

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE

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*Board of Commissioners*

OF SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN



AUGUST SESSION 2025

**F**irst day of the August Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Tuesday, August 19, 2025. The Board met pursuant to call of the County Clerk at 5:02 p.m. at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Jack B. Tany in the Chair.

**PRESENT:** Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, and Michael A. Webster - **10**

**ABSENT:** Sheldon Matthews - **1**

**TOTAL:** - **11**

**OTHERS:** Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, L.W. Smith, Koren Thurston, Mike Slodowski, Philip Zarvo, Terie Elbers, Dennis Borchard, Lori Brown, Jenifer Speckhard, Susan Caister, Jaime Ceja, Mike Gomez, Mark Weslock, Becky Boensch, Diane Booth, Alycia Norton, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Jamie Furbush, Barb Crawford, Ben Robertson, Tom Prabucki, Denise Joseph, Mark Angliss, Jennifer Broadfoot, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Patti Johnson, Darcie Totten, Carol Pickelmann, Lydia Walker, Ericka Neuman, Jaime Ceja, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks, and others

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

**CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION**

**Public Notice of Regular Board Session**

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its Regular Session on

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

Requests for Public Comment (Audiences) must be made to the Board of Commissioners Office at (989) 790-5267 or by email to [boc@saginawcounty.com](mailto:boc@saginawcounty.com) prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Please include your phone number.

This meeting is being held consistent with P.A. 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) to consider the August 19, 2025 Board Agenda. If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate, please call the Board of Commissioners at (989) 790 5267.

Respectfully submitted,

August 8, 2025

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

Posted 8-14-25

***By the Chair: That the Notice of Meeting from the County Clerk be received and filed if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.***



## CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Slodowski, to amend the Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Board Session to reflect that any vote made by Commissioner Spitzer shall be declared void and invalid as outlined by Resolution 2024 - 11. The motion carried with the following roll-call vote:**  
**Yes: Piotrowski, Slodowski, Harris, Kaczynski, Little, Boyd, Coney, Webster, and Tany - 9**  
**Absent: Matthews - 1; Abstain: Spitzer – 1; Total: - 11**
- **Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Slodowski, to approve Minutes of the June 17, 2025 Committee of the Whole, the June 17, 2025 Regular Board Session (as amended) and the June 23, 2025 Committee of the Whole. Motion carried.**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Saginaw County Budget for fiscal year 2025/2026 at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2025** in Room 200 of the Saginaw County Governmental Center, 111 South Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, MI 48602. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection in the Administrator's Office at the above address and on the website at [www.saginawcounty.com](http://www.saginawcounty.com). People wishing to comment may do so at this meeting and/or may send written comments to the Board at the above address. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

## PUBLIC HEARING

- At 5:06 p.m., Chairman Tany opened a public hearing to give citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed Saginaw County 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget and the property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations. Chairman Tany asked if anyone wished to speak; hearing none, he announced the hearing would remain open.

## AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski presented Barb Crawford and her son Ben Robertson, Kernel Benny's founders and owners, with a Certificate of Recognition for being recognized at the 2025 Pure Michigan Governor's Conference on Tourism.
- ❖ Carol Z. Pickelmann, Animal Advisory Council Member and dog walking volunteer, spoke of the distortion of stories on social media and the way they lose their credibility as they spread. She expressed that all organizations have faults but it's unrealistic to expect that all the issues are the cause of one person. She knows the Commissioners do not make the laws and that SCACC staff is at only 50% capacity and accepting volunteers.
- ❖ Becky Boensch, SCACC Volunteer and dog walker, spoke to the board about the "Fetch" program and how she wants to expand it because of its success. In this program dogs are socialized and get special one-on-one attention which allows for discovery of their personalities and specific qualities that aid in adoption. Becky also mentioned a Volunteer Coordinator would be helpful, and she credits Director Horton for positive improvements to SCACC and spoke about the play groups that the director has implemented.
- ❖ Alycia Norton volunteers with the cats. She spoke of her recent certification and that SCACC already implements some of the things she learned. She reported that, when possible, pets are returned to their owners. Even though more animals are coming in than ever before, they are spending less time in the shelter before adoption.



## **FOIA APPEALS**

None

## **LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS**

### **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

#### **Chief Jack Doyle**

Jack Doyle, born and raised in Hemlock, MI, graduated from Hemlock High School in 1980. Active in high school, he played basketball as a freshman, varsity football all four years, and participated in the Michigan Association of the Business and Office Education Club (BOEC), now known as the Business Professionals of America, where he fondly remembers with pride the experience of winning regionals and competing at states.

He grew up close to the first responder culture, with his dad serving as a volunteer firefighter, and he spent his childhood years hanging around the local police and fire departments. Those early experiences sparked a passion in him for serving others and set the course for his future. At just 19 years old, Jack was sent off to the police academy at Delta College by Dave McKeage, then Police Chief of Richland Township. Alongside his police training and following in the footsteps of a family deeply connected to public service, Jack also worked on becoming an EMT and firefighter, building a versatile skill set that would serve him well throughout his career. After a brief stint working part-time in Hemlock, Jack was hired full-time by the Saginaw Township Police Department where he spent the next 31 years honing his investigative and leadership abilities. As a detective and later as a detective sergeant, Jack led a team of medics on the SWAT team and became a skilled accident reconstructionist. The skills that took him to the BOEC states in high school also made him an invaluable asset in accident reconstruction, where he helped build a collaborative team.

Jack retired from the Saginaw Township Police Department in 2013, but his retirement was short-lived. He soon returned to Hemlock as an officer and in 2015, he achieved his lifelong goal of becoming the Richland Township Police Chief. In addition to his role in law enforcement, his certification as a firefighter and EMS responder allowed him to serve his community in multiple capacities.

After moving to Saginaw Township in 1984, Jack and his family returned to Hemlock in late 2019, building a home and settling back into the community he's known and loved all his life. Married for 15 years, Jack is a proud father of three, a stepfather to two, and a grandfather to six. While half of his grandchildren live in Virginia, the other half are thriving little Huskies attending Hemlock Public School District, keeping Jack actively involved in sports and school activities as a grandpa.

Jack Doyle's dedication to Hemlock, both as a first responder and a community member, is a testament to his deep-rooted love for his town. His journey reflects a lifetime of service, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the place he's always called home.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners congratulates Jack Doyle on his well-deserved retirement after 43+ years of service, and thanks him for his hard work & dedication to the citizens of Hemlock, Richland Township and Saginaw County.

Saginaw County  
Board of Commissioners  
Jack B. Tany  
Chairman, District #2

Presented: June 26, 2025  
Adopted: August 19, 2025  
Tracey L. Slodowski  
Commissioner, District #5



## **CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Barb Crawford**

**“Thank you to all our customers, community, friends and family. Without you, it’s just popcorn.”**

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners proudly extends its heartfelt congratulations and highest commendation to Barb Crawford, founder and owner of Kernel Benny’s Popcorn in Frankenmuth, on the occasion of her recognition at the 2025 Pure Michigan Governor’s Conference on Tourism. This prestigious recognition is a testament not only to Barb’s entrepreneurial success but to her unwavering spirit, community commitment, and extraordinary example of resilience and innovation.

Barb’s story is a powerful and deeply personal one. Following a life-changing car accident that left her son, Ben, with a closed head injury, Barb could have chosen a path of retreat. Instead, she chose reinvention—fueled by love, purpose, and determination. In 2015, she founded Kernel Benny’s as a small kettle corn concession, seeking a way to build structure, life skills, and social opportunities for Ben. What began as a modest family endeavor quickly grew into a thriving local business that has become a treasured part of the Frankenmuth and greater Saginaw County community.

By 2019, Kernel Benny’s opened a permanent storefront offering over 40 gourmet popcorn flavors, a sandwich café, hand-dipped ice cream, old-fashioned shakes, hand-rolled pretzels, and a charming biergarten. Yet the heart of Kernel Benny’s lies beyond its menu—it is rooted in community, inclusivity, and purpose. Today, the business employs five core staff and additional seasonal team members, some of whom have been part of the journey since its earliest days.

Barb has deliberately shaped Kernel Benny’s into a hub for connection and community enrichment. She has formed partnerships with local school classrooms, giving students the opportunity to design custom popcorn packaging to support teachers. She regularly collaborates with community fundraisers, contributes to local art programs, and advocates for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities by raising both funds and awareness through her business efforts. Her model exemplifies what it means to build a purpose-driven business that uplifts others.

Beyond its social mission, Kernel Benny’s has become a destination for both locals and visitors, offering a relaxed, family-friendly environment and high-quality, handcrafted products. It serves as a local gift shop, a place for fellowship, and a stage for local talent. Barb’s personal mission to create a memorable guest experience and to meet the personal and professional needs of her customers, which shines through in every aspect of the business.

Being honored at the Governor’s Conference on Tourism places Barb among Michigan’s most respected tourism leaders, those who not only attract visitors but make lasting impressions through authentic, people-centered experiences. Her recognition is a milestone that reflects her years of hard work, innovation, and heartfelt service to others.

We thank Barb Crawford for her extraordinary contributions to our region. Her entrepreneurial journey, built on perseverance and passion, continues to inspire, uplift, and strengthen our community. We are proud to recognize her as a shining example of Saginaw County’s talent, heart, and hometown pride.

Now, Therefore, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners congratulates Barb Crawford on her well-deserved recognition at the 2025 Governor’s Conference on Tourism, and thanks her for her hard work & dedication to the citizens of Saginaw County

Saginaw County

Board of Commissioners

Jack B. Tany

Chairman, District #2

Presented & Adopted: August 19, 2025

John L. Kaczynski

Commissioner, District #7



**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Bridget Wheelock**

**20 Years of Service**

Bridget Wheelock began her firefighter service 20 years ago, serving as secretary for a number of years. She remains an active member of the Marion Springs Fire Fund, which is known for its strong community involvement, including fundraising and participating in regional training exercises. Beyond emergency response, the Marion Township Fire Department participates in community events and fire prevention education. The department was built on the hard work and fundraising efforts of community members.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks Bridget Wheelock for her dedication to Marion Township, the Marion Township Fire Department and the citizens of Saginaw County. We congratulate her on her accomplishments to date and for more in the future. Let her hard work, dedication and leadership be an example to all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saginaw County

Board of Commissioners

Jack B. Tany

Chairman, District #2

Presented: August 8, 2025

Adopted: August 19, 2025

Tracey L. Slodowski

Commissioner, District #5

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Tiffany Fiting**

**29 Years of Service**

Tiffany Fiting is celebrating 29 years of firefighter service, serving as a third generation Marion Township Fire Chief since 2002. She served as the Saginaw County Fire Association Secretary then President, and prior to becoming Chief served as Secretary, Lieutenant, Captain, and Battalion Chief. Beyond emergency response, the Marion Township Fire Department participates in community events and fire prevention education. The department was built on the hard work and fundraising efforts of community members.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks Tiffany Fiting for her dedication to Marion Township, the Marion Township Fire Department and the citizens of Saginaw County. We congratulate her on her accomplishments to date and for more in the future. Let her hard work, dedication and leadership be an example to all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Commissioner, District #5



**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Les Efu**

**36 Years of Service**

Les Efu began his firefighter service 36 years ago, having served as Captain and currently as Assistant Chief. Beyond emergency response, the Marion Township Fire Department participates in community events and fire prevention education. The department was built on the hard work and fundraising efforts of community members.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks Les Efu for his dedication to Marion Township, the Marion Township Fire Department and the citizens of Saginaw County. We congratulate him on his accomplishments to date and for more in the future. Let his hard work, dedication and leadership be an example to all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saginaw County

Board of Commissioners

Jack B. Tany

Chairman, District #2

Presented: August 8, 2025

Adopted: August 19, 2025

Tracey L. Slodowski

Commissioner, District #5

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Ray Patterson**

**44 Years of Service**

Ray Patterson began his firefighter service 44 years ago, having served as Lieutenant, Captain and Chief. Beyond emergency response, the Marion Township Fire Department participates in community events and fire prevention education. The department was built on the hard work and fundraising efforts of community members.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks Ray Patterson for his dedication to Marion Township, the Marion Township Fire Department and the citizens of Saginaw County. We congratulate him on his accomplishments to date and for more in the future. Let his hard work, dedication and leadership be an example to all of us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saginaw County

Board of Commissioners

Jack B. Tany

Chairman, District #2

Presented: August 8, 2025

Adopted: August 19, 2025

Tracey L. Slodowski

Commissioner, District #5

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Mike Babion**

**45 Years of Service**

Mike Babion is celebrating 45 years of firefighter service, serving over the years as a Lieutenant, Captain, and Chief. He has also been the delegate for the Saginaw County Fire Association for decades. Beyond emergency response, the Marion Township Fire Department participates in community events and fire prevention education. The department was built on the hard work and fundraising efforts of community members.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks Mike Babion for his dedication to Marion Township, the Marion Township Fire Department and the citizens of Saginaw County. We congratulate him on his accomplishments to date and for more in the future. Let his hard work, dedication and leadership be an example to all of us.





Respectfully Submitted,  
Saginaw County  
Board of Commissioners  
Jack B. Tany  
Chairman, District #2

Presented: August 8, 2025  
Adopted: August 19, 2025  
Tracey L. Slodowski  
Commissioner, District #5

**CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION**

**Commemorating the 50th Class Reunion of Saginaw High School Class of 1975  
City of Saginaw, Michigan**

WHEREAS, in 1975, more than 400 remarkable students graduated from Saginaw High School, a proud urban institution rooted in tradition, excellence, and community spirit; and  
WHEREAS, these graduates—young men and women of promise went on to build families, purchase homes, and pursue meaningful lives both in Saginaw and across the United States, seeking new opportunities while carrying with them the values and strength of their alma mater; and  
WHEREAS, many classmates met and married, raised children who now continue the legacy of excellence, and remained deeply connected to each other, gathering not only in times of joy—on cruises, Caribbean vacations, and class trips—but also in solemn unity to honor and remember classmates who have passed on; and  
WHEREAS, over the course of 50 years, the Class of 1975 has made lasting contributions to their communities and beyond, with alumni thriving in diverse careers in academia, athletics, law, business, public service, healthcare, the ministry, the trades, and civic leadership; and  
WHEREAS, these alumni have supported Saginaw High School through mentorship, financial contributions, and unwavering school spirit, proving that true pride and commitment transcend decades and distance; and  
WHEREAS, this 50th Reunion is a celebration of resilience, legacy, friendship, and community. A time to reflect on the past, celebrate the present, and inspire the future during a three-day celebration; and  
NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners proudly recognizes and honors the Saginaw High School Class of 1975 on their 50th Class Reunion and extends deep gratitude for their continued contributions to the fabric of this city, this nation, and to each other.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Saginaw County  
Board of Commissioners  
Jack B. Tany  
Chairman, District #2

Adopted: August 19, 2025  
Presented: August 15, 2025  
Sheldon Matthews  
Commissioner, District #4

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## PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

***By the Chair: That the following communications received by the Board of Commissioners are referred as designated, if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.***

**8-19-1 COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY** submitted a draft Resolution in Opposition to the planned Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) procurement of new regional Michigan's Pre-paid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP), which would open the management and oversight of Medicaid funded specialty public mental health services to a competitive process.

-- Human Services (***Resolution 2025 - 12***)

**8-19-2 COMMISSION ON AGING** submitted its 2026 Application Summary for Federal/State Funding through Region VII Area Agency on Aging for discussion and approval.

-- Human Services (***8-19-1.1***)

**8-19-3 REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING** sent notice that Requests for Proposal will be accepted on or before June 23, 2025 from applicants for funding for FY 2026; and submitting its proposed Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) for FY 2025.

-- Human Services (***Received & Filed***)

**8-19-4 LEGAL SERVICES OF EASTERN MICHIGAN** sent notification of its Application Summary and Budget Submission FY2026 Region VII Area Agency on Aging Proposal.

-- Human Services (***Received & Filed***)

**8-19-5 MYMICHIGAN HEALTH, FORMERLY ASCENSION ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL** sent notification of its application to Region VII Area Agency on Aging to fund its Angel Respite & Adult Day Services in FY 2026.

-- Human Services (***Received & Filed***)

**8-19-6 CHIEF CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE GAFKAY** requesting an increase in pay for the Law Clerk/Bailiff in her court to Step 3 of the B-19 pay scale – withdrawn.

-- Courts & Public Safety/Labor Relations (***Withdrawn***)

**8-19-7 SAGINAW COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AUTHORITY** submitted its FY 2026 Budget and Resolution for approval.

-- Courts & Public Safety (***8-19-2.1***)

**8-19-8 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** requested approval to revise the Frankenmuth Separate Management Agreement to update the original document, to include criteria created for Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) recognition, and amendments to the County Accommodations Tax Ordinance.

-- County Services (***8-19-3.1***)

**8-19-9 PARKS & RECREATION** provided an informational update on the BayZil Trailhead project in Zilwaukee Township funded by a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant with matching funds committed from the Great Lakes Bay Regional Trail nonprofit and Saginaw Bay Watershed Initiative Network.

-- County Services (***Informational***)

**8-19-10 BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** submitted signed Form L-4029 detailing the property tax levies for Bay City Public Schools.

-- County Services (***Received & Filed***)

**8-19-11 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/MEDICAL EXAMINER DIRECTOR** reported on the progress and status of working toward a regional (MEI facility).

-- Courts & Public Safety (***Informational***)





- 8-19-12 FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER** requested approval of vendor transactions for June 1 – 30, 2025 in the amount of \$12,392,964.95.  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.1)**
- 8-19-13 FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER** requested approval of vendor transactions for July 1 – 31, 2025 in the amount of \$13,701,284.01.  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.1)**
- 8-19-14 FINANCE DIRECTOR** submitted the Monthly Financial Statement for June 2025.  
-- Budget/Audit *(Received & Filed)*
- 8-19-15 FINANCE DIRECTOR** submitted the Quarterly Budget Adjustments for Jan. 1 - March 31, 2025 and April 1 - June 30, 2025.  
-- Budget/Audit *(Received & Filed)*
- 8-19-16 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** requested approval of a resolution authorizing entry of participation agreements in Opiate Litigation and appointing the County Administrator as the authorized representative for future participation agreements. *(Revised in Committee)*  
-- Budget/Audit **(Resolution 2025 - 13)**
- 8-19-17 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR** submitted amendments to Draft #1 of the proposed FY 2026 Budget that affect the General Fund, Animal Care & Control, Health Department, Commission on Aging, creation of a Master Plan, and changes to the Fee Schedule.  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.2)** [Revised in Committee]
- 8-19-18 PURCHASING/RISK MANAGER** requested approval to increase the 2025 SCCJCC budget (Org Code #26632700) by \$56,600 to cover additional costs for mobile data terminal replacement.  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.3)**
- 8-19-19 PURCHASING/RISK MANAGER** requested approval to increase the 2025 SCCJCC various police agency budgets Org Codes #26632701-26632720) to cover additional costs related to the mobile data terminal replacements.  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.3)**
- 8-19-20 BOARD COORDINATOR** requested approval to temporarily increase the Saginaw County PNC Purchasing Card limit, up to \$10,000, as needed, for the Board of Commissioners office.  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.4)**
- 8-19-21 10<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION/JUVENILE** requested to amend and increase its FY 2025 budget by \$49,100 to cover increased expenses for mental health services (Child Care Fund: \$36,825; SCCMHA \$12,275).  
-- Budget/Audit **(8-19-4.5)**
- 8-19-22 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR** submitted the Employment Status Report, Exit Interviews, Employee Groups, and Retiree Employment Contracts covering the months of June and July 2025.  
-- Labor Relations *(Receive & File)*
- 8-19-23 HEALTH DEPARTMENT** requested extension of the retiree contract with Bethany Jacques through FY 2026 to provide consultant services and serve as the departmental liaison with Covenant Epic staff to improve operational efficiencies.  
-- Labor Relations **(8-19-5.1)**
- 8-19-24 HEALTH DEPARTMENT** requested to contract with former employee Maria Cisneros to provide office coverage in the Environmental Health Services Division for a staff maternity leave until the employee returns or no later than December 31, 2025.  
-- Labor Relations **(8-19-5.2)**



**8-19-25 RETIREMENT/BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR** requested certification of the Employee and Officer Delegates attending the 2025 Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Annual Meeting to be held in Acme, MI this year from October 16 - 17, 2025.

-- Labor Relations **(8-19-5.3)**

**8-19-26 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** requested approval of a revision to clarify Sec. 7.4 of County Policy #335, "Compensation," regarding the compensation for countywide elected positions (Clerk, Prosecutor, Public Works Commissioner, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Treasurer) that establishes a separation of no less than 15% between the elected official and the highest pay grade within that office.

-- Labor Relations **(8-19-5.4)**

**8-19-27 CIVIL/LABOR COUNSEL** submitted two Memorandums of Understanding (MOU): ~~(1) MOU between County of Saginaw and UAW Local 455 – Unit 50 regarding a step increase for Judge Gafkay's law clerk~~ (withdrawn at committee); and (1) MOU between County of Saginaw, Saginaw County Sheriff and POAM Unit 312 amending Article 8, Section 1 of the CBA removing the restriction of non-FTO certified officers.

-- Labor Relations **(8-19-5.5)**

**8-19-28 FINANCE DIRECTOR** submitted the Monthly Financial Report for July 2025.

-- Budget/Audit *(Received & Filed)*

**8-19-29 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** submitted a recommendation to empanel a small work group to begin working on the implementation of the recommendations presented by Walker Consulting from the commissioned Wayfinding and Parking Study.

-- Executive **(8-19-6.1)**

**8-19-30 CASTLE MUSEUM/HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF SAGINAW COUNTY** presented the 2024 Annual Report of the Historical Society of Saginaw County.

-- County Services *(Informational)*

## PUBLIC HEARING

### 2<sup>ND</sup> CALL

➤ At 5:23 p.m., Chairman Tany announced the second call of a public hearing to give citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed Saginaw County 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget and property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations. Chairman Tany asked if anyone wished to speak; hearing none, he announced the hearing would remain open.

## INITIATORY MOTIONS

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

- Commissioner Kaczynski moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Little to approve increasing the H.W. Browne Airport FY25 Fund Budget as follows: (1) by \$18,000 to purchase a zero-turn mower for runway maintenance; and (2) by up to \$20,000 for backflow preventers required by Buena Vista Township; and to add both projects to the County Capital Improvement Plan and authorize the proper County Officials to make the necessary budget adjustments. ***After discussion, the motion carried with the following roll call vote:***

***Yes: Boyd, Coney, Harris, Kaczynski, Little, Piotrowski, Slodowski, Tany and Webster - 9***

***Abstained: Spitzer - 1; Absent: Matthews - 1***

***Total: - 11***



## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. **Human Services Committee – T. Slodowski, Chair; G. Little, Vice-Chair**
  - 1.1) **COMMISSION ON AGING**, re: Approval of its FY 2026 Application for Federal/State Funding through Region VII Area Agency on Aging
    - ***Commissioner Slodowski moved, seconded by Commissioner Coney, to approve 1.1. Motion carried.***

### FROM: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES – 1.1

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your committee considered Communication No. 8-19-2 from Jessica Sargent, Director, Commission on Aging, submitting a FY 2026 Application Summary for Federal/State Funding through Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

The committee met with Ms. Sargent who provided details on the application. State and Federal funds awarded by Region VII require a 10% local match, which may be either a cash match with millage funds, in-kind goods or services, or a combination thereof. This is a Request for Proposal (RFP) and at the time of review, these grants have not been awarded. Funds are awarded through a competitive RFP process. The service categories and allocations for which funding is sought are as follows:

SERVICE CATEGORY	FY 2025 ALLOCATION	FY 2026 ALLOCATION
Case Coordination & Support	\$112,574	\$85,864
Caregiver Case Management	-	\$28,135
Senior Center Staffing	24,616	25,950
Senior Center Operations	13,000	13,000
Caregiver Support Program	54,496	49,906
Congregate Nutrition Program	132,916	113,176
Home Delivered Meals	444,450	444,485
Minority Outreach / Senior Center Staffing / Transportation	47,344	47,344
In Home Support Services	322,170	354,099
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,151,566</b>	<b>\$1,161,959</b>

The FY 2026 requested funds reflect a decrease of \$26,710 for Case Coordination and Support; a new service category in the amount of \$28,135 for Caregiver Case Management; an increase of \$1,334 for Senior Center Staffing; a decrease of \$4,590 for Caregiver Training; a decrease of \$19,740 for Congregate Nutrition; an increase of \$35 for Home Delivered Meals; and an increase of \$31,929 for In Home Support Services. For all programs the total increase is \$10,393.

We recommend approval of the 2026 Application for Federal/State Funding through Region VII Area Agency on Aging in the amount of **\$1,161,959**, in accordance with Saginaw County Policy; further, that the proper County officials be authorized and directed to make the necessary budget adjustments.

