

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Board of Commissioners
OF SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

MAY SESSION 2021



First day of the May Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The Board met pursuant to call of the County Clerk at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair. This meeting was held consistent with P.A. 267 of 1976/P.A. 228 of 2020 (MCL 15.263) and a Local Emergency Declaration dated April 8, 2021 to consider the May 18, 2021 Agenda.

County Clerk Vanessa Guerra took roll and the minutes reflect the location of each commissioner who is attending the meeting remotely. A quorum was present as follows:

PRESENT: *Cynthia M. Winiecke (Freeland, MI), Jack B. Tany (Carrollton Twp., MI), Christopher S. Boyd (Saginaw Twp., MI), Sheldon Matthews (Spaulding Twp., MI), James G. Theisen (Thomas Twp., MI), Kyle R. Harris (St. Charles, MI), Carol E. Ewing (Birch Run, MI), Dennis H. Krafft (Frankenmuth, MI), Gerald D. Little (Saginaw, MI), Carl E. Ruth (Saginaw, MI), and Michael A. Webster (Saginaw, MI) - 11*

ABSENT: *None - 0*

TOTAL: *- 11*



Commissioner Theisen opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Others Present: Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Vanessa Guerra, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Ceylon Bettis, Christina Harrington, Dr. Dawn Hinton, Isaac Blackmon, Jennifer Broadfoot, Jessica Sargent, Prosecutor John McColgan, Koren Thurston, Kelly Suppes, Linda James, Marcia, Mary McLaughlin, Mike Thompson, Norm Bamberger, JoAnn Crary, Undersheriff Mike Gomez, Tim Ninemire, Bill Stanuszek, Caitlyn French, Suzy Koepplinger, Sue Arceo, Cindy Louchart



CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION

Public Notice of Regular Board Session

As the County Building is closed to the public except by appointment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting is open remotely pursuant to P.A. 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) and a Local Emergency Declaration dated April 8, 2021 which extends the time to meet remotely to August 31, 2021 and to allow for participation during the public portion of the meeting.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its Regular Session on

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

via Zoom teleconference as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS using ZOOM audio conferencing:

Dial: 1 (877) 853-5257 or 1 (888) 475-4499 US Toll-free and enter Meeting ID: 802 444 1727

or

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Requests for Public Comment (Audiences) must be made to the Board of Commissioners Office at (989) 790-5267 or by email to boc@saginawcounty.com prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please include your phone number so you can be un-muted when it is your time to speak.

This meeting is being held consistent with P.A. 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) to consider the May 18, 2021 Board Agenda.

If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate remotely, please call the Board of Commissioners at 989.790.5267.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vanessa Guerra

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

May 7, 2021

Posted 5-7-21 by SEK

By the Chair: That the Notice of Meeting from the County Clerk be received and filed, if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ***Commissioner Boyd moved, seconded by Commissioner Tany, pursuant to MCL 46.411 and the resolution of this board that declared a vacancy in the office of Saginaw County Commissioner for District #1 effective March 25, 2021, that all votes exercised by the prior officeholder during the special meeting of April 8, 2021 be set aside and declared void and that all actions of the board be ratified since all actions carried by a majority of the board. Motion carried unanimously.***
- ***Commissioner Winiecke moved, seconded by Commissioner Little, to approve the April 8, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes as amended and the April 20, 2021 Board Session Minutes. Motion carried unanimously.***

PUBLIC HEARING

None

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

**Certificate of Recognition
Barbara Lawson
Office Assistant II
in the
County Prosecutor's Office**

For 31 years, Barbara Lawson was a staple in the Saginaw County Prosecutors Office. She began her career April 2, 1990 as the Victim's Assistant Clerk and quickly moved into the position of Clerk/Typist I/II by June 4, 1990. On January 1, 1999 Barb advanced to Receptionist/Prosecutor's Jury Specialist where she remained until her retirement on April 30, 2021. In 2019, a countywide compensation study was completed which renamed her job title to Office Assistant II.

Barb's dedication never wavered. She was one of the first people the public would see when they entered the Prosecutor's Office and was always professional. The experience and knowledge that left with Barb is priceless. As for 2020, I think Barb will agree that in all the years working for the County, she has never seen anything like it!

