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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JUNE 18, 2024 SESSION

The June Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Christopher S. Boyd in the Chair.

Present: Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Dennis H. Krafft, Mark S. Piotrowski, Denny M. Harris, Sheldon Matthews, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany and Michael A. Webster – 10

Absent: Gerald Little – 1

Others: Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Vanessa Guerra, Katie Kelly, Craig Goslin, Mark Rankin, Aaralyn Garrett, Camden Garrett, Dennis Borchard, Randy Pfau, Brian Wendling, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Undersheriff Miguel Gomez, Walter Ribble, Rachel Witten, Annabelle Pardo, Ivan Phillips, Kelly Suppes, Mallory Flory, Jessica Sargent, Katharine Tessin, Terry Bill, Julie Flory, Bill Stanuszek, Darcie Totten, Jennifer Broadfoot, Patricia Johnson, Mary McLaughlin, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks and others

✚ Vice-Chair Tany gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the May 21, 2024 Board Session were approved

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

- ❖ Katie Kelly, Register of Deeds, provided a handout of House Bill 5724, which protects certain information of judges and other individuals from disclosure
- ❖ Chairman Boyd and Vice-Chair Tany presented Certificates of Recognition to the Saginaw Spirit, Craig Goslin, and Dick Garber to recognize the Memorial Cup event.
- ❖ Vice Chair Tany presented Randy Pfau with a Certificate of Recognition for coordinating transportation and the many hours he spent volunteering for the Memorial Cup.
- ❖ Chairman Boyd presented Vice-Chair Jack Tany with a Certificate of Recognition to commemorate his exceptional volunteerism and for organizing the “Oh Canada, Oh Carrollton Pub Crawl” during the Memorial Cup.
- ❖ Commissioner Webster welcomed the Youth Commission from the Saginaw County League of Women Voters. The aspiring commissioners introduced themselves, the school they attend and their district.

FOIA APPEALS

- ❖ The Board upheld the partial disclosure denial of Paul Conn's FOIA appeal.
- ❖ The Board upheld the partial disclosure denial to Timothy Burns, Burns Law, FOIA appeal.

INITIATORY MOTIONS

[Requires 2/3 majority vote of the members present for adoption, pursuant to Board Rules]

- Approved Undersheriff Gomez's request to establish a FY 2024 Budget in the Sheriff's Narcotics Enforcement fund (280 30103) and authorize the Finance Director to increase the budget using \$24,800 from available funds

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificates of Recognition to the Saginaw, Juneteenth Excellence in Education Ball, honoring local educators of the past and present given to: Dr. George Grant Jr., Dr. Pamela Ross McClain, Dr. Ramont M. Roberts, Eric Gordon, Kasydra Goode-Tibbs, Sabrina Beeman-Jackson, and the Saginaw African Cultural Festival
- Certificates of Recognition for their efforts to make the Memorial Cup a success were given to the Saginaw Spirit, Craig Goslin, Richard Garber, Randy Pfau and Jack Tany

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the Health Department's Accounts Receivable Write-off Report for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023
- Approved Sheriff's request to place an order for patrol vehicles prior to the start of FY 2025
- Approved vendor transactions for May 2024 in the amount of \$25, 117,009.64
- Approved transfer of \$750,000 from the Dow Millage Fund and \$1,785,820 from the Public Improvement fund to the Memorial Cup project to cover additional costs
- Approved the establishment of 457 Deferred Compensation and Roth IRA plans through Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS)
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Saginaw County and UAW Local 455 – Unit 48 regarding a stipend for Chief Deputy Clerk, Kyle Bostwick, for administrating election duties on behalf of the county, funded from the Early Voting Center revenue fund
- Approved Kristen Wenzel as Chief Executive Officer of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!
- Proposed, amended 2024 Board Rules were laid on the table for approval at the August 20th Board Session
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 6-18-24.1 and 6-18-24.2

RESOLUTIONS

- **Approved Resolution 2024–7** pledging full faith and credit of the county for the New Tamarack Drain project in the amount of \$855,000
- **Approved Resolution 2024–8** pledging full faith and credit of the county for the White Beech Drain project in the amount of \$930,000

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Boyd made the following appointments:

Animal Control Advisory Council

- ✓ Alycia Norton was appointed to fill a vacancy, with a term to expire 12/31/2024

Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!

- ✓ Mary Ellen Johnson was reappointed, with a term to expire on 6/30/2026
- ✓ Justin Pommerville was appointed, with a term to expire on 6/30/2026

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd announced that Mosquito Control closed on the Towerline property, congratulated them, and hopes all goes well with the relocation
- ❖ Chairman Boyd congratulated the Road Commission for receiving three IMPRESS Awards and a People's Choice Award

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Matthews announced the annual Pancake Breakfast for county employees scheduled for July 19th and asked commissioners and elected officials to be present to help distribute the food to reduce the wait time in line and to deliver food to employees at off-site locations.
- ❖ Lisa Coney suggested that commissioners support and participate in Juneteenth celebrations around the county.
- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski asked about giving employees July 5th off. The County Administrator stated that Holidays are part of the union contracts and PTO should be used instead, at the discretion of department heads. Chairman Boyd replied that the day after Thanksgiving is a day that county buildings are closed, according to the existing contract, implying extended holidays may be something to negotiate.
- ❖ Commissioner Webster acknowledged Carly Anderson of the Youth Commission after her arrival.
- ❖ Vice-Chair Tany recognized Parks & Recreation Director Brian Keenan-Lechel's excellent presentation at the Chamber Percolator Breakfast at Horizons Conference Center on June 6, 2024. He also commended Jessica Sargent, Commission on Aging Director, and her staff for organizing a great Senior Picnic where over 700 people were served.
- ❖ Commissioner Spitzer also acknowledged Brian Keenan-Lechel's presentation at the Chamber Percolator Breakfast, commending him on his public speaking and juggling skills. He also mentioned attending the COA Senior Picnic and walking in the Juneteenth parade with commissioners last Saturday. The parade route was from the Saginaw Children's Zoo to the SVRC Marketplace.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

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