Respectfully submitted,

### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Tracey L. Slodowski, Chair

Lisa R. Coney

Michael A. Webster

Gerald D. Little, Vice-Chair

Jack B. Tany



2. **Courts and Public Safety Committee – C. Boyd, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair**

2.1) **SAGINAW COUNTY 9-1-1 COMMUNICATIONS CENTER AUTHORITY**, re: Approval of FY 2026 Budget

- ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Vice-Chair Little, to approve 2.1. Motion carried.***

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY 2.1                      \*AMENDED                      AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your committee considered Communication No. 8-19-7 from Chris Izworski, Executive Director, Saginaw County 9-1-1 Communications Authority, submitting the FY 2026 9-1-1 Communications Authority Budget of **\*\$7,166,927** and approved Budget Resolution of the Authority.

We met with Mr. Izworski who explained that the 9-1-1 Communications Center Authority Board passed a resolution that the Authority is authorized to move the balance from State of Michigan Wireless Funds to be used as revenue for Saginaw County 9-1-1.

We recommend approval of the FY 2026 9-1-1 Communications Center Authority budget and the County budget to reflect correct budget figures for the transfer of surcharge monies by September 30, 2026 in addition to utilizing the balance from the State of Michigan Wireless Funds account **\*to be used as revenue for Saginaw County 9-1-1**; further, that the proper county officials are authorized to amend the budgets accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

Mark S. Piotrowski

Jack B. Tany

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair

Richard A. Spitzer

3. **County Services Committee – M. Webster, Chair; D. Harris, Vice-Chair**

3.1) **FRANKENMUTH CVB**, re: Approval of revised Management Agreement

- ***Commissioner Webster moved, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to approve 3.1. Commissioner Kaczynski abstained. Motion Carried.***

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES – 3.1**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your committee considered communication No. 8-19-8 from Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator, requesting approval to revise the Frankenmuth Separate Management Agreement by updating the original document, to include criteria created for Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) recognition, and amendments to the County Accommodations Tax Ordinance.

The committee met with Jamie Furbush, CEO of the Frankenmuth Convention & Visitors Bureau, Legal Counsel for the CVB and County Civil Counsel to discuss the revisions. The original Separate Management Agreement was adopted in 2000 and amended in 2018 to establish criteria for an organization to apply for a Management Agreement. The Accommodations Ordinance was last revised in January 2011. The Management Agreement authorizes the Frankenmuth CVB to receive a portion of the Accommodation Tax Dollars collected within the City and Township of Frankenmuth to advertise, market and promote Saginaw County, and promote/secure/assist with tourism and convention business within the county.

We recommend approval of the revised Frankenmuth Separate Management Agreement, as presented to committee by updating the original document to include criteria created for Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) recognition, and amendments to the County Accommodations Tax Ordinance.



Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES**

Michael A. Webster, Chairman

John L. Kaczynski-Abstain

Jack B. Tany

Dennis M. Harris, Vice-Chair

Gerald D. Little

4. **Budget Audit Committee – C. Boyd, Chair; T. Slodowski, Vice-Chair**

- 4.1) **FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER**, re: Approval of vendor transactions for June 2025 in the amount of \$12,392,964.95 and July 2025 in the amount of \$13,701,284.01
  - 4.2) **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR**, re: Approval of amendments/revisions to Draft #1 of the proposed FY 2026 Budget
  - 4.3) **PURCHASING/RISK MANAGER**, re: (1) Approval to increase the 2025 SCCJCC budget by \$56,600 to cover additional costs for mobile data terminal replacement; (2) Approval to increase the various police agency SCCJCC 2025 budgets to cover additional costs related to the mobile data terminal replacements
  - 4.4) **BOARD COORDINATOR**, re: Approval for temporary increase in PNC Purchasing Card
  - 4.5) **10<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT - JUVENILE DIVISION**, re: Increase of \$49,100 to Community Mental Health Budget to reflect new contract
  - 4.6) **COMMISSION ON AGING**, re: Increase to the FY25 Public Improvement Fund for current and future cost overruns on the Eleanor Frank location remodel
- ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to approve 4.1. Motion carried.***
  - ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to amend Budget Resolution A (#6 and #7) as proposed. Motion carried. Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to approve 4.2 by laying Draft #2 of the FY 2026 Budget including amended Budget Resolution A and Budget Resolutions B, C, and D on the table for approval at the September 16, 2025 Board Session under Unfinished Business. Motion carried.***
  - ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Little, to approve 4.3. Motion carried.***
  - ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to approve 4.4. Motion carried.***
  - ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Coney, to approve 4.5. Motion carried.***
  - ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve 4.6. Motion carried.***

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.1**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your Budget/Audit Committee received Communication Nos. 8-19-12 and 8-19-13. In accordance with State Statute and County Policy, your Budget/Audit Committee reviewed the claims for presentation to the Board of Commissioners, as listed below:

<u>Comm. No.</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<b>8-19-12</b>	Vendor Transactions	June 1 – 30, 2025	\$12,392,964.95
<b>8-19-13</b>	Vendor Transactions	July 1 – 31, 2025	\$13,701,284.01



We recommend the payments be approved as compiled and submitted by the Treasurer's Office and Accounting Division of the Administrator's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

John L. Kaczynski

Jack B. Tany

Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

Michael A. Webster

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.2**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your Budget/Audit Committee received Communication No. 8-19-17 from Koren Thurston, CPA, Finance Director, submitting requests for action in order to prepare Draft #2 of the recommended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Draft #2 of the Budget contains proposed changes to Draft #1, which was submitted in June 2025 with all funds in balance, including those funds that anticipate use of fund balance. Each committee reviewed Draft #1 of the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget and a Committee of the Whole session was held June 23, 2025. The Budget was previously distributed to each commissioner and is available for review in the Office of the Board of Commissioners. The Budget/Audit Committee reviewed the Budget as submitted, considered information presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting, considered additional requests from departments, and have made amendments to Draft #1 of the 2026 Budget. The changes contained in Draft #2 of the FY 2026 Budget include:

- General Fund Amendments: Staff realignments in District Court Probation, County Clerk, Circuit Court and Maintenance resulting in an overall decrease of \$14,300; Provide \$60,000 in funding to the YMCA to continue Veterans services; Overall increase to the GF of \$45,700
- Animal Care & Control Fund: Staffing and operational realignment resulting in small decrease of \$890, thus reducing the use of fund balance from \$109,219 to \$108,329
- Opioid Settlement Fund: Increase to the Opioid Settlement Fund of \$500,000 for spending on opioid remediation
- Health Department: Increase to the Health Department fund of \$58,255 to account for changes in grant funding of various programs, reducing the use of fund balance from \$939,427 to \$868,357
- Commission on Aging: Decrease to its net budget of \$1,044,902 due to the elimination of federal grant funding for the Foster Grandparent Program (two full-time positions and operational line items)
- Public Improvement Fund: Reallocation of \$200,000 in funding for the purposes of creating a Master Plan for the County, with no change to the use of fund balance of \$1,485,185
- Fee Schedule: Equalization – Increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for Electronic Transfer of Assessment Information; Family Division/Detention – Establishing a rate of \$375 per day; Treasurer – Increase from \$20 to \$40 for the NSF Check Fee; and Medical Examiner – Increase from \$63 to \$75 for the Cremation Fee

**Resolution A\*** contains the amended total budget for the County including the General Fund. The amended total County Budget for Fiscal 2026 is \$297,146,964 which is a 2.69% percent decrease from the current amended Fiscal 2025 Budget. The amended General Fund Budget for Fiscal 2026 is \$62,169,506 which represents an increase of \$984,888 or 1.61% percent over the current amended Fiscal 2025 Budget. **Draft #2** of the General Fund budget includes the use of **\$564,014 in reserves to balance budgeted revenues with budgeted expenses.**





Resolution A also contains the proposed County millage rates to be levied December 1, 2025 and July 1, 2026, as well as the authorization of the 9-1-1 surcharge to fund operations as set forth in the 2026 Budget. **\*An updated version of Resolution A is attached, showing the revised numbers and additional amendments as discussed.**

**Resolution B** lists salaries for elected/appointed officials including judges and non-union employees. The salaries of elected/appointed officials have been set by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, and the salaries of judges have been set by the State Officers Compensation Commission.

**Resolution C** sets forth the prioritized Capital Improvement Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, which totals \$9,149,780, a \$376,058 increase over the current amended FY 2025 budget.

**Resolution D** sets fees for all departments controlled by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, as amended from year to year.

A public hearing will be held at this day's session to allow comment on the proposed FY 2026 Budget, as amended, and on the proposed millages to be levied in December 2025 and July 2026. Notice was previously published in *The Saginaw News* and copies of the budget material will be made available to the public at the meeting.

