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**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE**  
*Board of Commissioners*  
**OF SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**



**SPECIAL SESSION  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

A Special Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:04 p.m. with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair. This meeting was held at the Saginaw County Governmental Center, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Michigan to consider the September 8, 2022 Special Session Agenda. County Clerk Vanessa Guerra took roll, quorum present as follows:

**PRESENT:** *Cynthia M. Winiecke, Jack B. Tany, Christopher S. Boyd, Sheldon Matthews, Kyle R. Harris Carol E. Ewing, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Tracey L. Slodowski, Michael A. Webster and Carl E. Ruth - 11*

**ABSENT:** - 0

**TOTAL:** - 11

**Others Present:** Robert Belleman, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Suzy Koeplinger, Undersheriff Gomez, Kyle Harris, Denny Harris, Kelly Suppes, Jennifer Broadfoot, Christina Harrington, Josh Brown, Russell L. Bush, M.D., Bonnie Kanicki, JoAnn Crary, Tom Miller, Jaime Ceja, Michelle Goist, Mark Angliss, Marcia Coughlin, Victoria Bennett, Lt. Kolb, Lt. Rasco, Chris Rishko, Craig Clark, Esther Sanders, Sarah Babcock, Ray Ogden, Kristin Wenzel, Wonzella Doyal

Commissioner Little gave the invocation. Chairman Ruth led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PETITION**



August 29, 2022

Vanessa Guerra  
Saginaw County Clerk  
111 S. Michigan Avenue  
Saginaw, MI 48602

**September 8, 2022  
Special Session**



Dear Clerk Guerra:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.9 of the 2022 Rules of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners (MCL 46.10), the undersigned members of the Board respectfully petition that a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners be held **Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** to reduce/eliminate the deficit in the GLBMW! Administrative Budget by applying “Discretionary Funds” to cover employee compensation and furloughing GLMBW! employees, as necessary and any other matters brought before the Board. The undersigned affirm the intent of the Board of Commissioners to hold a Special Meeting on this matter. This meeting is being held consistent with PA 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) to consider the agenda, and for any other matters brought before the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald D. Little, Commissioner  
Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair  
Carl E. Ruth, Chairman

Dennis H. Krafft, Commissioner  
Michael A. Webster, Commissioner

### **CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION**

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**Public Notice of Special Board Session**

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for a Special Session on  
**Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.**  
in the Board Chambers, Second Floor - Room 200  
Saginaw County Governmental Center, Saginaw, MI per PA 267 of 1976  
to reduce/eliminate the deficit in the GLBMW! Administrative Budget by applying “Discretionary Funds” to cover employee compensation and furloughing GLMBW! employees, as necessary and any other matters brought before the Board.

This Special Meeting is being held consistent with Article II, Section 2.9 (MCLA 46.10) of the 2022 Rules of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners as authorized by petition of at least one third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the members of the Board.

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 prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.

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,

**Vanessa Guerra**

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

August 29, 2022  
Posted 8-29-22 by SEK



## AUDIENCES

- Christopher Rishko, CEO of Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! addressed the board in regard to the request from the Controller to eliminate the deficit using Discretionary Program funds and to reduce wages through furlough if necessary

## LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

None

## 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.***

- **PETITION** for Special Board Session on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- **PUBLIC NOTICE** of Special Board Session on Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- **9-8-1 CONTROLLER/CAO** submitting a recommendation to reduce/eliminate the deficit in the GLBMW! Administrative Budget by applying “Discretionary Funds” to cover employee compensation and furloughing GLBMW! employees, as necessary (*See Budget/Audit Agenda*)

## INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### ***Budget/Audit Committee met prior to the Special Session***

#### **Budget/Audit Committee – D. Krafft, Chair; C. Boyd, Vice-Chair**

- 4.1) Approval of recommendation to reduce/eliminate the deficit in the GLBMW! Administrative Budget by applying “Discretionary Funds” to cover employee compensation and furloughing GLBMW! employees, as necessary (*To be distributed*)

***Discussion was held. After discussion, Krafft moved, seconded by Harris, to take the necessary steps to mitigate, if not eliminate, the estimated \$400,000 deficit in Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! administrative budget, including, but not limited to, the use of \$156,000 in discretionary funds and furloughing GLBMW! employees. The motion carried unanimously.***

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

**SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**

Your Budget/Audit Committee received Communication No. 9-8-1 from Robert V. Belleman, Controller/CAO, requesting approval of his recommendation to reduce/eliminate the deficit in the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! (GLBMW!) administrative budget by applying “Discretionary Funds” to cover employee compensation and furloughing GLBMW! employees, as necessary.



We reviewed this request prior to the Special Board Session and the committee was advised that GLBMW! anticipates between a \$150,000 to \$240,000 deficit in the administrative budget. The Michigan Works! Consortium Board directed the Director/CEO to balance the budget by reducing employees, whereas the Michigan Works! Executive Committee supported his recommendation to “do nothing and let it play out.”

We recommend approval to authorize the Controller/CAO to take the necessary steps to mitigate, if not eliminate, the estimated \$400,000 deficit in Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! administrative budget, including, but not limited to, the use of \$156,000 in discretionary funds and furloughing GLBMW! employees.

Respectfully Submitted,

**COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT**

Dennis H. Krafft, Chair  
Jack B. Tany  
Carl E. Ruth

Christopher S. Boyd, Vice-Chair  
Tracey L. Slodowski

**RESOLUTIONS**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PROCLAMATIONS**

None

**APPOINTMENTS**

None

**ELECTIONS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR**

None

**COMMISSIONERS’ AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Krafft announced Auto Fest in Frankenmuth this weekend.

***By Commissioner Little, seconded by Commissioner Harris: That the Board adjourn. Motion Carried.***  
Thereupon, the Special Board Session adjourned at 5:26 p.m.



Respectfully Submitted,

**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CARL E. RUTH, CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK**

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk