



**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 21, 2023 SESSION**

The November Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Christopher S. Boyd in the Chair.

**Present:** Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany and Michael A. Webster – 11

**Absent:** – 0

**Others:** Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Brian Wendling, Jennifer Broadfoot, Patricia Johnson, Kelly Suppes, Jessica Sargent, Sheila Harris, Jennifer Stewart, Brian Kennan – Lechel, Sam Tany, Candis Thomas, Christopher V. Pryor, David Sommers, Dan Streeter, Beverly Westbrook, Rhonda Farrell-Butler, Brian Wendling, Hurley Coleman III, Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon, Catherine Hicks, and others

 Vice-Chair Tany gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the October 17, 2023 Board Session were approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- Held a Public Hearing on the Multi-Jurisdictional 5-Year Parks & Recreation Plan

**AUDIENCES**

- Sam Tany, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, presented a Certificate from the Chamber of Commerce in recognition of Harry Browne Airport & MDOT Airport of the Year Award
- Chairman Boyd presented Register of Deeds Katie Kelly with a Certificate of Recognition for her election as the 2024 President of the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds (MARD)
- Commissioner Coney presented Dan Streeter, Rescue Ministries of Saginaw, with a Proclamation in recognition of November as Homeless Awareness Month
- Dan Streeter, Rescue Ministries of Saginaw, spoke on behalf of his group, Higher Purpose, and its commitment to seeking affordable housing in Saginaw County
- Dr. Candis Thomas, Social Action Chair, and other members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., expressed thanks to the Board of Commissioners for a Certificate of Recognition that was presented by Commissioner Coney at its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Laced With Service Sneaker Ball Soiree

**INITIATORY MOTIONS**

None

## LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the Thomas Township Nature Center & Preserve
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the Sports Hall of Fame - Class of 2023
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Bishop Timothy D. Holden and T.D. Holden Jail & Prison Ministries for the “Come Out, Stay Out” program upon its 5-year milestone
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Barbara A. Klimaszewski, Criminal Defense Attorney, upon her retirement after more than 30 years representing indigent defendants
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Katheryn Kelly, Register of Deeds, for her election as the 2024 President of the Michigan Association of Registers of Deeds
- ❖ Proclamation for November as Homeless Awareness Month

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved Ambulance Service Agreement with Mobile Medical Response effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028
- Approved requests regarding the Early Vote Center to include (1) Formal designation of 618 Cass St., Saginaw, MI 48602; (2) Exemption from County Policy 243 to allow food purchases; (3) Open use of the gated county parking lot to allow free parking; and (4) Purchase of vests for county employed election workers
- Approved Financial Transactions paid by the county for October 2023
- Approved creation of Early Vote Center revenue and expenditure accounts for the County Clerk and pre-funding the implementation cost of \$528,876 to be reimbursed by the 30 participating local governments following the 2024 election cycle
- Approved acceptance of grant funding from MDHHS at the Health Department in the amount of \$1,260,335 for various programs and to amend its FY 2024 Budget accordingly
- Approved requests from the 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court – Family/Juvenile Division to (1) change authorization of a Legal Clerk 2 position to a Legal Specialist 1 position; and (2) claw back \$60,000 ARPA funding to CrimeStoppers, using \$23,000 to install a Sally Port at Juvenile and the remaining \$37,000 to the Courthouse HVAC Project
- Approved extension of the current employment contract with retiree Maria Cisneros, former Office Assistant in Environmental Health, through March 29, 2024, for the Health Department
- Approved fourteen (14) Memorandums of Understanding to reflect an additional HSA contribution of \$300 to help offset deductible and premium increases and a \$10 per month increase in employee premium shares previously approved at the October 17, 2023 Board Session
- Approved closure of County offices early on December 8, 2023 for the Saginaw County Holiday Gathering
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 11-21-23.1, 11-21-23.2 and 11-21-23.3

## RESOLUTIONS

- **Approved Res. 2023 – 20** Resolution Approving Apportionment of Operational Costs and Accepting for File the FY 2024 Budget of the Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority
- **Approved Res. 2023 – 21** Resolution Authorizing MDOT Contract No. 2023 – 0752
- **Approved Res. 2023 – 22** Resolution to Recommend Adoption of Parks & Recreation Plan
- **Approved Res. 2023 – 23** Resolution for Exemption from the Requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for the Medical Benefit Plan Coverage Year of 2024

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## APPOINTMENTS

### Animal Control Advisory Council

- ✓ Tammy Brown (*To fill the vacancy of William Ostash*) effective November 15, 2023 with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Cynthia Winiecke (*To fill the vacancy of Patricia O'Brien*) effective November 15, 2023 with a term to expire 12/31/24

### Mosquito Abatement Commission

- ✓ David Gutierrez (*Reappointment*) with a term to expire 1/1/27

### Solid Waste Management Planning Committee

[Appointment Effective November 10, 2023]

- ✓ Sarah Archer (*Solid Waste Industry*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Kimberly Bostek (*Industrial Waste Industry*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Matt Cabello (*Solid Waste Industry*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Dennis Fent (*Township Government*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ John Gall (*Solid Waste Industry*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Chris Klawuhn (*Environmental Interest*) with a term to expire 12/31/24

[Reappointed]

- ✓ Phil Karwat (*City Government*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Tom McIntyre (*General Public*) with a term to expire 12/31/24
- ✓ Katharine Tessin (*Solid Waste Industry*) with a term to expire 12/31/24

## ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected David Sommers to the **Parks & Recreation Commission** to fill a vacancy for a term to expire January 1, 2025

## CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd confirmed the Board of Commissioners will conduct interviews at a Special Board Session on Monday, November 27, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Suggested questions have been distributed to all commissioners and any comments should be directed to Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Director. Additionally, applicant résumés have been sent to all commissioners.

## COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Little announced an Open House at Michigan Works! on Monday, November 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at 312 E. Genesee, Saginaw, across from the Delta Campus.
- Commissioner Coney thanked the Saginaw County employees who helped facilitate the League of Women Voters group who visited and toured the Courthouse last week.

- Commissioner Webster thanked Board Staff for extra-curricular assistance with groups like the League of Women Voters, Boy/Girl Scout troops, and other tours of the Courthouse.
- Commissioner Spitzer announced the Saginaw Township “Winter Party on McCarty” event at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex, 3575 McCarty Rd. on Friday, December 1, 2023 from 2:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. with food trucks, heated tents, and more! Entry is \$5 or an unwrapped toy donation; Saturday, December 2, 2023 from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. for the free Tree Lighting event with Santa and fireworks; and Sunday, December 3, 2023 is a free Pancake Breakfast with Santa (first 500 people) from 6:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., and unwrapped toys or cash donations are appreciated.
- Commissioner Krafft recommended everyone visit Frankenmuth and appreciate the holiday lights, as it is free of charge to drive or walk through town. The Ice Rink is open and the holiday lights will remain until after Snow Fest in late January.
- Vice-Chair Tany commended Jaime Ceja, Executive Assistant in the Administrator’s Office, for doing an excellent job keeping everyone informed, especially during the Administrator vacancy.

Respectfully Submitted,

**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK**

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