vice Chair of Finance/Audit/Budget
Chair of Community Mental Health Board*

Turned around CMH's financial situation, leading the department through high rates of turnover and unsteady funding while also a strong support through the budget process in his role as committee Vice Chair.



Joe Sabatini
District 4

*Chair of Finance/Audit/Budget
Retiree Healthcare Board Member*

Led the annual budget process and all CIAC projects requests, ensuring the taxpayers' interests are protected while still reflecting the mutual policy goals of the Board and administration.



Don VanSyckel
District 5

*Chair of Internal Services
SEMCOG Regional Review Committee
AgeWays Representative*

Used his engineering experience to guide the Board through complex IT contracts and his attention to detail to improve policies and Ordinances adopted by the Board.



Joseph V. Romano
District 6

Chair of Records and Public Safety

Maintaining his focus on public safety, led a collaborative effort to improve safety for school children in his district.

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Chair of Public Services

Actively involved in the community and managed agendas with hundreds of millions of dollars in infrastructure improvements for roads and public works projects.

James M. Perna
District 7



*Vice Chair of Records and Public Safety
Community Mental Health Board
Member
MAC First Vice President*

Passionate about the needs of the community, focused on mental health, veterans, and students, a strong and positive influence on today's youth, helping to shape the future of Macomb County.

Antoinette Wallace
District 8



*Chair of Older Adult Advisory Committee
Vice Chair of Health and Human Services*

Brought the OAAC meetings to local communities, increasing attendance and engagement.

Barbara Zinner
District 9



Vice Chair of Public Services

Assured her constituents were fairly represented in all Board priorities and actions, which gained her a seat as a State Representative early during the second year of this term.

Mai Xiong
District 11

(January 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024)



Vice Chair of Public Services

Relied on his past experience in local government administration to help guide the Commissioners to a deeper level of understanding when considering large County projects and to meticulously analyze department spending during the budget review process.

Gus Ghanam
District 11

*(May 16, 2024 -
December 31, 2024)*



*Vice Chair of Government Oversight
SEMCOG Vice-Chairperson and
Transportation Coordinating Council*

As an advocate for public safety, particularly for children, she sponsored a Resolution Supporting School Safety Planning and a Proclamation Recognizing Safe Schools Week

Michelle Nard
District 12



*Chair of Health & Human Services
MAC Board Member*

Used extensive local government experience to protect and promote interests of her constituents and ensure taxpayer dollars are being used fairly and efficiently, without waste.

Sarah Lucido
District 13

TERM ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ Collaboratively worked together in a bipartisan manner
- ✓ Maintained a cooperative relationship with the Executive
- ✓ Adopted two lean budgets unanimously
- ✓ Investments in public safety, mental health and water quality
- ✓ Transparently and efficiently filled a mid-term vacancy
- ✓ Reached a fully staffed office for the first time since 2016
- ✓ Strengthened the County's Retirement Ordinance
- ✓ Improved communication by amending the FOIA Ordinance
- ✓ Increased outreach events and community connections
- ✓ Received a NACo Achievement Award for Yoga at the Hill
- ✓ Successfully implemented a constituent management system

INCREASES IN OUTREACH

24%

MEETINGS RELATED TO
COUNTY BUSINESS
ATTENDED BY CHAIR

400%

INCREASE IN EVENTS
SUPPORTED BY STAFF
OUTSIDE OF THE OFFICE

11%

MORE VIEWS OF
MEETING VIDEOS

1,400

HOURS OF MEETING
WATCH TIME

36%

MORE YOUTUBE
FOLLOWERS

160%

INCREASE IN
SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

11%

MORE SOCIAL MEDIA
FOLLOWERS



PUBLIC INVESTMENTS

**\$230
million**

COMMITTED TO FUND THE
CENTRAL INTAKE AND
ASSESSMENT CENTER

**\$284
million**

ROAD CONSTRUCTION
APPROVED

**\$40
million**

ARP DOLLARS INVESTED
IN PUBLIC WORKS /
WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

**\$1.1
billion**

GENERAL FUND BUDGET

LEGISLATIVE STATS

135

MEETINGS

1,475

AGENDA ITEMS

533

CONTRACTS

251

BUDGET
AMENDMENTS

84

APPOINTMENTS

51

RESOLUTIONS

74

PROCLAMATIONS

12

ORDINANCES

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

2023-2024

470

YOGA AT THE HILL
ATTENDEES

\$22k

CASUAL DAY
CONTRIBUTIONS

276

TRI-COUNTY SUMMIT
ATTENDEES

16k

GUIDE BOOKS

158

GREEN SCHOOLS

17

OAAC MEETINGS

94

STUDENT GOVERNMENT
DAY ESSAYS
SUBMISSIONS

50

SWEARING-IN
CEREMONY
ATTENDEES

54

VOLUNTEERS
RECOGNIZED AT
DINNER RECEPTION

2

VETERANS OF THE
YEAR

86%

ATTENDANCE FOR
LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL

2

BIKE RIDE EVENTS









BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Board of Commissioners



DON BROWN
Board Chair



CRYSTAL RICHARDSON
Chief of Staff
Administration of office
Oversee staff and assignments
Representation at meetings
Liaison to County departments and counsel
Board and Commissions
Commissioner support



KYLE MCKEE
Director of Legislative Affairs
Committee Chair support
Committee process management
Agenda item support
Research
Ordinances, Resolutions, Policies



ADRIANA DEMAGGIO
Legislative Analyst
Meeting (agenda, minutes) management
Support with research, agenda items
Staff lead for OAAC
Support with budget process
Legislative follow-up



LUKE BISCIAIO
Technology Liaison
Civic Clerk Administrator
Technology assistance
Website management
AV management and video editing
IT projects



MARY HARE
Communications Coordinator
Liaison to digital marketing firm
Outreach and event planning
Newsletters, press releases
Constituent issues
Backup AV support



BECKY PERRY
Administrative Assistant
Main office support / contact
Letters, Proclamations, Tributes, Certificates
Green Schools Coordinator
Office supplies
Backup to Legislative Analyst



SAVANNAH MARINELLO
Office Assistant Senior
Part-Time Position
General office support
Backup to Administrative Assistant
Support with event planning and coverage

CONTRACTED WORK



HUNCH FREE
Digital Marketing Firm



PETE WEBSTER
Independent Counsel



JOHN WEISS
Independent Counsel

STAFF STATS

6.5

TOTAL STAFF

86

YEARS OF COMBINED
EXPERIENCE AT
MACOMB COUNTY

100

YEARS OF COMBINED
EXPERIENCE IN
GOVERNMENT

6

MINIMUM OF A
BACHELOR'S DEGREE

3

MBA OR PARTIAL
MASTERS DEGREE



**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**



MACOMB COUNTY

**STUDENT
GOVERNMENT
DAY PROGRAM**



LOOKING FORWARD

- ✓ Implement new agenda management system
- ✓ Further enhance use of constituent management system
- ✓ Embrace opportunities with new 4-year term
- ✓ Create review process for Ordinances
- ✓ Work with administration to improve budget transmittal process
- ✓ Maintain a fully staffed office
- ✓ Enhance skills with specialized training



The 13-member Board of Commissioners serves as a legislative body for the communities in Macomb County. The powers, duties, and responsibilities of the Board are established by Michigan law and the County Charter. Commissioners were previously elected to two-year terms but, beginning January 1, 2025, will serve four-year terms.

Each individual Commissioner represents one of the thirteen districts in Macomb County. Under the County Charter, some duties of the Board of Commissioners include adopting Ordinances and Resolutions, approving contracts of the County, submitting tax and ballot proposals to the electorate, appropriating funds, levying taxes and certain fees and authorizing borrowing.

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