

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



SPECIAL SESSION
October 28, 2024

A Special Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, October 28, 2023 at 4:04 p.m. with Vice-Chair Tany in the Chair. This meeting was held at the Saginaw County Governmental Center, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Michigan to consider the October 28, 2024 Special Session Agenda. Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk Suzy Koeplinger took roll, quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: *Jack B. Tany, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer and Michael A. Webster - 9*

ABSENT: *Christopher S. Boyd and Sheldon Matthews – 2*

TOTAL: - 11

OTHERS: Mary Catherine Hannah, L. W. Smith, Jr., Jennifer Broadfoot, Darcie Totten, Mark Piotrowski, Lisa Coney, Tracey Slodowski, Jaime Ceja, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Patricia Johnson, Isaac Blackmon, Tom Heidger, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, and Catherine Hicks.

- Commissioner Little gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CLERK’S CALL OF SESSION



Public Notice of Special Board Session

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for a Special Session on
Monday, October 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
in the Board Chambers, Second Floor - Room 200
Saginaw County Governmental Center, Saginaw, MI per PA 267 of 1976
to review information and make a determination of employee health care rates for 2025,
and any other matters brought before the Board.
This Special Meeting is being held consistent with MCL 46.10 and Article II, Section 2.8 of the 2024
Rules of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners as authorized
during a regular session of the Board.



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. (noon) the day of the meeting.

If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate, please call the Board of Commissioners at (989) 790-5267.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Guerra

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

October 16, 2024
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PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

None

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

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.

- **PUBLIC NOTICE** of Special Board Session on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.
- **10-28-1 RETIREMENT/BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR** requesting approval to establish county and employee contributions to health insurance and submitting a resolution to opt out of P.A. 152 of 2011 (**10-28-6.1**)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

6. Executive Committee – C. Boyd, Chair

6.1) **RETIREMENT/BENEFITS ADMINISTRATOR**, re: Approval of county and employee contributions to health insurance and the Resolution of Exemption from the Requirements of P.A. 152 f 2011.

- **Commissioner Coney moved, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve 6.1. Motion carried.**



FROM: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 6.1

OCTOBER 28, 2024

Your Executive Committee considered Communication No. 10-28-1 from Patricia Johnson, Retirement/Benefits Administrator, submitting the recommendation related to opting out of the Hard Cap provision, in accordance with Public Act 152 of 2011, for the 2025 plan year, and to be able to offer two insurance plan options. Option 1, a high deductible plan that includes a contribution, by the county, to fund eligible employees' Health Savings Account (HSA) with half the amount of the required deductible; and option 2, a traditional insurance plan with a \$500 deductible, with an employer contribution to bring down the monthly premium amounts that employees, using this plan, will be charged. For option 2, after the deductible is met, the County health care costs will not exceed 80% and the employee is responsible for the remaining 20%. There is no ability to have an HSA plan under choice number 2. In addition, current employees who retire in the 2025 plan year will be enrolled in the high deductible HSA plan.

Your committee met with Retirement and Benefits Administrator Johnson and Administrator Hannah who presented a draft resolution exempting Saginaw County from the requirements of Public Act 152 of 2011. To extend this exemption for the 2025 medical benefit plan coverage year, as done previously, the Board must approve doing so by a 2/3 vote, prior to the beginning of each succeeding medical benefits plan year.

We recommend approval to opt out of the Hard Cap provision in accordance with Public Act 152 of 2011 for the 2025 plan year to provide the options of a high deductible plan as well as a traditional health care plan for employees for open enrollment. The County will prefund HSA accounts to cover the cost of half of the deductible for option number 1. Furthermore, the county will contribute money to decrease the cost of the monthly premium for those employees who choose option number 2. A resolution for approval is presented under the regular order of business; we authorize the proper county officials to facilitate implementation of the process.

Respectfully Submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Christopher S. Boyd, Chairman

Jack B. Tany

Dennis M. Harris

Gerald Little

Michael A. Webster

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION # 2024-10

RESOLUTION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC ACT 152 OF 2011

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

**At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan
held in the City of Saginaw on the 28th day of October 2024.**



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

Commissioner Coney offered the following resolution and moved for adoption. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner Webster.

WHEREAS, 2011 Public Act 152 (the “Act”) was passed by the State Legislature and Signed by the Governor on September 24, 2011;

WHEREAS, the Act contains three options for complying with the requirements of the Act;

WHEREAS, the three options are as follows:

- 1) Section 3 – “Hard Caps” Option – limits a public employer’s total annual health care costs for employees based on coverage levels, as defined in the Act;
- 2) Section 4 – “80% / 20%” Option – limits a public employer’s share of total annual health care costs to not more than 80%. This option requires an annual majority vote of the governing body;
- 3) Section 8 – “Exemption” Option – a local unit of government, as defined in the Act, may exempt itself from the requirements of the Act by an annual 2/3 vote of the governing body;

WHEREAS, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners has decided to adopt the annual Exemption option as its choice of compliance under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, Michigan elects to comply with the requirements of 2011 Public Act 152, the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, by adopting the annual Exemption option and exempting itself from the requirements of the Act for the medical plan benefit coverage year January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Upon a call of the roll the vote was as follows:

YEAS: Jack B. Tany, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Michael A. Webster
ABSENT: Christopher S. Boyd, Sheldon Matthews
NAYS: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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 28th day of October 2024. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was given and the meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 28th day of October 2024.

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk
County of Saginaw



UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

None

COMMISSIONERS' AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski remarked on the confusion surrounding windmill tax. State law is unclear as to what “body” and “local” refer to. For example, on a windmill placed in Freeland, would it be Freeland, Tittabawassee Township, or Saginaw County? He stated that lawsuits are expected.
- ❖ Commissioner Krafft inquired as to why a special board session had to be scheduled for this singular item. Administrator Hannah stated that the renewal rates came in too late to bring to a standing committee and onto the full board before open enrollment starts on Wednesday October 30th. The amount that the county will contribute and the resolution opting out of P.A. 152 must be established today. She noted that this is not the first year the county has had to do this and there is discussion about switching the plan year to synchronize with the fiscal year so it can be avoided in the future.

By Commissioner Krafft, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski: That the Board adjourn. Motion Carried. Thereupon, the Special Board Session adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JACK B. TANY
VICE-CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA
COUNTY CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk