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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
AUGUST 17, 2021 SESSION

The August Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

Present: Christopher S. Boyd, Carol E. Ewing, Kyle R. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Carl E. Ruth, Jack B. Tany, James G. Theisen, Michael A. Webster, Cynthia Winiecke – 11

Absent: – 0

Others: Vanessa Guerra, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Kyle Bostwick, Norm Bamberger, Kelly Suppes, Blair Stevenson, Mark Rankin, Mark Przybylski, Justin Engel - MLive, Leah Puskar, Jessica Sargent, Undersheriff Mike Gomez, Jennifer Broadfoot, Dennis Borchard, Joann Crary, Brian Wendling, Angie Miller, Katie Kelly, Cindy Louchart, Suzy Koeplinger

✚ Commissioner Krafft gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Board Session; June 28, 2021 Special Board Session; and June 28, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting (as amended) were approved.

FOIA APPEALS

- The Board approved sending written notice to Attorney David Alexander upholding the partial disclosure denial as to his Freedom of Information Act request of May 11, 2021 (FOIA #2559) regarding a dog bite of his client on April 13, 2021.
- The Board approved sending written notice to Attorney David Alexander upholding the partial disclosure denial as to his Freedom of Information Act request of May 11, 2021 (FOIA #2559) regarding a dog bite of his client on May 2, 2021.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Saginaw County 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget and property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations. No comments.

AUDIENCES

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition to Diane Vacik for 30+ years of service to Saginaw County
- Certificate of Recognition to Rev. Louis Bishop upon his 100th Birthday
- Certificate of Recognition to Sarah Wiesenberger, Frankenmuth 4-H Pacesetters, 2021 graduating senior

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the Commission on Aging application to Region VII Area Agency on Aging for FY 2022 funding
- Approved the Health Department Accounts Receivable Write-Off Report in the amount of \$14,798.15 for the period October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020
- Approved the 9-1-1 Communications Center Authority FY 2022 Budget
- Approved amendment of County Policy #241 – Purchasing Policy – to add Conflict of Interest language
- Approved a Stipulation to Entry of Order Modifying 1916 Injunction regarding the North Branch of the Flint River Intercounty Drainage District
- Approved \$3,270 to Saginaw Future in performance-based funding in accordance with the First Amendment to the Saginaw County and Saginaw Future Services Agreement
- Approved electronic transactions and voucher payments for the months of April, May and June 2021
- Laid Draft #2 of the FY 2022 Budget on the table for approval at the September 21, 2021 Board Session (*Unfinished Business*)
- Approved funding for the remainder of FY 2021 to MSU Extension in the amount of \$90,000 from the General Fund
- Approved a request from Maintenance for \$13,000 in FY 2021 General Fund fund balance and transfer to the Public Improvement Fund to revamp the Employee/Public Lounge in the lower level of the courthouse
- Approved a \$6,000 increase in the DHHS Prosecutor FY 2021 Budget from the General Fund to account for additional expenses in postage and process server fees
- Approved a request from the County Clerk for up to \$10,000 from the FY 2021 General Fund to purchase an Apportionment Mapping Program
- Approved a request from the County Clerk to fund four (4) additional employees and associated technology equipment (if necessary) in FY 2022
- Approved a request from the Register of Deeds to hire a part-time employee for six (6) months at a cost of \$3,352 in addition to \$10,000 previously budgeted for overtime in FY 2022
- **Tabled** a request from Commissioner Boyd for a \$500 payment using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to every Saginaw County Employee who can provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or its variances prior to the end of FY 2021 to the September Budget/Audit Committee and the September 21, 2021 Board Session
- Approved a request from the Board Coordinator to change the Board Assistant position from part-time to full-time and to increase the FY 2022 Budget for the Board of Commissioners by \$35,806 to accommodate the request
- Approved waivers of the hiring freeze to fill the positions of Records Manager in the Sheriff's Office; Chief Appellate Attorney and Legal Specialist I – File Room Clerk in the Prosecutor's Office; Account Specialist II in the Treasurer's Office; Board Assistant in the Board of Commissioners Office; 3 Legal Specialist 1, 2 Legal Clerk I and 1 Records Coordinator I in the County Clerk's Office; and Environmental Health Specialist I/II and Office Assistant II – PT in the Health Department
- Approved two (2) MERS Plan Adoption Agreements for the Defined Benefit Plan and Defined Contribution Plan
- Approved certification of the Employee and Officer Delegates attending the 2021 Municipal Employee's Retirement System (MERS) Annual Meeting
- Approved an increase to the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center project by \$140,586 from the Delinquent Tax Fund for a total budget of \$10,611,010
- Approved amendment of the FY 2021 County Clerk's Budget to pay four (4) additional employees for the remaining six (6) weeks of the fiscal year and the purchase associated technology equipment
- Approved amendment of County Policy #132 "Snow Day" to include infectious disease issues, such as COVID-19
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 8-17-21.1, 8-17-21.2, 8-17-21.3 and 8-17-21.4

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Approved **Res. "A"** – Full Faith & Credit Resolution for Sanderson Drain Notes, Series 2021
- ❖ Approved **Res. "B"** – Full Faith & Credit Resolution for Shorts Creek Drain Notes, Series 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approved holding a Public Hearing on the proposed issuance by the Industrial Development Authority of the County of La Paz (the "Authority") of qualified 501c(3) bonds (the "Bonds") as defined in section 145 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") in one or more series pursuant to a plan of finance; further, approved a Resolution approving, in accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the issuance of bonds to finance a project for Campus Partners 1

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Ruth announced the Committee of the Whole scheduled for Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Chairman Ruth announced that a Union/Management Benefit Committee meeting was held last week and only four (4) out of eighteen (18) union representatives were in attendance. He conveyed his disappointment, as well as the disappointment of the Health & Benefits Specialists who traveled to the meeting with important information for the union representatives to pass on to employees.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Krafft commented that it is a delight to see everyone in person and announced the Frankenmuth Auto Fest, September 10 – 12, 2021, a 3-day event full of food, fun, music and cars. Friday night is the Big Block Party on Main Street and all day Saturday and Sunday at Heritage Park.
- Commissioner Harris announced the Mid-Michigan Old Gas Tractor Show is in Oakley this weekend, August 19 – 21, 2021. The 3-day event includes arts & crafts, concessions, flea market vendors and more.
- Commissioner Winiecke announced Arts in the Park in Freeland, Michigan on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., featuring wine tasting, live music, food and art.
- Commissioner Webster recognized the Board of Commissioners (BOC) Board Assistant, Sue Arceo, who is departing the BOC after 6 years of working with us. Her last day is September 3, 2021. He stated that Sue was able to get out of the building the without any farewell or recognition. He acknowledged the hard work and contributions she made while she was here. He also highlighted her personal diligence with FOIA requests, and all the details associated with that. Sue processed 500+ FOIA requests annually. She was the right person for that role in terms of managing all those details. Sue will be greatly missed.

He also voiced his appreciation to the people who contributed to the County for many years and retired during COVID. He stated that those individuals become ambassadors for the county and community. Commissioner Webster would like to see some type of recognition for these employees who have left the organization. He believes it is extremely important that we bid them a proper farewell.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy County Clerk