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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 18, 2022 SESSION

The **October Session** of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

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

Absent: – 0

Others: Vanessa Guerra, Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Jessica Sargent, Jennifer Broadfoot, Denny Harris, Lisa Coney, Tarsha Works, Kathy Smith, Kitty Packard, Megan Cottington-Heath, Allie Martinez, Eric Culpepper, Johnathon Castle, Undersheriff Gomez, Denise Babbitt, Brian Wendling, Lt. Mark Przybylski, Zack Robinson, Krystal Irvine, Thomas Roy, Mark Piotrowski, Dennis Borchard, Crystal Sanders, Jill Markey, Marissa Sawdon, 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 8, 2022 Special Board Session and September 27, 2022 Board Session

PUBLIC HEARING

None

FOIA APPEAL

- The Board approved sending written notice to Cole Waterman - MLive upholding the denial of his Freedom of Information Act request of September 15, 2022 regarding autopsy and toxicology reports.

AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Tany presented Attorney Kathy Smith with a Proclamation for National Pro Bono Week, October 23 – 29, 2022
- Commissioner Winiecke presented Allie Martinez, Community Engagement Director at Underground Railroad, with a Proclamation for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- Megan Cottington-Heath, candidate for Saginaw County Circuit Court Judge, detailed her record of work with family law and asked for support in the November election
- Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk, spoke in opposition to the request by Elected Officials to amend County Policy #335 – “Compensation” and establish a future separation of not less than 15% between the elected position and the highest pay grade within the office

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificate of Welcome to Bishop Tudor Bismark for Harvestfest
- Certificate of Recognition to Lillian Bickel upon the occasion of her 100th Birthday
- Proclamation for National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, October
- Proclamation for National Pro Bono Week, October 23 – 29, 2022

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved for Equalization the preliminary 2022 County Apportionment Report
- Approved a proposed, revised Saginaw County Ordinance regarding Surveillance, Invasion of Privacy or Security on County Property
- Approved amendment of the 10th Circuit Court – Family Division FY 2023 Budget to accept the “Raise the Age” grant in the amount of \$200,000 and the CPLR grant in the amount of \$70,843
- Approved a new PCN for a part-time caseworker position at Commission on Aging for a two-year term to assist with the Tyler/Munis conversion
- Approved a 90-day Professional Services Agreement with Vera Haller to assist with critical department functions at Commission on Aging
- Commissioner Privileged a request from Civil/Labor Counsel on behalf of some elected officials to revise County Policy #335 – Compensation (*Unfinished Business at the November 22, 2022 Board Session*)
- Approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding request from Saginaw Future for up to \$5 million for a Transformational Economic Development Project, pending the start of construction/ground-breaking by March 21, 2024
- Approved ARPA funding request from the Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve for up to \$300,000 to match the MDNR contribution
- Approved the use of ARPA Revenue Replacement funds for three (3) previously approved Budget requests: Corporation Counsel (\$35,000); PLUS Surveillance (\$150,483); and Saginaw Future (\$140,525)
- Approved the contribution of up to \$2 million to make a one-time contribution to the Healthcare Fund to be allocated to all applicable departments and the General Fund portion to be applied against Revenue Replacement funds; Further, to establish the employee premium share as \$30 for single, \$150 for double, and \$110 for family and incorporate into Memorandums of Understanding with all applicable unions
- Approved closure of the Courthouse and all applicable county facilities at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 31, 2022 (Halloween) contingent upon consent of the Courts
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 10-18-22.1 and 10-18-22.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Approved Resolution **2022 - 14** Operation Green Light for Veterans

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected Kathleen (Kitty) Packard to the Department of Health & Human Services Board for a term that expires October 31, 2025
- ✓ Elected Isaac Reeves to the Parks & Recreation Commission to fill a vacancy for a term that expires January 1, 2025
- ✓ Elected John Sangster and Todd Hare to the Saginaw County Road Commission for a term that expires December 31, 2028

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Ruth thanked everyone for their participation and support, urging everyone to continue to communicate with each other. He also noted that it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and pointed out that Vice-Chair Matthews and the Controller were both sporting pink clothing, as well as Commissioner Slodowski. Chairman Ruth thanked Undersheriff Gomez for the tours he has hosted of the VirTra Simulator at the Sheriff's Office.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Vice-Chair Matthews announced the "Trunk or Treat" event hosted by the Sheriff's Office in the parking lot of Arthur Hill High School on Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Krafft announced the passing of Irene Bronner, wife of Wally Bronner, who died at the age of 95. She was still active at Bronner's CHRISTmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth and leaves behind four children.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

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