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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
MAY 18, 2021 SESSION

The May Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 18, 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 (Saginaw Twp., MI), Michael A. Webster (Saginaw, MI), Cynthia Winiecke (Freeland, MI) – 11*

Absent: – 0

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the April 8, 2021 Special Board Session (amended) and the April 20, 2021 Board Session were approved.

AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Winiecke presented Tim Ninemire, Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority (SCCMHA), with a Proclamation for *May as Mental Health Month*. Mr. Ninemire thanked the Board of Commissioners and accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Director Sandra Lindsey and the SCCMHA Board of Directors. SCCMHA is proud to offer mental health services to the community, especially over the past year. He shared a quote by Ms. Lindsey – “Hope cannot be quarantined” – and stated he appreciates everything Saginaw County does to support SCCMHA.
- Dr. Dawn Hinton presented information on the First Ward Leadership Fellows, which is a collaboration between SVSU and First Ward Community Center. The program is designed to help young people between the ages of 18 – 25 to develop leadership skills. Community focus groups were held and participants were introduced to members of the City Council and Board of Commissioners. Dr. Hinton urged commissioners to appoint Tess Martin to the HealthSource Saginaw Board of Trustees in December when a position becomes available.
- Brian Keenan-Lechel spoke regarding the equitable implementation of Phases II & III of the Compensation Study. He stated that, although the proposed recommendation does not recognize seniority in the implementation of the Compensation Study at this time, this is a point that has been brought up by multiple members of the UAW Managers Union throughout the compensation study process. The nearly one year delay in Phases II & III implementation from original timelines could be considered, as well as retroactively paying 76 employees from Phases II & III who were placed in sub-steps in 2020 to be made whole from their implementation dates.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition to Barbara Lawson upon her retirement from the Prosecutor's Office after 31 years of service
- Certificate of Recognition to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter, for its 37th Annual "Hats Off to Mom" Scholarship Program
- Proclamation for *May as Mental Health Month*

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved submission of a grant application for \$60,000 to MDHHS to provide suicide program training for 300 county employees
- Approved submission and acceptance of a grant for \$578,892 from the State of Michigan, Office of Community Corrections
- Approved \$23,430 in performance-based funding to Saginaw Future pursuant to the First Amendment to the Services Agreement between Saginaw County and Saginaw Future
- Approved amendment to the Public Works FY 2021 Soil Erosion Budget for purchase of a vehicle to replace a current vehicle
- Approved electronic transactions and voucher payments for the months of February and March 2021
- Approved partnership with Saginaw Charter Township to defend the current taxable value of Fashion Square Mall with a contribution not to exceed \$10,000
- Approved amendment of the Sheriff's FY 2021 Budget to increase the Law Enforcement Fund and Local Drug Forfeiture Fund using \$22,572 from revenue received from firearm gun sales; further, to approve purchase of a vehicle and outfitting costs in the amount of \$18,700 from the Law Enforcement Fund with the balance to the Drug Forfeitures Fund
- Approved waiver of the hiring freeze to fill the vacant position of Office Assistant II (PCN #101253) in the Prosecutor's Office
- Approved rescinding the Memorandum of Understanding with TPOAM approved in September 2020 and restoration of thirty-three (33) District Court furloughed employees to full-time effective May 16, 2021
- Approved the immediate implementation of Phases II & III of the Job Classification Compensation Study
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 5-18-21.1 and 5-18-21.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Approved Res. A - Full Faith and Credit Resolution re: Gage Drain Bonds, Series 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected Cynthia Winiecke to the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority Board for a term to expire December 31, 2022.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Ruth announced a Committee of the Whole has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at Horizons Conference Center and via Zoom to review the architectural and building information of the new Animal Care & Control Center.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Krafft announced the World Expo of Beer in Heritage Park, May 21 – 22, 2021 with 1,500 tickets available each day. Memorial Weekend includes the Frankenmuth Dog Bowl at the River Place Shops May 29 – 30, 2021 along with Balloons Over Bavarian Inn. Bavarian Festival will be June 10 – 13, 2021 in Zehnder Park with a Parade on Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

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