It is the recommendation of your committee that Draft #2 of the Administrator's recommended Fiscal Year 2026 Budget containing Budget Resolutions A, B, C and D ***be laid on the table and scheduled for formal adoption at the September 16, 2025 Board Session.***

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

John L. Kaczynski

Jack B. Tany

Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

Michael A. Webster

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.3**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your Budget/Audit Committee considered Communication Nos. 8-19-18 and 8-19-19 from Kelly Suppes, Purchasing/Risk Manager, requesting:

- (1) approval to increase the 2025 SCCJCC budget (Org Code #26632700) by \$56,600 to cover additional costs for mobile data terminal replacement; and
- (2) approval to increase the 2025 SCCJCC various police agency budgets (Org Codes #26632701-26632720) to cover additional costs related to the mobile data terminal replacements.

Your committee met with Kelly Suppes and discussion was held. The general fund of the SCCJCC does not affect the county's general fund. The cost of equipment has gone up and revenue generated from traffic tickets has gone down. Kelly will sell the equipment that is being replaced. The request is not to receive money from the county, just to increase the line items in their respective budgets. Kelly stated that the shortfall in expenditure is adequately covered by excess revenue received including sales of the surplus MDT's and a large rebate (\$1,000/modem in the form of a credit of \$138,000 rebate plus sales of terminals) received from Verizon Wireless for upgrading to 5G Modems.

We recommend approval to increase the 2025 SCCJCC budget and increase the 2025 SCCJCC various police agency budgets as necessary to cover additional costs for mobile data terminal replacements. We authorize the proper county officials to make the necessary budget adjustments.



Respectfully Submitted,  
**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair  
John L. Kaczynski  
Jack B. Tany

Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair  
Michael A. Webster

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.4**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Budget/Audit Committee met and considered Communication No. 8-19-20 from Suzy Koepplinger, Board Coordinator, requesting approval to increase the Saginaw County PNC Purchasing Card limit, up to \$10,000, as needed, for the Board of Commissioners office.

The committee met with the Board Coordinator and discussion was held regarding expenses within the Professional Development account for conferences and training. Sometimes the expenses overlap, and the \$5,000 limit is not enough to cover the expenses for that month. An increase will only be required occasionally, in which case, the County Administrator's office will be contacted for the temporary increase.

We recommend approval to allow for the temporary increase to the Saginaw County PNC Purchasing Card limit, up to \$10,000, as needed, for the Board of Commissioners office. We authorize the proper county officials to make the necessary adjustments.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair  
John L. Kaczynski  
Jack B. Tany

Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair  
Michael A. Webster

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.5**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Budget/Audit Committee met and considered Communication No. 8-19-21 from Todd Borders, Court Administrator, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Family Division/Juvenile, requesting an increase of \$49,100 to its Saginaw County Community Mental Health Budget account 29266200 83920 to reflect their new contract.

This committee met with Dana Westendorf, Financial Support Services Supervisor, Juvenile Division, who explained that no General Fund monies are requested and that \$36,825 is covered by the Childcare fund and the remaining \$12,275 is covered by Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority.

We recommend approval of the request and authorize the proper county officials to make the necessary budget adjustments.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair  
John L. Kaczynski  
Jack B. Tany

Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair  
Michael A. Webster

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.6**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your committee considered a request from the County Administrator and Jessica Sargent, Commission on Aging Director, during the FY26 Budget discussion, to either amend the FY26 Budget or increase the Public Improvement Fund by \$150,000 in FY25 to allow the Commission on Aging to complete the remodel of the Eleanor Frank location.



We met with the Administrator and Ms. Sargent who explained that the need for this increase is due to unexpected costs and anticipated higher costs with the remodel. Although there is sufficient funding to support this request within COA fund balance, the County Administrator is reluctant to use COA funds in case these funds are needed to support existing programs. After discussion, the committee agreed that increasing the FY25 budget by \$150,000 and then carrying over remaining funds would ensure that the project continues moving forward.

We recommend approving the request to increase the Public Improvement Fund by \$150,000 in FY25 to allow the Commission on Aging to complete the remodel of the Eleanor Frank location, and to authorize the proper county officials to make the necessary budget adjustments.

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

John L. Kaczynski

Jack B. Tany

Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

Michael A. Webster

5. **Labor Relations Committee – G. Little, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair**

- 5.1) **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**, re: Approval to extend retiree contract with Bethany Jacques
- 5.2) **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**, re: Approval of temporary contract with retiree Maria Cisneros to provide coverage in the Environmental Health Services Division for maternity leave
- 5.3) **RETIREMENT/BENEFITS SPECIALIST**, re: Approval of Officer Delegate and Employee Delegate to the MERS Annual Retirement Conference
- 5.4) **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**, re: Approval of amendment to County Policy #335, Sec. 7.4 titled “Compensation” to provide clarity in regard to the 15% separation between the compensation of the Elected Official and the highest pay grade within that office
- 5.5) **CIVIL/LABOR COUNSEL**, re: Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between County of Saginaw and POAM 312 Corrections Officers for the period beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027

- ***Vice-Chair Little moved, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve 5.1. Motion carried.***
- ***Vice-Chair Little moved, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, to approve 5.2. Motion carried.***
- ***Vice-Chair Little moved, seconded by Commissioner Kaczynski, to approve 5.3. Motion carried.***
- ***Vice-Chair Little moved, seconded by Commissioner Slodowski, to approve 5.4.*** Discussion was held regarding the purpose of the policy amendment. The County Administrator explained that the previous version contained “trigger” language for the pay separation, but not all County Elected Officials are at the same place.
  - ≈ ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to amend County Policy #335, Sec. 7.4 titled “Compensation” to state that the salary of the elected official “may” be adjusted instead of “shall.” Motion carried.***
  - ≈ ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Slodowski, to approve 5.4 as amended. Motion carried by the following roll-call vote:***
    - Yes: Slodowski, Harris, Kaczynski, Little, Boyd, Coney, Webster, and Tany - 8***
    - No: Piotrowski – 1; Absent: Matthews - 1; Abstain: Spitzer – 1; Total: - 11***
- ***Vice-Chair Little moved, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve 5.5. Motion carried.***



**FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS 5.1**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your committee considered Communication No. 8-19-23 from Christina Harrington, Health Officer, requesting an extension of the contract with retiree, Bethany Jacques, through FY 2026.

We met with Christina Harrington who explained that the need continues for Bethany's consulting service and her role as departmental liaison with Covenant Epic staff. She will continue to work with department leadership, County IT, MDHHS Staff and Covenant on state reporting and other federal reporting requirements as well as improving operational efficiencies.

We recommend approval to extend the retiree contract with Bethany Jacques through FY 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS**

Gerald D. Little, Chair

Dennis M. Harris

Jack B. Tany

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair

Mark S. Piotrowski

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS 5.2**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your committee considered Communication No. 8-19-24 from Christina Harrington, Health Officer, requesting to contract with retiree Maria Cisneros, former Office Assistant in Environmental Health, through December 31, 2025.

We met with Christina Harrington who communicated that this will be a temporary contract to bring back Maria Cisneros, after her retirement, to provide coverage in the Environmental Health Services Division of the health department while an employee is off on leave for approximately 12 weeks. The contract for services will be terminated upon staff returning from leave or no later than December 31, 2025.

We recommend approval to contract with retiree Maria Cisneros, former Office Assistant in Environmental Health, for approximately 12 weeks, until staff returns from leave, no later than December 31, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS**

Gerald D. Little, Chair

Dennis M. Harris

Jack B. Tany

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair

Mark S. Piotrowski

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS 5.3**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your Labor Relations Committee considered Communication No. 8-19-25 from Patricia Johnson, Retirement/Benefits Administrator, requesting certification of the Officer and Employee Delegate to attend the MERS 2025 Annual Conference held in Acme, Michigan, this year from October 16 - 17, 2025. The Employee Delegate, Christine Juarez, Account Specialist I, Commission on Aging, and Officer Delegate, Mindy Tuck, Payroll Coordinator, were elected on July 30, 2025.

Each year employees may elect a delegate to attend the conference and report back, giving their own perspective on what they have learned at the MERS conference. Sharing the information with other employees will help generate interest and provide accurate information on our MERS retirement offerings. The officer delegate and alternate are selected by the governing body of the participating municipality, and the employee delegate and alternate are elected by employee members of the retirement system.