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners congratulates Barbara Lawson on her well-deserved retirement after 31 years of service, and thanks her for her hard work and dedication to Saginaw County and the citizens and prosecutors she assisted throughout the years.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
Carl E. Ruth
Chair, District #10

Presented: April 30, 2021
Adopted: May 18, 2021

**Certificate of Recognition
Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.
Hats Off to Mom Scholarship Program**

**Upon the occasion of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter,
37th Annual Virtual "Hats Off to Mom" Scholarship Program
on Saturday, May 1, 2021**

this Certificate of Recognition is awarded to
Evangelist Ruth C. Pryor – VIP Mother of the Year & Mrs Jeanette Brown – VIP Soror of the Year
as a testimonial of loyal and dedicated service that they have contributed over the years.

Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was chartered on Saturday, February 10, 1962 at the Bancroft Hotel in Saginaw, Michigan. Twelve distinguished sorors comprised the charter group. The chartering officer was Soror Laura Kate Campbell, Supreme Grammateus at that time. The Regional Director was Soror LaRue Fredericks, and the Supreme Basileus was Soror Marjorie Parker. A special guest at the chartering ceremony was Soror Aloncita Flood, National Membership Chairman and Aunt of Soror Bernadine Tivis. The first basileus of Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter was Soror Marie Claytor.



The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby extend this Certificate of Recognition to Evangelist Ruth C. Pryor & Mrs. Jeanette Brown along with our best wishes for many more happy, productive years in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners
Carl E. Ruth
Chairman, District #10

Presented: May 1, 2021
Adopted: May 18, 2021

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

By the Chair: That the following communications received by the Board of Commissioners are referred as designated, if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.

5-18-1 SAGINAW FUTURE submitting its second quarter report, January 1 through March 31, 2021 and request for \$23,430 in performance-based funding pursuant to the First Amendment to the Saginaw County and Saginaw Future Services Agreement.

-- County Services **(5-18-3.1)**

5-18-2 COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS requesting approval to submit, and accept if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$578,892 from the State of Michigan, Office of Community Corrections.

-- Courts & Public Safety **(5-18-2.1)**

5-18-3 VILLAGE OF MERRILL sending notice of a public hearing on the request from Gemini Capital Management XIII, LLC at 235 W. Saginaw St., Merrill, MI to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District.

-- County Services *(Receive & File)*

5-18-4 VILLAGE OF MERRILL sending notice of a public hearing on the request from Mo Coco Coffee at 104 E. Saginaw St., Merrill, MI to establish a Commercial Rehabilitation District.

-- County Services *(Receive & File)*

5-18-5 CONTROLLER/CAO submitting the 2021 First Quarter Finance and Program Reports of the Saginaw County Historical Society.

-- County Services *(Receive & File)*

5-18-6 REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING submitting its Draft Allocation Plan with preliminary planning figures in anticipation of federal and state appropriations for FY 2022. --

Human Services *(Receive & File)*

5-18-7 CONTROLLER/CAO requesting approval and authorization to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) to provide suicide prevention training for 300 county employees.

-- Human Services **(5-18-1.1)**

5-18-8 PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval of a Full Faith and Credit Resolution regarding the sale of bonds in the amount of \$7,000,000 for the Gage Drain Drainage District.

-- County Services **(5-18-3.2)**

5-18-9 PUBLIC WORKS requesting approval to amend the 2021 Soil Erosion FY 2021 Budget and replace a current vehicle.

