




**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
AUGUST 16, 2022 SESSION**

The August Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

**Present:** Christopher S. Boyd, Carol E. Ewing, Kyle R. Harris, Carl E. Ruth, Tracey L. Slodowski, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster, Cynthia M. Winiecke – 8

**Absent:** Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews – 3

**Others:** Vanessa Guerra, Dave Gilbert, Norm Bamberger, Krystal Irvine, Katie Kelly, Brian Wendling, Bill Stanuszek, Denny Harris, Jessica Sargent, Jennifer Broadfoot, Koren Thurston, Kyle Bostwick, Ray Ogden, Wonzella Doyal, Patricia Johnson, Angie Miller, Lisa Coney, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koepplinger, and others

 Chairman Ruth gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- o Minutes of the June 21, 2022 Committee of the Whole, June 21, 2022 Board Session, and June 27, 2022 Committee of the Whole were approved

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- ❖ A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Saginaw County 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget and property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations. No comments.

**FOIA APPEAL**

- The Board approved sending written notice to Andrew Harris upholding the disclosure denial as to his Freedom of Information Act request of July 30, 2022 (FOIA #3361) regarding information from the Friend of the Court.

**AUDIENCES**

- Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk, spoke in opposition to the request by Elected Officials to amend County Policy #335 – “Compensation” and establish a future separation of not less than 15% between the elected position and the highest pay grade within the office.

**INITIATORY MOTIONS**

None

**LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- Certificate of Recognition to Terry Kluck, Probate Court Register, upon her retirement after 48+ years of service

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the Commission on Aging application to Region VII Area Agency on Aging for FY 2023 funding
- Approved the 9-1-1 Communications Center Authority FY 2023 Budget
- Approved subleases for the Alma and Midland Michigan Works! Service Centers
- Tabled a request from Civil Counsel on a new Saginaw County Ordinance regarding Surveillance, Invasion of Privacy or Security on County Property
- Approved a USDA Rural Development Loan Resolution for the Oakley Sewage Disposal System Improvements Project
- Approved vendor transactions for the months of February, March, April, May and June 2022
- Approved allocation of \$156,000 and to adjust the capital improvement and general fund budgets for the Trial Courts to purchase audio equipment for placement in six (6) courtrooms in FY 2022
- Approved amendment of the Treasurer's FY 2022 692 fund by \$14,000 for new investment software from SYMPRO
- Approved the use of \$75,000 from Mosquito Abatement unappropriated fund balance to cover additional fuel costs
- Approved the addition of a full-time Mechanic position to the Mosquito Abatement PCN roster and to adjust its budget accordingly in FY 2022 and FY 2023
- Approved an increase to the Department of Health & Human Services Board budget by \$125 for board member conference travel
- Laid Draft #1 of the FY 2023 Budget on the table for approval at the September 27, 2022 Board Session (*Unfinished Business*)
- Approved changes to County Policy #322 – Discrimination and Sexual Harassment to reflect latest EEOC and MDCR guidance
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with TPOAM regarding the employment of ten (10) contract/temporary workers in the County Clerk's Office
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with TPOAM regarding a voluntary four (4) day work week for employees of the County Clerk's Office
- Approved appointment of a Deputy Medical Examiner pursuant to State Statute to act in place of the Chief Medical Examiner
- Approved certification of the Employee and Officer Delegates attending the 2022 Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS) Annual Meeting
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 8-16-22.1, 8-16-22.2, 8-16-22.3 and 8-16-22.4

## RESOLUTIONS

- Approved Resolution 2022 – 8, Resolution Authorizing Issuance of Sewage Disposal Bonds (Oakley Sewage Disposal System Improvements), Series 2022

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Rejected a request from the Controller/CAO to engage Guidehouse for up to \$250,000 to review ARPA funding requests and perform required reporting

## APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Chairman Ruth reappointed Ann Marie Batkoski and Timothy M. Novak to the **Building Authority** with terms to expire August 1, 2028
- ✓ Chairman Ruth appointed Commissioner Tracey Slodowski to the **HealthSource Saginaw Advisory Board** with a term to expire December 31, 2022

## **ELECTIONS**

None

### **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chairman Ruth reminded everyone of the Book-bag / Back-pack and School Supplies Give-Away at the Sheriff's Department on Sunday, August 21, 2022 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He also reminded commissioners of the Tri-County Gathering in Bay County this Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

### **COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Tany attended the Sobriety Court Graduation at Wickes Park, along with Commissioner Winiecke, and commended Judge Trice for doing an outstanding job with the program. He also lauded Saginaw Future and the succession plan of Wright-K Technology to Koops Automation Systems. The new owners are keeping all existing employees, hiring additional people, and expanding its manufacturing capacity.

Respectfully Submitted,

### **SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CARL E. RUTH, CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK**

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