It is the recommendation of your Labor Relations Committee that Mindy Tuck be appointed as the Officer Delegate and Christine Juarez as the Employee Delegate; further, that the proper County officials certify the delegates to represent Saginaw County at the MERS Annual Retirement Conference. Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS**

Gerald D. Little, Chair  
Dennis M. Harris  
Jack B. Tany

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair  
Mark S. Piotrowski

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS 5.4**

**\*AMENDED**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Labor Relations Committee considered Communication No. 8-19-26 from County Administrator, Mary Catherine Hannah, requesting approval of the revised County Policy No. 335 titled, "Compensation."

The Committee met with Administrator Hannah who provided new language for Section 7.4. She advised that the present language in County Policy #335 makes the policy hard to implement. It is rewritten for clarity. The goal is to get to 15% separation as quickly as possible. The draft has been shared with elected officials and Civil Counsel. The purpose of the 15% separation was to create a threshold because the highest paid individual in a department exceeded the pay of the elected official. This amount (15%) is common practice among other counties.

The following language replaces all language in section 7.4:

Compensation for countywide elected positions, (Clerk, Prosecutor, Public Works Commissioner, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Treasurer) shall be set by the County Board of Commissioners. The compensation goal is a separation of not less than 15% between the elected position and the highest pay grade within that office. If the highest pay grade held within that office exceeds 90% of the salary of the elected official within that office, then the salary of that elected official shall be reviewed by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners and **\*may** be adjusted to reflect the 15% separation: either immediately or over a reasonable period of time. The separation of compensation between the elected official and the highest pay grade held within that office shall be reviewed as part of the regular budgeting process by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, or as needed, with all compensations rates/changes to go into effect January 1 (per statute)."

It is the recommendation of your committee to approve the amended version of Saginaw County Policy No. 335 titled, "Compensation."

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS**

Gerald D. Little, Chair  
Dennis M. Harris  
Jack B. Tany

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair  
Mark S. Piotrowski

**FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS 5.5**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

The Labor Relations Committee considered Communication No. 8-19-27 from Dave Gilbert, Civil/Labor Counsel, requesting consideration and approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between County of Saginaw and the Saginaw County Sheriff (Employer) and Police Officers Association of Michigan Unit 312, full-time Deputies (Union).



The Committee met with Dave Gilbert who explained that this amendment removing the restriction of non-FTO certified officers will solve a problem that has existed for over a year. The amendment clarifies that new full-time employees hired into the unit must satisfactorily complete the Field Training Officer (FTO) program as a condition of continued employment if hired into one of the designated FTO trained positions. The employee is not required to complete the FTO program if hired into a non-designated FTO trained position, however, they will not be allowed to work in a designated FTO trained position without the proper training.

It is the recommendation of your committee to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between County of Saginaw and the Saginaw County Sheriff (Employer) and Police Officers Association of Michigan Unit 312, full-time Deputies (Union).

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS**

Gerald D. Little, Chair

Dennis M. Harris

Jack B. Tany

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair

Mark S. Piotrowski

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
AND AGREEMENT**

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025, by and among the COUNTY OF SAGINAW and the SAGINAW COUNTY SHERIFF ("EMPLOYER") and POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN UNIT 312, representing full-time Deputies ("UNION").

WHEREAS, EMPLOYER and the UNION are parties to a Collective Bargaining Agreement ("CBA"), which covers the time period January 17, 2023 through September 30, 2025:

WHEREAS, EMPLOYER is desirous of amending Article 8, Section 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to remove the restriction of non FTO certified officers;

WHEREAS, UNION is desirous of amending Article 8, Section 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement to remove the restriction of non FTO certified officers;

THEREFORE, it is agreed to as follows:

1. Article 8, Section 1 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement shall be amended as follows:

New employees hired in the unit on a full-time basis shall be considered as probationary employees for one year of their employment and must satisfactorily complete the Field Training Officer (FTO) program as a condition of continued employment. This Field Training Officer (FTO) program is only required as a condition of their continued employment if hired into one of the designated FTO trained positions. Employees hired for a non FTO designated position within the bargaining unit, are not required to complete the Field Training Officer (FTO) program; however, are also not allowed to work in a designated FTO trained position.

Bargaining unit positions shall be separated into two categories: FTO trained and non FTO trained.

**FTO TRAINED POSITIONS:**

1. Road Patrol A1/A2 or B1/B2
2. Contract Road Patrol positions (i.e. DDA, Spaulding, etc.)
3. Detective
4. Friend of the Court (FOC)
5. Crash Team
6. Traff Division
7. School Resource Officer (SRO)
8. U.S. Marshalls
9. DEA
10. EST





**NON FTO POSITIONS:**

1. Court Security (Front door/4<sup>th</sup> Floor)
2. Juvenile Justice Center (JJC)
3. Court Transport (Internal/External)
4. Subpoena Service
5. Hospital Duty

A current non FTO certified employee must submit a letter of interest, if they want to apply for a FTO Trained position. They must satisfactorily complete the Departments Field Training Officer (FTO) program, to become eligible to fill any FTO trained positions.

2. Additionally, Article 8, Section 1 shall be amended as follows:

When an employee finishes the probationary period, by accumulating twelve (12) months of employment, he/she shall be entered on the seniority list of the unit and shall rank for seniority from the day twelve (12) months prior to the day he/she completes the probationary period. The probationary period shall be extended by six (6) months upon agreement by the Union and the Employer. There shall be no seniority among probationary employees.

3. This MOU shall be binding upon the EMPLOYER and UNION; shall not be considered precedent setting; and shall not affect the CBA in any other manner than that which is specifically set forth herein.

**FOR THE EMPLOYER:**

Jack Tany, Chairman  
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners  
Mary Catherine Hannah  
County Administrator  
William L. Federspiel, Sheriff  
Approved as to form:  
David M. Gilbert - Labor Counsel

**FOR THE UNION:**

Steve Sellers, Business Agent POAM  
  
Michael King, President  
Saginaw County Deputy Sheriff Association

**6. Executive Committee – J. Tany, Chairman**

- 6.1) **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**, re: Approval to empanel a small work group to begin working on the implementation of the Wayfinding and Parking Study recommendations

- ***Webster Moved, seconded by Kaczynski to approve 6.1. Motion carried.***

**FROM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- 6.1**

**AUGUST 19, 2025**

Your Executive Committee considered Communication 8-19-29 from Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator, who submitted a recommendation to empanel a small work group to begin working on the implementation of the recommendations presented by Walker Consulting from the commissioned Wayfinding and Parking Study.

Your committee met with Administrator Hannah who communicated that the workgroup scope would be the following:

- Decide on the need for – and if needed – the selection of a consultant to assist with implementation
- Establish a recommendation for standard signage (sign design, color, format, etc.)
- Establish a recommendation for the placement of signs
- Establish a standardized nomenclature for parking areas and building
- Assist with the selection of a design/engineering firm to plan the reconfiguration of parking lots
- Determine a recommendation for a paid parking system and enforcement program



The proposed timeline for all final recommendations would be twelve months from October 1, 2025, if not sooner, with periodic reports to the County Services Committee. The committee has agreed to a work group of up to ten (10) members.

We recommend approval to empanel up to ten (10) individuals from a diverse selection of elected officials and county employees to form a Committee on Wayfinding and Parking to make decisions regarding implementing the recommendations presented by Walker Consulting.

Respectfully Submitted,

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Jack B. Tany, Chairman

Tracey L. Slodowski

Christopher S. Boyd

Gerald D. Little, Vice-Chair

Michael A. Webster

7. **Rules Committee – J. Tany, Chairman; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair**  
None

8. **Legislative Committee – G. Little, Chair; M. Webster, Vice-Chair**  
None

9. **Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee – L. Coney, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair**  
None

10. **Committee Compensation**  
8-19-25.1) June 8, 2025 – June 21, 2025  
8-19-25.2) June 22, 2025 – July 5, 2025  
8-19-25.3) July 6, 2025 – July 19, 2025  
8-19-25.4) July 20, 2025 – August 2, 2025

- ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski, to approve Committee Compensation Reports 8-19-25.1 through 8-19-25.4. Motion Carried.***

*[Reports begin on next page]*



**COMMITTEE COMPENSATION 8-19-25.1**

**August 19, 2025**

*I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held June 8, 2025 - June 21, 2025.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/9/2025	MAC Judiciary & Public Safety	Boyd	\$50.00
6/10/2025	Executive Committee	Boyd	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Boyd	\$25.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole re: Wayfinding	Boyd	\$50.00
6/12/2025	SC - CHAP	Coney	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole re: Wayfinding	Coney	\$25.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Coney	\$50.00
6/9/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Harris	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole	Harris	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Harris	\$25.00
6/19/2025	Frankenmuth CVB	Kaczynski	\$50.00
6/9/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Little	\$50.00
6/10/2025	Executive Committee	Little	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole re: Wayfinding	Little	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Little	\$25.00
6/9/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Matthews	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole	Matthews	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Matthews	\$25.00
6/9/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Piotrowski	\$25.00
6/9/2025	Materials Management Planning	Piotrowski	\$50.00
6/13/2025	MAC Environmental, etc.	Piotrowski	\$50.00
6/10/2025	Executive Committee	Slodowski	\$50.00
6/13/2025	MAC Environmental, etc.	Slodowski	\$50.00
6/16/2025	Northern Michigan Counties Association	Slodowski	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole re: Wayfinding	Slodowski	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Slodowski	\$25.00
6/18/2025	Animal Control Advisory Board	Slodowski	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole	Spitzer	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Spitzer	\$25.00
6/9/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Tany	\$50.00
6/10/2025	Executive Committee	Tany	\$50.00
6/12/2025	LEPC	Tany	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole re: Wayfinding	Tany	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Tany	\$25.00
6/18/2025	Castle Museum Board	Tany	\$50.00
6/10/2025	Executive Committee	Webster	\$50.00
6/12/2025	Community Action Committee	Webster	\$50.00
6/16/2025	Brownfield Redevelopment Authority	Webster	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Committee of the Whole re: Wayfinding	Webster	\$50.00
6/17/2025	Board Session	Webster	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$1,750.00</b>

\*Department Pay

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator (6-20-25)



**COMMITTEE COMPENSATION 8-19-25.2**

**August 19, 2025**

*I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held June 22, 2025 - July 5, 2025.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Coney	\$50.00
6/24/2025	Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee	Coney	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Kazcynski	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Little	\$50.00
6/23/2025	GLB MI Works! Joint Board	Little	\$25.00
6/25/2025	Mosquito Abatement Commission*	Little	\$50.00
6/25/2025	Commission on Aging	Little	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Matthews	\$50.00
6/23/2025	GLB MI Works! Joint Board	Matthews	\$25.00
6/24/2025	Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee	Matthews	\$50.00
6/25/2025	STMCA Dispatch Committee	Matthews	\$50.00
7/3/2025	Parks & Recreation Commission*	Matthews	*
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Piotrowski	\$50.00
6/23/2025	GLB MI Works! Joint Board	Piotrowski	\$25.00
6/24/2025	Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee	Piotrowski	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Slodowski	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Spitzer	\$50.00
6/24/2025	Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee	Spitzer	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Tany	\$50.00
6/23/2025	GLB MI Works! Joint Board	Tany	\$25.00
6/24/2025	Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee	Tany	\$50.00
6/23/2025	Committee of the Whole - FY26 Budget	Webster	\$50.00
6/23/2025	GLB MI Works! Joint Board	Webster	\$25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$975.00</b>

\*Department Pay

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator (7-3-25)

**COMMITTEE COMPENSATION 8-19-25.3**

**August 19, 2025**

*I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held July 6, 2025 - July 19, 2025.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/17/2025	City/County/School Liaison	Coney	\$50.00
7/17/2025	City/County/School Liaison	Matthews	\$50.00
7/17/2025	City/County/School Liaison	Piotrowski	\$50.00
7/10/2025	Saginaw Future Board	Webster	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$200.00</b>

\*Department Pay

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator (7-18-25)



**COMMITTEE COMPENSATION 8-19-25.4**

**August 19, 2025**

*I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held July 20, 2025 - August 2, 2025.*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7/22/2025	Board of Health*	Matthews	*
7/22/2025	Community Corrections Advisory Board	Piotrowski	\$50.00
7/21/2025	Northern Michigan Counties Association	Slodowski	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$100.00</b>

\*Department Pay

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koepplinger, Board Coordinator (8-1-25)

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Call – Closing**

- At 6:14 p.m., Chairman Tany announced the third and final call of a public hearing to give citizens an opportunity to comment on the proposed Saginaw County 2025/2026 Fiscal Year Budget and property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations. Chairman Tany asked if anyone wished to speak; hearing none, he announced the public hearing closed at 6:14 p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS**

**SAGINAW COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION 2025 – 12**

**RESOLUTION RE: OPPOSITION TO MDHHS PLAN TO IMPLEMENT  
A COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR PIHPs**



Jack B. Tany, Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczinski,  
Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski,  
Richard A. Spitzer and Michael A Webster

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, Michigan, held on August 19, 2025.

**PRESENT:** Jack B. Tany, Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris,  
John L. Kaczinski, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski,  
Richard A. Spitzer and Michael A Webster

**ABSENT:** Sheldon Matthews

**The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Slodowski and seconded by Commissioner Coney:**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Michigan currently operates a publicly managed and community-based system for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services through 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans



(PIHPs), which are responsible for managing Medicaid mental health, developmental disability, and substance use disorder services; and

**WHEREAS**, the current PIHP system has consistently demonstrated value, local accountability, and community engagement, while successfully managing costs and improving health outcomes for vulnerable populations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) recently announced plans to initiate a competitive procurement process for the management of PIHP functions, which may open the door to private, non-profit health plans or managed care organizations (MCOs) assuming control over behavioral health services; and

**WHEREAS**, such privatization could disrupt longstanding relationships between local mental health authorities, providers, and the communities they serve, and jeopardize the person-centered, recovery-oriented approach that has been cultivated under the public system; and

**WHEREAS**, many stakeholders, including individuals receiving services, advocates, local officials, and providers have expressed significant concerns about the potential impact of a competitive procurement process on care quality, access, local control, and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, counties across Michigan have historically played a vital role in the governance, funding, and oversight of the public behavioral health system, and any change to that structure without meaningful county input undermines the principle of local governance; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining a publicly accountable and locally governed behavioral health system is essential to ensuring that individuals with mental health and substance use needs receive timely, appropriate, and high-quality care.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners formally opposes the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' (MDHHS) plan to implement a competitive procurement process for Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board urges Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and the Michigan Legislature to halt any plans for privatization and instead work collaboratively with counties, PIHPs, Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSPs), service users, and other stakeholders to strengthen and improve the public behavioral health system, by only allowing public organizations with experience in managing Michigan's public mental health system to be part of any bid process should one occur; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Governor, Gretchen Whitmer, MDHHS Director Elizabeth Hertel, members of the Michigan Legislature representing Saginaw County, and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).

**Adopted by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners this August 19, 2025.**

Yeas: Tany, Boyd, Coney, Harris, Kaczinski, Little, Slodowski, and Webster - 8

Nay: Mark S. Piotrowski - 1

Absent: Sheldon Matthews - 1

Abstain: Richard A. Spitzer - 1

Total: - 11

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I, the undersigned, the duly qualified County Clerk of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County, held on the 19th day of August 2025. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267 Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given and the meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 19th day of August 2025.

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk  
County of Saginaw

**SAGINAW COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2025 – 13**



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPOINTING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AS THE COUNTY OF SAGINAW'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE TO TAKE ALL REASONABLE AND NECESSARY ACTIONS REGARDING ENTRY OF PARTICIPATION INTO FUTURE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS IN PARTIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE NATIONAL PRESCRIPTION OPIATE LITIGATION**

Christopher S. Boyd, Jack B. Tany, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski,  
Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski,  
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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, Michigan, held on August 19, 2025.

**PRESENT:** Jack B. Tany, Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris,  
John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski,  
Richard A. Spitzer and Michael A. Webster

**ABSENT:** Sheldon Matthews

**The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Boyd and seconded by Commissioner Little.**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Saginaw filed a lawsuit to address the public nuisance that is the Opioid Epidemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, from time to time the County of Saginaw receives proposed settlement agreements from the National Opioid Settlement Directing Administrator; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the advice of the County of Saginaw Case Manager it is determined that the County of Saginaw is eligible to participate in the proposed settlement and that such participation would be beneficial to the County of Saginaw; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County of Saginaw previously executed Participation Agreements for the Distributor and Janssen Settlements, as well as the Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens, and Kroger Settlements, which have conferred and continue to confer valuable benefits to the County.