-- County Services **(5-18-3.3)**



- 5-18-10 PUBLIC WORKS** requesting a change in the compensation package of the Public Works Commissioner to include a vehicle and phone allowance at a bi-weekly rate of \$460.00, in lieu of a county vehicle and county provided cell phone.
-- County Services (*Tabled to June County Services Committee*)
- 5-18-11 TREASURER/CONTROLLER** sending the electronic transactions and voucher payments transmittal form for the month of February 2021.
-- Budget/Audit (**5-18-4.1**)
- 5-18-12 TREASURER/CONTROLLER** sending the electronic transactions and voucher payments transmittal form for the month of March 2021.
-- Budget/Audit (**5-18-4.1**)
- 5-18-13 FINANCE DIRECTOR** submitting quarterly budget adjustments for January 1, 2021 – March 31, 2021.
-- Budget/Audit (*Receive & File*)
- 5-18-14 CONTROLLER/CAO** submitting a recommendation to partner with Saginaw Charter Township to defend the current taxable value of the Fashion Square Mall with a contribution of up to \$10,000 toward the costs of appraising and defending the appraised value legally in the Michigan Tax Tribunal.
-- Budget/Audit (**5-18-4.2**)
- 5-18-15 CONTROLLER/CAO** submitting the updated Saginaw County multi-year budget forecast model prepared by Municipal Analytics.
-- Budget/Audit (*Receive & File*)
- 5-18-16 CONTROLLER/CAO** submitting the monthly Status Report on the Saginaw County Adult Detention and Sheriff Administration Building Project.
-- Courts & Public Safety (*Receive & File*)
- 5-18-17 PROSECUTOR** requesting waiver of the hiring freeze to fill the vacant position of Office Assistant II (PCN #101253) due to retirement.
-- Labor Relations (**5-18-5.1**)
- 5-18-18 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR** submitting the Employment Status Report covering statistics for the month of April 2021.
-- Labor Relations (*Receive & File*)
- 5-18-19 LABOR COUNSEL** submitting for approval an Agreement to Rescind a Memorandum of Understanding with TPOAM.
-- Labor Relations (**5-18-4.2**)
- 5-18-20 SHERIFF** requesting to amend its FY 2021 Budget using revenue from firearm gun sales (207-30104-64233) to increase the Law Enforcement Fund (207-30104-97900) by \$22,572 to purchase a vehicle estimated to cost \$18,700; further, requesting that the remaining revenue from firearm gun sales go to the Local Drug Forfeiture Fund (280-30125-93600).
-- Budget/Audit (**5-18-4.3**)
- 5-18-21 CONTROLLER/CAO** submitting information for discussion to revisit the October 20, 2020 Board of Commissioners decision to implement the Job Classification & Total Compensation Study for Phases II & III over a three year period.
-- Committee of the Whole

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None



REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

1. **Human Services Committee – J. Theisen, Chair; M. Webster, Vice-Chair**

1.1) **CONTROLLER/CAO**, re: Approval to submit grant application for \$60,000 to MDHHS to provide suicide program training for 300 county employees

- ***Theisen moved, seconded by Matthews, to approve 1.1. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:***

Yes: *Ewing, Krafft, Little, Webster, Winiecke, Tany, Boyd, Matthews, Theisen, Harris and Ruth - 11*

No: *- 0*

Total: *- 11*

FROM: COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES – 1.1

MAY 18, 2021

Your committee considered Communication No. 5-18-7 from Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, requesting approval and authorization to submit a grant application to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) for \$60,000 to provide “Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention” program training for 300 county employees.

The committee met with Mr. Belleman and Ms. Barb Smith, Executive Director, Suicide Resource & Response Network (“Network”) via Zoom, who explained the grant and the training which would provide county employees, many of whom are front-line workers who interact with the public, especially youth ages 18 – 24 with the necessary skills and tools to identify and assist in referring individuals who may be struggling and possibly contemplating death by suicide to a trained professional. The skills may also prepare county employees with helping family and friends who may be struggling with the economic and social impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic. The MDHHS grant would cover the cost of 300 county employees attending the safeTALK training including, but not limited to, training materials and support. Strict protocols are in place for COVID-19 safety.

We recommend approval and authorization to submit a grant application for \$60,000 to the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services to provide “Transforming Youth Suicide Prevention” program training for 300 county employees.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

James G. Theisen, Chair

Gerald Little

Carl E. Ruth

Michael Webster, Vice-Chair

Cynthia Winiecke

2. **Courts and Public Safety Committee – S. Matthews, Chair; C. Boyd, Vice-Chair**

2.2) **COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS**, re: Approval to submit and accept a grant for \$578,892 from the State of Michigan, Office of Community Corrections



- **Matthews moved, seconded by Boyd, to approve 2.1. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:**

Yes: Krafft, Little, Webster, Winiecke, Tany, Boyd, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Ewing, and Ruth - 11

No: - 0

Total: - 11

FROM: COMMITTEE ON COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY – 2.1

MAY 18, 2021

Your committee considered Communication No. 5-18-2 from Mary M. McLaughlin, Community Corrections Manager, requesting approval to submit, and accept if awarded, a grant in the amount of \$578,892 from the State of Michigan, Office of Community Corrections.

The committee met with Ms. McLaughlin via Zoom, who explained the grant and what it covers, which is wages and benefits for Community Corrections/Pretrial Services staff as well as methamphetamine/opiate and trauma programs at Tri-Cap. Community Corrections clients are currently at 300 for GPS tether and day reporting. All programs are available to all Specialty Courts. The budgetary proposal is a \$51,591 increase from FY 2021. As always, there are no match funds required for this grant.

We recommend approval to submit and accept, if awarded, a grant for \$578,892 from the State of Michigan, Office of Community Corrections.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY

Sheldon Matthews, Chair

Kyle R. Harris

Carl E. Ruth

Christopher S. Boyd, Vice-Chair

Cynthia M. Winiecke

3. County Services Committee – M. Webster; D. Krafft, Vice-Chair

- 3.1) **SAGINAW FUTURE, INC.**, re: Approval of \$23,430 in performance-based funding pursuant to the First Amendment to the Services Agreement between Saginaw County and Saginaw Future
- 3.2) **PUBLIC WORKS**, re: Approval of a Resolution regarding Gage Drain Bonds, Series 2021 submitted under the regular order of business
- 3.3) **PUBLIC WORKS**, re: Approval to amend the FY 2021 Soil Erosion Budget for purchase of a vehicle to replace a current vehicle

- **Webster moved, seconded by Krafft, to approve 3.1 – 3.3 leaving room for exceptions. There were no exceptions and the motion carried by the following roll-call vote:**

Yes: Little, Webster, Winiecke, Tany, Boyd, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, and Ruth - 11

No: - 0

Total: - 11



FROM: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES – 3.1

MAY 18, 2021

Your committee considered Communication No. 5-18-1 from JoAnn Crary, President, Saginaw Future, Inc., requesting \$23,430 in performance-based funding pursuant to the First Amendment to the Saginaw County and Saginaw Future Services Agreement.

The committee met with Ms. Crary via Zoom who provided highlights of the second quarter report, January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, addressing new investment, job creation and government contracts awarded.

We recommend approval to provide \$23,430 in funding to Saginaw Future, leaving a balance of \$3,270 for the remainder of FY 2020/2021, having met the terms of the First Amendment to the Services Agreement between Saginaw Future and Saginaw County.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES

Michael A. Webster, Chairman
Carol E. Ewing
Carl E. Ruth

Dennis H. Krafft, Vice-Chair
Jack B. Tany

FROM: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES – 3.2

MAY 18, 2021

Your committee considered Communication No. 5-18-8 from Brian J. Wendling, Public Works Commissioner requesting approval of a Full Faith and Credit Resolution regarding the sale of Bonds for the Gage Drain Drainage District.

The committee met with Mr. Wendling via zoom who explained that the issuance of bonds for construction of improvements to the Gage Drain will not exceed \$7,000,000 and will mature no later than June 1, 2041. This amount is being issued in anticipation of the collection of an equal amount of special assessments against property and public corporations in the Drainage District.

It is the recommendation of your committee to approve the request and approve a Resolution regarding Gage Drain Bonds, Series 2021 that is submitted under the regular order of business.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES

Michael A. Webster, Chairman
Carol E. Ewing
Carl E. Ruth

Dennis H. Krafft, Vice-Chair
Jack B. Tany

FROM: COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES – 3.3

MAY 18, 2021

Your committee considered Communication No. 5-18-9 from Brian J. Wendling, Public Works Commissioner requesting approval to amend the 2021 Soil Erosion FY 2021 Budget and replace a current vehicle.

We met with Mr. Wendling who informed the committee that the funds to purchase a vehicle were in the Soil Erosion Budget for FY 2020 Budget. However, due to Covid-19, the vehicle was not purchased. The estimated dollar amount to purchase a new vehicle is \$36,000. The sale of the current vehicle netted \$31,000, leaving a balance of \$5,000 needed from the budget.

We recommend approval to amend the Soil Erosion FY 2021 Budget for purchase of a vehicle to replace a current vehicle.



Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON COUNTY SERVICES

Michael A. Webster, Chairman
Carol E. Ewing
Carl E. Ruth

Dennis H. Krafft, Vice-Chair
Jack B. Tany

4. **Budget Audit Committee – D. Krafft, Chair; C. Boyd, Vice-Chair**

- 4.1) **TREASURER/CONTROLLER**, re: Approval of the electronic transactions and voucher payments for the months of February 2021 and March 2021
- 4.2) **CONTROLLER/CAO**, re: Approval to partner with Saginaw Charter Township to defend the current taxable value of Fashion Square Mall with a contribution not to exceed \$10,000
- 4.3) **SHERIFF**, re: Approval to amend its FY 2021 Budget to increase the Law Enforcement Fund and Local Drug Forfeitures 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

- ***Krafft moved, seconded by Theisen, to approve 4.1 – 4.3 leaving room for exceptions. In regard to Board Report 4.2, Commissioner Boyd and Controller Belleman indicated they had conversations with James Wickman, Saginaw Township Manager, regarding a potential resolution with the Michigan Tax Tribunal. The Controller indicated the entire amount of \$10,000 may not be necessary but appraisal and legal costs were incurred and the Board is still being asked to approve a contribution to Saginaw Township up to \$10,000. After discussion, there were no exceptions and the motion carried by the following roll-call vote:***

Yes: Webster, Winiecke, Tany, Boyd, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, and Ruth - 11

No: - 0

Total: - 11

FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.1

MAY 18, 2021

In accordance with State Statute and County Policy, your Budget/Audit Committee reviewed the claims for presentation to the Board of Commissioners, as listed below:

<u>Comm. No.</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5-18-11	Electronic Transactions	February 1 – 28, 2021	\$ 5,718,945.35
	Voucher Payments	February 1 – 28, 2021	\$ 8,497,999.01
5-18-12	Electronic Transactions	March 1 – 31, 2021	\$ 9,885,630.58
	Voucher Payments	March 1 – 31, 2021	\$ 11,796,273.34

We recommend the payments be approved as compiled and submitted by the Treasurer's Office and Accounting Division of the Controller's Office.



Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT

Dennis H. Krafft, Chair

Jack B. Tany

Carl E. Ruth

Christopher S. Boyd, Vice-Chair

James G. Theisen

FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.2

MAY 18, 2021

Your Budget/Audit Committee considered Communication No. 5-18-14 from Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, submitting a recommendation to partner with Saginaw Charter Township to defend the current taxable value of the Fashion square Mall with a contribution of up to \$10,000 toward the costs of appraising and defending the appraised value in the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

We met with Mr. Belleman via Zoom who informed the committee that he received a letter from James Wickman, Saginaw Township Manager, asking for monetary assistance from the County to defend the taxable value range of the Fashion Square Mall, which is currently in foreclosure. The current taxable values are \$14.36M (2020-21) and \$13.13M (2021-22). The receiver last offered settlement for \$10.5M and \$8.5M, respectively, which would have a negative impact on both the township and the county.

Saginaw Township has found a reputable mall appraiser, with tribunal experience, that has demonstrated how we can defend our value range quite fairly. The appraisal will cost \$10,000 and legal costs cannot be predicted. The proposal presented is to split all such costs in proportion to respective millage rates, with a cap of \$10,000 for the County share. That equates to 44.2% for Saginaw Township (8.2311 total mills) and 55.8% for Saginaw County (10.389 total mills). If the total costs exceed \$17,922.82, the \$10,000 maximum County share will be reached and Saginaw Township will cover 100% of the remaining costs for Tax Tribunal.

We recommend approval of a partnership with Saginaw Charter Township to defend the current taxable value of the Fashion Square Mall with a contribution not to exceed \$10,000 toward the cost of appraising and defending the appraised value in the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT

Dennis H. Krafft, Chair

Jack B. Tany

Carl E. Ruth

Christopher S. Boyd, Vice-Chair

James G. Theisen

FROM: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT -- 4.3

MAY 18, 2021

Your Budget/Audit Committee considered Communication No. 5-18-20 from Sheriff William L. Federspiel, requesting to amend the FY 2021 Budget to increase the Law Enforcement Fund (207-30104-97900) and the Local Drug Forfeitures Fund (280-30125-93600) using \$22,572 from revenue received from firearm gun sales.

We met with Undersheriff Miguel Gomez who explained to the committee that due to current COVID-19 circumstances, vehicle crashes and blown engines in patrol vehicles, there is a shortage of vehicles for regular patrol. Patrol vehicles currently on order for receipt in May 2021 have been delayed by the manufacturer to September 2021. The cost of the vehicle is \$17,000, however he recommends approval of \$18,700 as there will be additional vehicle outfitting costs above the purchase price. A vehicle for purchase is on hold pending approval by the Board. The remainder of the revenue received will go into the Local Drug Forfeitures Fund.



We recommend approval to amend the FY 2021 Budget to increase the Law Enforcement Fund to purchase the vehicle and the remainder of the funds to increase the Local Drug Forfeitures Fund as noted above.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT

Dennis H. Krafft, Chair
Jack B. Tany
Carl E. Ruth

Christopher S. Boyd, Vice-Chair
James G. Theisen

5. **Labor Relations Committee – M. Webster, Chair; K. Harris, Vice-Chair**

- 5.1) **PROSECUTOR**, re: Approval to waive the hiring freeze and fill the vacant position of Office Assistant II (PCN #101253)
- 5.2) **CIVIL/LABOR COUNSEL**, re: Approval to rescind Memorandum of Understanding with TPOAM approved in September 2020 and restore thirty-three (33) furloughed employees to full-time effective May 16, 2021
- 5.3) Recommendation from Labor Relations Committee to approve immediate implementation of Phases II & III of the Job Classification Compensation Study

- ***Webster moved, seconded by Matthews, to approve 5.1 and 5.2 leaving room for exceptions. There were no exceptions and the motion carried by the following roll-call vote:***

Yes: Winiecke, Tany, Boyd, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, Webster, and Ruth - 11

No: - 0

Total: - 11

- ***Webster moved, seconded by Tany, to approve 5.3. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:***

Yes: Tany, Boyd, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, Webster, Winiecke, and Ruth - 11

No: - 0

Total: - 11

FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS -- 5.1

MAY 18, 2021

Your Labor Relations Committee considered Communication No. 5-18-17 from John McColgan, Jr., Prosecutor, requesting waiver of the hiring freeze and approval to fill the vacant position of Office Assistant II (PCN #101253).

We met with Mr. McColgan via Zoom who informed the committee that the position was vacant due to employee retirement. The position is vital to the operation of the office and funding for the position is in the budget.

We recommend approval to waive the hiring freeze and fill the position of Office Assistant II (PCN #101253).



Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS

Michael A. Webster, Chairman
Gerald D. Little
Carl E. Ruth

Kyle R. Harris, Vice-Chair
Sheldon Matthews

FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS -- 5.2

MAY 18, 2021

Your Labor Relations Committee considered Communication No. 5-18-19 from Dave Gilbert, Civil/Labor Counsel, submitting for approval an agreement to rescind a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with TPOAM that was approved in September 2020 when the County entered into an MOU to furlough thirty-three (33) employees effective through September 30, 2021.

We met with Mr. Gilbert via Zoom who informed the committee that as a result of the additional funding commissioners approved at the April 20, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting, he met with TPOAM and spoke with the courts and negotiated a deal to return the positions to full-time effective May 16, 2021 and rescind the original MOU.

We recommend approval to rescind the Memorandum of Understanding approved in September 2020 and restore the thirty-three (33) furloughed employees to full-time effective May 16, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS

Michael A. Webster, Chairman
Gerald D. Little
Carl E. Ruth

Kyle R. Harris, Vice-Chair
Sheldon Matthews

FROM: COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS -- 5.3

MAY 18, 2021

Your Labor Relations Committee considered Communication No. 5-18-21 from Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, requesting approval to accelerate implementation of Phases II & III of the Job Classification & Total Compensation Study placing affected employees within the new wage schedule at the step closest to what they were making, prior to the October 2020 approved Implementation Plan, without a decrease in pay.

