

# MINUTES

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**DRAFT**

Monday, June 26, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

- Present:** Jack Tany - Committee Chair, Christopher Boyd, Lisa Coney, Denny Harris, Dennis Krafft, Gerald Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark Piotrowski, Tracey Slodowski, Rich Spitzer, Michael Webster
- Others:** Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Bill Smith, Vanessa Guerra, Tim Novak, Kyle Bostwick, Jessica Sargent, Jennifer Broadfoot, Tony DePelsMaeker, Bill Stanuszek, Brian Keenan-Lechel, LaTecia Cirilo, Patricia Johnson, Kelly Suppes, Jaime Ceja, Jan Histed, Darcie Graham, Catherine Hicks, Marissa Sawdon and Suzy Koeplinger

- I. Call to order ---**Tany at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Public comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*) ---**None**
- IV. Agenda

1. Presentation of proposed FY 2024 Budget – Koren Thurston, Finance Director  
**---The budget document was presented to commissioners the first week of June at standing committee meetings. ICMA’s Managing Local Government Services - a Practical Guide indicates budgeting is the process of deciding how to raise and spend money along with outlining the plan for operations and services. Budgets and financial techniques control what departments can do and how they can do it. They manage resources, which creates efficiencies, spells out for citizens and others the government’s priorities and resource allocation, plus promotes accountability through public decision-making and financial reporting. The budget is Saginaw County’s “Road Map,” and is one of the most important functions and policies the Board of Commissioners will approve. [Budget Presentation PowerPoint to be posted on the Saginaw County website]**

**Overview of Budget Document:**

**Tab 1 – Includes the Budget Letter of Transmittal with attachments and Debt Service Schedules**

**Tab 2 – Budget Resolutions A – D**

- Res. A – Authorizes Tax Rates for the Fiscal Year, appropriations, staffing levels in each department and contracts to be signed by the Chairman of the Board, Controller and Civil Counsel;**
- Res. B – Authorizes and establishes salaries for elected and appointed officials. Judicial salaries are set by the State and are reflected in the table included;**
- Res. C – Capital Improvement Plan – Approves and adopts the 2024 through 2028 Capital Improvement Plan and appropriates dollars in the budget for FY 2024; and**
- Res. D – Fee Schedule – Approves and establishes all fees charged by any department elected or appointed within the County of Saginaw for services provided.**

**Tab 3 – FY 2024 Budget by Fund and Activity (Pages 1 – 129) provides a Table of Contents and delves into the specific highlights or brief summary of the fund, activity, category and the number of authorized positions by title. Also provides historical information on revenues and expenditures.**

**Tab 4 – Resolution C – Five-year Capital Budget compiled summary (Pages 1 – 40) FY 2024 approved and not approved Capital requests by department.**

**Tab 5 – Resolution D – Fee Schedule (Pages 1 – 13) which departments have been asked to review and update and the changes are highlighted in yellow.**

2. Requests to modify proposed FY 2024 Budget – Appearances of Elected Officials and Appointed Department Heads

**Probate Court -** Request to amend 2024 Budget to pay for an additional employee at Level T-08 for the Probate Office, with pay and fringe benefits at an approximate cost of \$77,000 **(No Action)**

3. Next steps in budget process

A. **August 3, 2023** Budget/Audit Committee – make any recommended changes and submit final draft of proposed FY 2024 Budget

B. **August 15, 2023** Board of Commissioners meets, proposed FY 2024 Budget is presented, Public Hearing is held and budget is laid on the table until the September 19, 2023 Board meeting

C. **September 7, 2023** Budget/Audit Committee meets and recommends any additional changes to FY 2024 Budget

D. **September 19, 2023** Board of Commissioners meets - Board formally adopts FY 2024 Budget

4. Other Issues of Interest/Concern – Board of Commissioners

▪ Commissioner Spitzer stated that the budget will be getting more restricted as the budget approval process moves forward and asking citizens for a millage is not an option. He stated that the focus should be on improving the housing market.

▪ Chairman Boyd brought forward a proposal from Craig Goslin, President and Managing Partner of the Saginaw Spirit, to partner with Saginaw County in funding the purchase and installation of an electronic advertising ribbon that scrolls around the inside of the arena at The Dow Event Center.

**---Moved by Matthews, seconded by Krafft, to refer to the August 3, 2023 Budget/Audit Committee. Motion carried.**

V. Miscellaneous

▪ **Commissioner Piotrowski reminded everyone to keep in their prayers those who were harmed during a house party that turned violent in Saginaw on Friday.**

▪ **Commissioners thanked Koren Thurston and the Controller's Office staff for their hard work in preparing the FY 2024 Budget books and applauded the Finance Director for the work done in preparation for the bond rating calls.**

VI. Adjournment **---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:40 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jack Tany, Committee Chair  
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk

Note: Upon completion of discussion, only motions to refer to an organized committee or to postpone indefinitely shall be allowed - Article IX, Section 9.5, 2023 Board Rules.