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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
August 20, 2024 SESSION

The August Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 20, 2024 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, Jack B. Tany, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Rich A. Spitzer, Michael A. Webster - **10**

ABSENT: Sheldon Matthews- **1**

TOTAL: - **11**

OTHERS: Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Dennis Borchard, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Undersheriff Miguel Gomez, Walter Ribble, Jessica Sargent, Katharine Tessin, Jennifer Broadfoot, Patricia Johnson, Karen Lawrence Webster, Alycia Norton, Christian Pruitt, Rachel Horten, Deb Kestner, Cathy Hare, Ann Flattery, Tri-Twp Fire Department Chief Mick Levens, Charles Levens, Jason Wise, Brandell Adams, Denise Joseph, Norman Fowler, Haley Fowler, Dominic Fowler, Andy Galgoel, Kayleigh Anderson, Kevin Murphy, Robert Medina Jr., Charlene Coleman, Lupe Warsin, Jonathan Rishmawi, Julia Rishmawi, Allissa Specht, Renee Sharkey, 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 June 17, 2024 Committee of the Whole and the June 18, 2024 Board Session were approved

PUBLIC HEARING

- ❖ A Public Hearing was held on the proposed Saginaw County 2024/2025 Fiscal Year Budget and property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support General Government Operations. No comments.

AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski, along with Tri Township Fire Chief Levens, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Norman Fowler for his heroic response to his neighbor's garage fire in St. Charles
- ❖ Alycia Norton, Animal Control Advisory Council, gave updates from SCACC
- ❖ Karen Lawrence Webster, CPA, introduced Saginaw County Youth Commissioners: Kayleigh Anderson, Robert Medina, Jr., Jonathan Rishmawi, and Julia Rishmawi

FOIA APPEAL

- The Board upheld the partial disclosure denial, as amended, of Attorney Brett Altman's FOIA appeal.

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition to Pastor Joshua M. Daniels upon his Installation to Mt. Olive Institutional Missionary Baptist Church
- Commissioner Slodowski presented a Certificate of Recognition to Norman Fowler for his heroic response to his neighbor's garage fire in St. Charles
- Certificate of Recognition to Linda Lee on her 50th Musical Year Anniversary as an accordion player with her band, The Golden-Aires, and at Frankenmuth's Bavarian Inn
- Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Nicole Paxson Flower, D.D.S. celebrating 25 years in business and for her support of Saginaw County organizations
- Certificate of Recognition to the Mid Michigan Old Gas Tractor Association upon its 50th Anniversary

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved Commission on Aging's FY 2025 Application for Federal/State Funding through Region VII Area Agency on Aging
- Approved Saginaw County 9-1-1 FY 2025 Budget and Resolution
- Approved Saginaw Future's \$8,148 in third quarter performance-based funding pursuant to the 4th Amendment of the Saginaw County and Saginaw Future Services Agreement
- Approved County Administrator's request to engage outside counsel to join a class action lawsuit in relation to Insulin price gouging
- Approved the Sheriff's office requests regarding budget adjustments to (1) Increase with revenue the Sheriff's Vehicle Pool account by \$52,181 and increase user departments; (2) Increase the Drug Forfeitures budget with revenue by \$35,500 generated by the sale of a Dodge Durango; and (3) Establish a new budget in the Special Projects Fund 280 to accept funds from the State of Michigan for FY 2024 training
- Approved the transfer of \$3,850 to the Prosecutor's DHHS Division budget – Capital Outlay for furniture and equipment
- Approved budget adjustments for Commission on Aging's Home Delivered Meals/Congregate Nutrition Program (\$146,000) and Transportation Program (\$15,000)
- Approved Animal Care & Control's petition to use General Donations to increase its budget by \$25,000 to construct a room to house the oxygen generator in the Surgical Center
- Approved vendor transactions for June 2024 in the amount of \$7,209,109.34 and July 2024 in the amount of \$11,508,170.56
- Approved submission of the FY 2025 County Budget to be placed on the table as unfinished business, for adoption, at the September 17, 2024 Board Session
- Approved reallocation of ARPA funds as follows: (1) Reallocate \$500,000 from the County Clerk digitization of files request to the Saginaw County Courts to update JAVS systems; (2) Reallocate unspent funds from COVID Healthcare claims in the amount of \$197,065.03 to zero out Premium Pay (\$6,903.89) and to the HVAC Courthouse Project (\$190,161.14); and (3) Reassign unspent funds allocated for the "Medical Diamond Project" from the City of Saginaw to the Saginaw County Health Department for the pre-development and construction
- Approved to leave the Maintenance Worker III position open and add a Maintenance Engineer position in Public Works

- Approved Personnel Director’s request to hire Gallagher to complete a Compensation Plan update for \$79,950
- Approved new County Policy titled “Remote Work,” a voluntary work arrangement that allows an eligible employee to work outside of their primary work location
- Approved the MERS Officer Delegate and Employee Delegate to the annual meeting in Grand Rapids, MI
- Approved extending retiree contracts with Mary Patnode and Bethany Jacques at the Health Department; and approved a temporary PCN for a Health Specialist II to the Immunization Program until December 1, 2024
- Pulled the Memorandum of Understanding between Saginaw County and POAM Unit 312 regarding a salary step for cadets entering the Police Academy. Per Civil Counsel, it’s still in process and not ready for approval.

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Approved amended 2024 Board Rules that were laid on the table at the June 18, 2024 Board Session

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd announced September 12, 2024 is Sawdust Days in Hemlock, MI
- ❖ Chairman Boyd recognized Kevin Murphy, General Manager of The Dow Event Center, and welcomed him.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Krafft expressed his congratulations and gratitude to Dennis Borchard and Deb Kestner of the Saginaw County Road Commission for the passage of the \$2M assessment
- ❖ Commissioner Krafft announced Frankenmuth Auto Fest in Frankenmuth, MI, to be held this year from Friday, September 6th until Sunday, September 8th
- ❖ Commissioner Coney announced that there will be a prayer gathering at the downtown Genesee Avenue Bridge on Saturday, August 31, 2024 for the new high school, “Saginaw United”
- ❖ Commissioner Tany commended Commissioner Matthews for the success of the employee pancake breakfast
- ❖ Commissioner Tany gave appreciation to Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah for seeing to it that broken glass was removed near the Dow Event Center. She recognized Kevin Murphy, General Manager of The Dow Event Center, for completing the task
- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski commended Animal Control for only requesting \$25,000 to construct a room to house the oxygen generator in the Surgical Center when it was assumed it would cost \$130,000
- ❖ Commissioner Little announced that on September 20th Saginaw County Commission on Aging will host Senior Day at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo. Senior admission that day will be free from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Contact Commission on Aging by September 10th to RSVP for lunch.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

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