

MINUTES

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Wednesday, October 2, 2024 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Webster – Chair, Dennis Krafft – Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Gerald Little, Christopher Boyd
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Jaime Ceja, Darcie Totten, Donovan Monte Gomez, Liz Gooch, Bill Azelton, Judi Lincoln, Kevin Murphy, Katharine Tessin, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, and Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to order ---**Webster @ 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**September 4, 2024**)
---**Moved by Boyd, seconded by Krafft, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public Comment (*Speakers limited to 3 minutes*)
 - (1) **Donovan Monte Gomez addressed the committee and, among other things, believes that the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners should have an interactive social media page. He spoke of his complaints concerning Ottawa County and the Mental Health Authority.**
 - (2) **Bill Azelton, Board of Canvassers, spoke of their role to certify election results and told the County Services Committee there is no cause for concern, the election will go smoothly and be certified in a timely manner. The committee thanked him for his assurance.**
- V. Agenda
 1. **Hon. Patrick J. McGraw, Chief Judge Probate Court**, re:
 - **10-15-5** Requesting an increase in pay for the bipartisan members of the Board of Canvassers who play a significant role in ensuring Michigan Election Law is complied with by our 30 jurisdictions.
---**Judge McGraw, Chair of the Election Commission, communicated that the work required of the canvassers drastically increased because of Michigan Election Law. Canvassers are now required to canvass 76 precincts connected to the Early Vote Center, 76 precincts from election day, and 56 absentee ballot counting board precincts throughout the county which adds to the number of days required of them. He requested an increase of \$100 for up to 3 hours and \$200 for anything over 3 hours, believing that paying an adequate wage will help protect Saginaw County against the refusal of certifying election results as has happened in other Michigan counties.**
---**Moved by Boyd, seconded by Krafft, to approve. Motion carried.**
(Board Report)
 2. **Liz Gooch, Deputy Equalization Director**, re:
 - **10-15-6** Requested approval of the 2024 Saginaw County Apportionment Report, along with the Millage Report and Estimated Tax Revenue Report
---**Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to approve. Motion carried.**
(Board Report)

3. **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATION (Received & Filed in Committee)**

- **10-15-7** Timothy Novak, Saginaw County Treasurer, submitted the Foreclosing Governmental Unit Report of Real Property Foreclosure Sales Report.
---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Little, to receive & file. Motion carried.

4. **JoAnn Crary, President, Saginaw Future**, re:

- **10-15-11** Submitted its fourth quarter report (July 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2024) and requested \$10,977 in performance-based funding pursuant to the Fourth Amendment of the Saginaw County and Saginaw Future Services Agreement and the performance bonus of \$50,000 for a total payment of \$60,977
***---Moved by Boyd, seconded by Krafft, to approve. Motion carried.
(Board Report)***

5. Any other matters to come before the committee ***---None***

VI. Miscellaneous ***---None***

VII. Adjournment ***---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:30 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Webster, Committee Chair
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk