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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 16, 2021 SESSION

The February Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 16, 2021 via Zoom pursuant to P.A. 228 of 2020 and P.A. 254 of 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

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

Absent: – 0

✚ Commissioner Tany gave the invocation before leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Krafft, seconded by Commissioner Boyd, moved to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 6, and 19, 2021 Board Session, Minutes of the February 3, 2021 Committee of the Whole, and all previous Committee of the Whole sessions held in 2020 during closure due to the pandemic. Motion carried unanimously.

AUDIENCES

- Amos O’Neal, 95th District State Representative, gave a brief update on State of Michigan issues affecting Saginaw County, including constitutional revenue sharing at a 2% increase for this upcoming fiscal year; Assistance to 24 cities in Michigan impacted by decrease in income tax is proposed at \$70 million to address this issue (approx. \$2 million each); Governor Whitmer offered her budget and it should be finalized by the end of June, first of July 2021; Bills were put forth offering amendments that include additional school aid, apprentice programs under union affiliates, and other items. Representative O’Neal will be attending board meetings in the future to update commissioners on State of Michigan issues.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

None

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved appointment of Randy Tashjian, M.D. as Chief Deputy Medical Examiner at MIFSM
- Approved waiver of the out-of-state travel ban to allow two (2) members of Sheriff command personnel to attend Internal Affairs training in Florida in March 2021; further, the out-of-state travel ban implemented by the Board in April 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect
- Approved designation of Granger Construction as Construction Manager for the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center project

- Approved new County Policy #244 – “Responsible Contractor Policy” and revisions to current County Policy #241 – “Purchasing Policy”
- Approved acceptance of a donated Sweeper Truck from MBS International Airport to HW Browne Airport
- Approved an increase to the Sugar Beet Advancement activity within the MSU Extension FY 2021 Budget by \$6,000 to account for funding received from the Sugar Beet Cooperative
- Approved waiver of the hiring freeze for the positions of Kennel Technician (PT) at Animal Care & Control and Environmental Health Specialist I/II at the Health Department
- Approved issuance of a temporary Personnel Control Number (PCN) for a position in Information Technology to assist with the Mainframe Modernization Initiative
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 2-16-21.1 and 2-16-21.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Approved Res. A - Resolution of Agency
- ❖ Approved Res. B - Resolution to Borrow Against Anticipated Delinquent 2020 Real Property Taxes
- ❖ Approved Res. C - Resolution approving Webster Drain Bonds, Series 2021
- ❖ Approved Res. D - Resolution Approving a Responsible Contractor Policy for Saginaw County

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ❖ Approved Res. E - Resolution Assigning Oversight and Management of the Renovation of the Dow Event Center Capital Improvement Project to the Saginaw County Building Authority

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Matthews thanked commissioners for suggesting organizations to donate the leftover hams from the holiday employee give-away
- ❖ Commissioner Krafft commented on Commissioner Dwan’s new hairstyle and verified the correct pronunciation of Commissioner Tany’s name (“Tay-knee”)

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Ruth commented on a fake email that was circulated to commissioners and staff. Josh Brown, IT Director, stated it was someone from outside the organization who spoofed a commissioner and there was no active threat contained within the email.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy County Clerk