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the County of Saginaw Board of Commissioners appoints the County Administrator as the County's Authorized Representative and authorizes the County Administrator to take all necessary and reasonable actions to effectuate the County's participation in any future settlement agreements as they arise and any other needed and necessary actions, including authorization to vote on behalf of the County on proposed bankruptcy plans and to sign all necessary agreements, each following the review, and recommendation of the National Opioid Settlement Directing Administrator and Case Manager for the County of Saginaw.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the County Administrator shall present all newly signed settlement agreements before the County of Saginaw Board of Commissioners Executive Committee within 90 days of the execution of any new settlement agreement.

Yeas: Boyd, Tany, Coney, Harris, Kaczinski, Little, Piotrowski, Slodowski, and Webster - 9

Nay: - 0

Absent: Matthews - 1

Abstain: Spitzer - 1

Total: - 11

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**SAGINAW COUNTY  
RESOLUTION 2025 - 14**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT:  
FOX, *et. al.* v SAGINAW COUNTY, *et. al.* (Case No. 19-cv-11997)**



Jack B. Tany, Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski,  
Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski,  
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At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, Michigan, held on August 19, 2025



PRESENT: Jack B. Tany, Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczinski, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer and Michael A Webster

ABSENT: Sheldon Matthews

**The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Boyd and supported by Vice-Chair Little.**

**WHEREAS**, Plaintiff Fox *et al*, filed a class action complaint against several counties in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in Civil Action No. 19-cv-11997 (“Complaint”); and, **WHEREAS**, Parties have explored and prepared defenses and are participating in settlement negotiations under the oversight of the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan; and, **WHEREAS**, the parties are desirous of avoiding future litigation and controversy and after extensive negotiations, have agreed to certain terms and conditions set forth in the Settlement and Release Agreement, subject to approval by the Court, and as outlined by counsel; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County understands that the Settlement and Cost Sharing Agreement is a compromise of a disputed claim and that payment(s) made and conditions stated therein are not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the parties being released by which all liability is expressly denied; and,

**WHEREAS**, after consultation with legal counsel and the County Treasurer and upon the recommendation and endorsement of the Settlement by the County, we believe it is in the best interest of the citizens of Saginaw County to resolve the litigation in accordance with the Settlement and Cost Sharing Agreement, subject to approval by the Court.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners approves entering into the Settlement and Cost Sharing Agreement in connection with Civil Action No. 19-cv-11997, subject to approval by the Court.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners and County Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the Settlement and Cost Sharing Agreement on behalf of Saginaw County, and the County Treasurer is encouraged to comply with information sharing requirements contained within Settlement and Cost Sharing Agreement, subject to approval by the Court, after approval as to form by the County Attorney.

Yeas: Tany, Boyd, Coney, Harris, Kaczinski, Little, Piotrowski, Slodowski, and Webster - 9

Nay: - 0

Absent: Matthews - 1

Abstain: Spitzer - 1

Total: - 11

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **PROCLAMATION**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS**

*Chairman Tany made the following appointment:*

- ✓ **BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY** - Brian Rombalski was appointed to fill a vacancy effective 7/31/25 with a term to expire 12/31/27

## **ELECTIONS**

None

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ Chairman Tany showed appreciation to IT Director Andrew Klackiewicz for driving to Spaulding Township Hall to deliver equipment for the Intergovernmental Committee meeting and for getting Jen Acosta's Power Point presentation running.
- ❖ Chairman Tany acknowledged Jaime Ceja, Executive Assistant to the Administrator, for her graduation from the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Saginaw Program and Administrator Hannah, Vice-Chair Little, and Board Coordinator Suzy Koepplinger for attending the ceremony.
- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked Commissioner Webster for attending the STAR Recovery Court graduation in Judge Trice's courtroom on Friday, June 27, 2025.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that Vice-Chair Little and commissioners Coney, Matthews, Slodowski, and Webster attended the Mosquito Control Ribbon Cutting and Open House. Also in attendance were Koren Thurston, Mary Catherine Hannah, Jaime Ceja, Randy Pfau, Jessica Sargent and Suzy Koepplinger. He is encouraged to see Saginaw County department heads attending the events of other departments. "Bill Stanuszek and his crew did an exceptional job with their Open House, and I know they appreciated the support."
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced commissioners Slodowski, Matthews, Coney, County Clerk Guerra, and Deputy Clerk Bostwick were on hand to help raise the large U.S. flag on the Court Street bridge for the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that the City of Saginaw had its first citywide meeting where ARPA recipients provided information on how they spent their funds. Both he and Commissioner Coney were in attendance.



- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that he attended the Great Lakes Bay Regional Alliance's Regional Mobility Summit on July 16<sup>th</sup> with Commissioner Spitzer and Commissioner Kaczynski. Commissioner Kaczynski did double duty and was a speaker and a member of the panel. It was a really nice seminar revealing the inner workings of STARS, Bay Metro, County Connection of Midland, as well as MBS International Airport. He reported the event was well worth his time.
- ❖ Chairman Tany spoke of his conversation with James Canders, MBS Airport Director, about his recent flight to Philadelphia for a national conference, expressing his desire to support and to use Saginaw County resources and noted that we could do better to help support our own airport. He commented that SVSU actually has a policy that requires employees who live within 30 miles of MBS to use MBS Airport.
- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked commissioners Slodowski, Harris and Piotrowski for representing Saginaw County at the opening ceremonies of the Saginaw County Fair. Undersheriff Gomez was also in attendance.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that he and commissioners Webster, Coney, Slodowski and Piotrowski as well as Administrator Hannah attended Go Great Lakes Bay event on July 30<sup>th</sup>, at Old Town Distillery, to debut the latest Under the Radar Michigan's episode which featured a couple of Saginaw businesses, and he stated it was a really nice event.
- ❖ Chairman Tany congratulated Commissioner Coney who was honored by SVSU Alumni for her years of service on the SVSU Alumni Board.
- ❖ Chairman Tany spoke of the employee picnic, held on the courthouse front lawn on August 7<sup>th</sup>, and thanked Commissioner Matthews, who helped set up, Vice-Chair Little and Commissioner Slodowski who helped him serve, and Jaime Ceja and Suzy Koeplinger for their help.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that Commissioners Spitzer and Kaczynski attended the Great Lakes Bay Regional Chamber Summit last Tuesday and congratulated Commissioner Kaczynski who was honored with the Individual Achievement Award.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that he and Commissioner Coney attended the second citywide meeting held by the City of Saginaw, last Wednesday, to give residents an update on ARPA projects in the community.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that there was an Ice Cream Social for all county employees last Thursday. He expressed his gratitude to Commissioner Matthews for coordinating the event and thanked all who contributed to it.

## **COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES**

- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski announced that he and Vice-Chair Little were at the Airport Board meeting. He commented on what a "cool" group they are and gave a shout out to Al Kaufman and his volunteers.
- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski also announced the Wooden Covered Bridge (Holz Brücke) Labor Day Walk in Frankenmuth on Labor Day, September 1, 2025 at noon. The walk begins on the east side of the bridge and walkers will arrive at the Fischer Platz outdoor café about five minutes later. There will be music and food and beverages available for purchase. He pointed out that, unlike the Mackinac Bridge Walk, at the end of the covered bridge walk there is beer on the other side.
- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski thanked the volunteers at SCACC and the members of the Advisory Board who go above and beyond just attending meetings to improve the lives of all animals in our care.



- ❖ Commissioner Boyd acknowledged our Chairman, Jack Tany, who has been the chief of concessions this summer and thanked him for the frequent supply of goodies. He also recommended that the board consider H.W. Browne Airport in addition to MBS Airport for traveling.
- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski stated that he missed the flag raising because he ran the Volksläufe - The People's Race - on July 4<sup>th</sup> in Frankenmuth. He commented on how well attended it was and that he finished the race.
- ❖ Commissioner Webster announced that he went to the Marie E. Davis Senior Center soft opening and found that the ARPA dollars awarded were very well spent. The upgrades are nice, and the residents seemed pleased.
- ❖ Commissioner Little announced that Buena Vista Township has moved its office and there is an Open House and Ribbon Cutting on September 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. at the old Buena Vista High School on 3945 East Holland Road.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah announced that IT Director Andrew Klaczekiewicz was appointed Vice-Chair of the Infrastructure and Security Subcommittee of the Telecommunications and Technology Steering Committee for the National Association of Counties (NACo).

**By Commissioner Coney, seconded by Commissioner Boyd; that the Board adjourn. Motion Carried.**  
Thereupon, the Board adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JACK B. TANY**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA**  
**COUNTY CLERK**

Prepared by: Renee Sharkey, Assistant Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk  
Suzy Koepplinger, Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk