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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 19, 2021 SESSION**

The **October Session** of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

Present: Christopher S. Boyd, Carol E. Ewing, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Carl E. Ruth, Jack B. Tany, James G. Theisen, Michael A. Webster, Cynthia Winiecke – 10

Absent: Kyle R. Harris – 1

Others: Robert Belleman, Vanessa Guerra, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Undersheriff Gomez, Mike Thompson, Shawn Schutt, William Cowdry, Suzy Koeplinger, and others

🇺🇸 Commissioner Tany gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the September 21, 2021 Board Session and the September 21, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Theisen presented a Proclamation for October as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month* to Shawn Schutt, Prevention Education Coordinator at Underground Railroad, who expressed his appreciation for the support of the agency and survivors.
- Commissioner Boyd presented a Proclamation for *Pro Bono Week* to Attorney William Cowdry, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan. Mr. Cowdry introduced Vanessa Guerra, Saginaw County Clerk, who recently received the Pro Bono Attorney of the Year Award.
- Mike Thompson spoke regarding mass incarceration in the Saginaw County Jail, asked for commissioners to adopt a general resolution regarding same, and asked that Jail Population Reports be made available to the public. Undersheriff Gomez addressed the Board and provided current Jail population statistics. He advised that once the new computer system is in place, it will be easier to run reports and he will report quarterly to the Courts & Public Safety Committee.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Proclamation for October as *Domestic Violence Awareness Month*
- Proclamation for October 24 – 30, 2021 as *Pro Bono Week* to Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved an increase to the county credit card limit for the Maintenance Director and Office Manager
- Approved a new Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! Interlocal Agreement with the counties of Bay, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw
- Approved the Equalization 2021 Apportionment Report
- Approved payment of Claims for July and August 2021
- Approved a \$600,000 “Raise the Age” Grant (Acct. #292) for the 10th Circuit Court – Family Division from the State of Michigan to fund all juvenile justice for 17-year old children
- Approved up to \$200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the 10th Circuit Court for offsite jury trials through December 2021
- Approved establishment of PCNs and the addition of four (4) additional Youth Care Specialist (YCS) positions in Juvenile Detention, due to receipt of the \$600,000 “Raise the Age” Grant
- Approved a temporary PCN for the new Friend of the Court Director for the 10th Circuit Court for the period October 11 – October 20, 2021
- Approved amendment of the PCN Roster at Commission on Aging to reflect current responsibilities of the Care Management Coordinator
- Approved two (2) Memorandums of Understanding between Saginaw County and Teamsters Local 214 regarding hiring of Health Resource Advocates at the Health Department
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 10-19-21.1 and 10-19-21.2

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Ruth announced the October 26, 2021 Committee of the Whole regarding ARPA funding with presentations from various municipalities and organizations to be held at Spaulding Township Hall, 5825 Cole Rd., Saginaw, MI.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

None

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

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