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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 20, 2021 SESSION

The April Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2021 via Zoom pursuant to P.A. 267 of 1976/P.A. 228 of 2020 and a Local Emergency Declaration dated April 8, 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

Present: *Christopher S. Boyd (Saginaw Twp., MI), Carol E. Ewing (Birch Run, MI), Kyle R. Harris (St. Charles, MI), Dennis H. Krafft (Frankenmuth, MI), Gerald D. Little (Saginaw, MI), Sheldon Matthews (Spaulding Twp., MI), Carl E. Ruth (Saginaw, MI), Jack B. Tany (Carrollton Twp. MI), James G. Theisen (Thomas Twp., MI), Michael A. Webster (Saginaw, MI) – 10*

Absent: – 0

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Board Session were approved.

AUDIENCES

- Kathy Dwan thanked everyone and stated it was a pleasure working with the commissioners. She explained that when she sold her house and announced her resignation effective April 30, 2021 due to moving out of the district, she was unaware that changing her address at the Secretary of State on March 25, 2021 also changed her voting registration to another county and rendered her ineligible to serve as County Commissioner effective that same date. She wished everyone good luck and God's blessings.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

None

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the 2021 Equalization Report
- Approved Parks & Recreation submission of 2021 Special License Applications to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission for special adult-oriented events at county parks
- Approved changes to Imerman Memorial Park - Bark Park Rules, Sec. G
- Approved the donation of Saginaw County Planning Department related documents and maps to the Castle Museum of Saginaw County History

- Approved to (1) reinstate 8 hours per pay for 31 District Court employees and reinstate two District Court employees from part-time to full-time; (2) create an Assistant Director of Maintenance position; (3) fund court costs associated with hosting offsite jury trials; and (4) schedule a Committee of the Whole to evaluate requests from county departments, small businesses, nonprofits and tourism/hospitality industry
- Approved the Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter for FY ended September 30, 2020 for submission to the State of Michigan
- Approved waiver of the hiring freeze for Records Clerk and Jail Security at the Sheriff Department; Senior Center Coordinator at Commission on Aging and Assistant Prosecutor in the Prosecutors Office
- Approved extension of temporary PCN #101163 at 10th Circuit Court – Family Division for the position of School Truancy Coordinator retroactive from March 31, 2021 to May 31, 2021
- Approved three (3) Memorandums of Understanding with Teamsters Local 214 (COA & Public Health), Teamsters Local 214 (Nurses) and UAW Local 455 – Unit 48 Managers that increase the PTO limit for Health Department employees from 700 hours up to 820 hours effective through September 30, 2021
- Approved a motion declaring a vacancy in the office of Saginaw County Commissioner, District #1
- Approved (1) a motion to recess to a date and time to be determined; (2) approved a motion to recess the meeting to Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

[Note: The Board of Commissioners recessed at 6:06 p.m. until Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at which time the remainder of the Agenda was considered]

- Approved a motion to retract Executive Committee Board Report 6.1 that was submitted to the Board on the Addendum to the April 20, 2021 Agenda
- Approved a motion declaring a vacancy in the office of Saginaw County Commissioner, District #1, effective March 25, 2021, that all votes exercised by the prior officeholder during the Human Services Committee meeting of April 5, 2021 and the similar votes cast in the Courts & Public Safety Committee meeting of April 6, 2021 be set aside and determined to be void; further, that all actions of those committees be hereby ratified since the actions were carried by a majority vote of the remaining members of those committees
- Approved a motion to adopt the procedure set forth by Chairman Ruth and that in accordance with the provisions of MCL 46.412 and MCL 46.413 the Board proceed to fill the vacancy the Board declared in the Office of Saginaw County Commissioner, District #1; and that the Board hereby acknowledge that these procedures supersede the actions of the Executive Board, but that all actions of this Board in this regard remain in full force and effect as this be considered a continuation of those procedures
- Approved a motion to reject the application of Ross Gibson, as he is not a registered voter in District #1
- Approved a motion to strike from the minutes a letter from former Commissioner Kathy Dwan that was read by Commissioner Carol Ewing
- Approved the appointment of Cynthia Winiecke to fulfill the vacant term of County Commissioner for District #1
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 4-20-21.1 and 4-20-21.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Approved Res. A - Performance Resolution with Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) necessary to continue the Saginaw County Fiber Installation/Implementation Project

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Ruth thanked everyone for his or her efforts and consensus with this process. This will probably go on record as the longest meeting the Board of Commissioners has ever had due to the recess. He thanked the Clerk's Office for its assistance and for the fair and open communication from everyone.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Newly appointed Commissioner Cynthia Winiecke thanked the Board for its support and stated she is extremely honored to work with each and every person on the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy County Clerk