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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 21, 2025 SESSION

The January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21, 2025 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, Jack B. Tany, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, and Michael A. Webster - **11**

ABSENT: - **0**

TOTAL: - **11**

OTHERS: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Jessica Sargent, Darcie Totten, Katharine Tessin, Casey Kilts, Becky Carrier, Jennifer Vannette, Don Buckley, Harry Mika, Dennis Borchard, Emily Migut, Jaime Ceja, Missie Freier, Kyle Bostwick, Officer Rafe Maxwell, Pete Maxwell, Debbie Maxwell, Rachel Maxwell, Aurora Maxwell, Isabelle Maxwell, Eric Cowles, Andrew Klaczkiewicz, Nicole Klee, Kelsie Loney, Noah Johnson, Beth Kalley, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks and others

✚ Commissioner Boyd asked for a moment of silence for former Chief Prosecuting Attorney and Special Attorney General for Saginaw County, Charles Robert Rousseau, who passed away. (July 16, 1944 – January 19, 2025)

✚ Chairman Tany pointed out his extra-large gavel to the Board and asked that members adhere to Robert's Rules of Order and put their hand up and wait to be acknowledged before speaking

✚ Commissioner Piotrowski gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Special Session and December 17, 2024 Regular Board Session were approved

AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski presented a Certificate of Commendation to School Resource Officer Rafe Maxwell in recognition of saving the life of a high school student who was choking.
- ❖ Blair Stevenson, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, offered gratitude to the Board for its assistance in realigning the Prosecutor's Office with the Public Defender's Office; his office is now fully staffed. He introduced new Assistant Prosecutors Noah Johnson and Beth Kalley who were in attendance, and stated the board's approvals have caused a positive outcome in this office.
- ❖ Don Buckley read the 22 cities and townships that voted against, versus the fewer number who voted for, the new road millage in Saginaw County. He explained that the gas tax is inappropriate because of the reduced rate for electric vehicles and others that use the roads without consuming as much fuel. He asked the Board to go to legislators on these issues.

INITIATORY MOTION

- Approved that all sanctions as set forth in Resolution 2024-11 from December 10, 2024 be continued unless further action of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners is taken

FOIA APPEAL

- Approved issuing written notice to Matthew Witkos, Fox17 West Michigan News, upholding the deposit request regarding his November 14, 2024 Freedom of Information Act request

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Commendation to School Resource Officer Rafe Maxwell for his heroic act of saving the life of a high school student who was choking
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to members of the volunteer Jonesfield-Lakefield Township Fire Department for years of service: Dan Beetley - 41 years; Ron Honaman - 42 years; Aaron Morford - 20 years; Ron Slick - 24 years; Don Kilgore - 36 years; Jeff Smith - 37 years; Dave Lednicky - 60 years; Randy Clark - 50 years; Dennis Fuller - 28 years; Sean Dungey - 16 years; Todd Wolverton - 18 years
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Gamma Kappa Chapter for its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Prayer Breakfast to raise scholarship funds for deserving students in the Saginaw/Bay Area
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Chief Charles “Mick” Levens, Tri-Township Fire Department, for 32 years of dedicated service

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the vendor transactions for December 2024 in the amount of \$10,499,541.77
- Approved revised County Policy #351 – Travel, as amended
- Approved request to allocate \$80,000 of Public Improvement Fund balance to the Wayfinding Study
- Approved to reinstate the Judicial Assistant position in the FY25 Budget to assist with the Virtual Backlog Reduction Docket program
- Approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement between County of Saginaw and TPOAM – Circuit Court, Probate Court, District Court and Elected Officials
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 1-21-25.1 and 1-21-25.2

RESOLUTIONS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Tany made the following appointments:

Animal Control Advisory Council

- ✓ Tracey Slodowski, Cynthia Winiecke, and Jonna Sharf for terms to expire 12/31/27

Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

- ✓ Timothy Morales and Rob Grose for terms to expire 12/31/27

Commission On Aging Board - *Terms Expire: December 31, 2028*

Dist. #1 - Mary Speaker	Dist. #7 - Martin "Marty" Warnick
Dist. #2 - Tammy Michael	Dist. #8 - Exie Robinson
Dist. #3 - Tom McIntyre	Dist. #9 - Vacant
Dist. #4 - Deanna Nigl	Dist. #10 - Prescilla Adams
Dist. #5 - Terry Crevia	Dist. #11 - Dennis Morrison
Dist. #6 - Julia Rohde	

East Michigan Council of Governments

- ✓ Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator

Materials Management Planning Committee

- ✓ Wesley Peterman appointed to replace Dennis Fent for a term to expire 12/31/29

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Re-elected Commissioner Sheldon Matthews to the **Board of Health** with a term to expire December 31, 2028.
- ✓ Elected Chairman Jack Tany, Vice-Chair Gerald Little and Commissioner Tracey Slodowski to **HealthSource Saginaw** with terms to expire December 31, 2025
- ✓ Re-elected Sheldon Matthews, Demond Tibbs, and David Sommers to the **Parks & Recreation Commission** with terms to expire January 1, 2028

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chair Tany announced a huge job fair in the City of Saginaw on March 12, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Andersen Enrichment Center. More information will be provided.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski presented Clerk Vanessa Guerra with gifts from the board for her baby that is due in March.
- ❖ Commissioner Boyd stated that sitting in former Commissioner Dennis Krafft's chair makes him feel obligated to have lots of announcements, but he has none.
- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski announced Snowfest in Frankenmuth from January 29th to February 2nd. He asked for prayers that temperatures remain below 32 degrees because of the trouble they've had with sculptures melting during the festival the last few years. Snowfest includes snow sculpting and ice carving competitions, children's activities, fireworks, petting zoo, entertainment, warming tent and more.

- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski announced the Animal Care & Control Surgical Center tentatively opening by April and that they will meet on February 7th to form a committee. She is excited and proud to be a part of it.
- ❖ Commissioner Coney announced that the Saginaw County Commissioners, along with the Saginaw County League of Women Voters and MSU Extension, have taken the initiative to promote youth involvement in government. They have set a standard and now several municipalities in Saginaw County see the need to help youth develop their skills and are looking for ways to engage young people.
- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski announced the Saginaw CRA Bankers Forum Financial Literacy Class on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., 2800 Holland Ave., Saginaw.
- ❖ Vice-Chair Little spoke of the Saginaw Community Food Club and Kitchen's groundbreaking on January 16, 2025 that he and Chair Tany attended.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JACK B. TANY, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

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