We met with Mr. Belleman via Zoom at a special Labor Relations Committee meeting and he informed the committee that accelerating the implementation of Phases II & III would simplify the implementation process and eliminate the extra effort IT programmers have undertaken to adjust the payroll system. It would also eliminate errors that may occur because of the complexity of the three-year phase-in process. The Annual Audit presented at the April 20, 2021 Board Session reflects the Budget Stabilization Fund exceeds County fund balance policy by \$4,412,807 affording Saginaw County the funds to accelerate implementation of Phases II and III.

We recommend approval to accelerate implementation of Phases II & III of the Job Classification & Total Compensation Study and direct the proper County officials to facilitate placement of employees into the new wage scale effective immediately.



Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE ON LABOR RELATIONS

Michael A. Webster, Chairman
Gerald D. Little
Carl E. Ruth

Kyle R. Harris, Vice-Chair
Sheldon Matthews

6. **Executive Committee – C. Ruth, Chair**
None

7. **Legislative Committee – J. Theisen, Chair; G. Little, Vice-Chair**
None

8. **Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee – J. Theisen, Chair; J. Tany, Vice-Chair**
None

9. **Committee Compensation**
5-18-21.1) April 4, 2021 – April 17, 2021
5-18-21.2) April 18, 2021 – May 1, 2021

- *Theisen moved, seconded by Little, to approve 5-18-21.1 and 5-18-21.2. The motion carried unanimously.*

COMMITTEE COMPENSATION - 5.18.21.1

May 18, 2021

I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held, April 4 - April 17, 2021.

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Virtual meetings are authorized by PA 228 of 2020 (MCL 15.263) and a Local Emergency Declaration dated April 8, 2021 until August 31, 2021.

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total Present</u>
1	04/05/21	Human Services Committee via Zoom	Theisen	\$50.00	1
			Webster	\$50.00	1
			Little	\$50.00	1
			Ruth	\$50.00	1
2	04/06/21	Courts & Public Safety Committee via Zoom	Matthews	\$50.00	1
			Boyd	\$50.00	1
			Ruth	\$50.00	1
3	04/07/21	Crime Prevention Council via Zoom	Ruth	\$50.00	1



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4	04/07/21	County Services Committee via Zoom	Webster	\$50.00	1
			Krafft	\$50.00	1
			Ewing	\$50.00	1
			Tany	\$50.00	1
			Ruth	\$25.00	1
5	04/08/21	Budget/Audit Committee via Zoom	Krafft	\$25.00	1
			Boyd	\$25.00	1
			Tany	\$25.00	1
			Theisen	\$25.00	1
			Ruth	\$25.00	1
6	04/08/21	Special Board Session via Zoom	10 Present	\$500.00	10
		Local State of Emergency			
		Boyd, Ewing, Harris, Krafft, Little, Matthews, Ruth, Tany, Theisen, Webster			
7	04/12/21	Labor Relations Committee via Zoom	Webster	\$50.00	1
			Little	\$50.00	1
			Matthews	\$50.00	1
			Ruth	\$50.00	1
8	04/13/21	Saginaw Conv. & Visitors Bureau via Zoom	Ruth	\$50.00	1
9	04/15/21	Frankenmuth CVB via Zoom	Krafft	\$50.00	1
10	04/15/21	Community Action Committee (In Person)	Little	\$50.00	1
TOTAL				\$1,600.00	35

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator (4-16-21)

COMMITTEE COMPENSATION - 5.18.21.2

May 18, 2021

I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held April 18 - May 1, 2021.

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<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Total Present</u>
1	04/20/21	Executive Committee - Special via Zoom	Ruth	\$25.00	1
			Theisen	\$25.00	1
			Matthews	\$25.00	1
			Webster	\$25.00	1
			Krafft	\$25.00	1



2	04/20/21	Board Session via Zoom (10 Commissioners)	10 Present	\$500.00	10
		Boyd, Ewing, Harris, Krafft, Little, Matthews, Ruth, Tany, Theisen, Webster			
3	04/21/21	Castle Museum	Tany	\$50.00	1
4	04/21/21	Saginaw Valley Zoological Society via GoToMeeting	Matthews	\$50.00	1
			Little	\$50.00	1
5	04/22/21	Commission on Aging via Zoom	Ewing	\$50.00	1
6	04/23/21	MAC Transportation via Zoom	Harris	\$50.00	1
7	04/26/21	MAC Health & Human Services via Zoom	Webster	\$50.00	1
8	04/26/21	MAC Judiciary & Public Safety via Zoom	Boyd	\$50.00	1
9	04/28/21	GLB CVB via Zoom	Ruth	\$50.00	1
10	04/30/21	MAC Agriculture & Tourism via Zoom	Harris	\$50.00	1
TOTAL				\$1,075.00	24

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator (4-30-21)

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION “A”

Gage Drain Bonds, Series 2021

At a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan held at Saginaw, Michigan on the 18th day of May, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

*Christopher S. Boyd, 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, Cynthia M. Winiecke*

**Commissioner Theisen offered the following resolution and moved for adoption.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Winiecke.**

WHEREAS, proceedings have been taken by the Saginaw County Public Works Commissioner for the construction of improvements to the Gage Drain (the “Project”), pursuant to a petition filed with the Public Works Commissioner under the provisions of Chapter 8 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, in order to defray the cost of the Project, the Public Works Commissioner is expected to authorize and provide for the issuance by the Gage Drain Drainage District (the “Drainage District”) of bonds (the “Bonds”) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$7,000,000, in anticipation of the collection of an equal amount of special assessments against property and public corporations in the Drainage District, said special assessments to be duly confirmed by the Public Works Commissioner; and,



WHEREAS, the Bonds are to be designated “Gage Drain Bonds, Series 2021,” will bear interest at a rate of not to exceed 5% per annum and will mature not later than June 1, 2041; and,

WHEREAS, the Public Works Commissioner deems it advisable and necessary to obtain from this Board a resolution consenting to the pledge of the full faith and credit of the County on the Bonds; and,

WHEREAS, the Project is necessary to protect and preserve the public health and therefore it is in the best interest of the County of Saginaw that the Bonds be sold.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SAGINAW:

1. Pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 276 of the Drain Code of 1956, as amended, provided that the Bonds are issued within the parameters set forth above, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Saginaw for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and does agree that in the event that the property owners or public corporations in the Drainage District shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Saginaw for the amount of any special assessment installment and interest, when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.
2. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Saginaw advances out of County funds, all or any part of said installment and interest, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Saginaw, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.
3. All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as the same may be in conflict with the provisions of this resolution, be and the same hereby are rescinded.

After discussion, the vote was:

Yeas: *Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Ewing, Krafft, Little, Webster, Winiecke, Tany, Boyd, and Ruth - 11*

Total: *- 11*



STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF SAGINAW)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County, held on the 18th day of May, 2021, insofar as the same relate to the Resolution of Agency Pursuant to Section 87c of Act 206, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 18th day of May, 2021.

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk
County of Saginaw

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

Proclamation May is Mental Health Month

Whereas, Mental health is essential to everyone’s overall health and well-being. All Americans experience times of difficulty and stress in their lives. Prevention is an effective way to reduce the burden of mental health conditions. There is a strong research that animal companionship, humor, spirituality, religion, recreation, social connections, and work-life balance can help all Americans protect their health and well-being; and,

Whereas, Mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation. With effective treatment, those individuals with mental health and other chronic health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and,

Whereas, Each business, school, government agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the burden of mental health problems and has a responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

Now, Therefore, I, Carl E. Ruth, Chairman of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim **May as Mental Health Month** in the County of Saginaw.

In Witness Whereof, I, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Saginaw to be affixed this 18th day of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty one.



Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners
Carl E. Ruth
Chair, District #10

Adopted & Presented: May 18, 2021

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

None

By Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Matthews: That the Board adjourn. Carried.
Thereupon, the Board adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

- 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, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy County Clerk