




**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 SESSION**

The September Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:10 p.m. (delayed due to Committee of the Whole held prior to the session) on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, 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, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Carl E. Ruth, Jack B. Tany, James G. Theisen, Michael A. Webster, Cynthia Winiecke – 11

Absent: – 0

Others: Robert Belleman, Vanessa Guerra, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Kyle Bostwick, Norm Bamberger, Krystal Irvine, Jessica Sargent, Undersheriff Mike Gomez, Dennis Borchard, Brian Wendling, Cindy Louchart, Suzy Koeplinger

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the August 19, 2021 Board Session and the August 31, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting were approved.

FOIA APPEALS

- The Board approved sending written notice to Marcus Atkins upholding the disclosure denial as to his Freedom of Information Act request of July 19, 2021 related to David Stockman's proof of board certification or board eligibility in forensic pathology.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

- Mike Thompson spoke regarding mass incarceration and asked for commissioners to pass a resolution regarding same, and to conduct a review of the Saginaw County Jail population
- William Azelton announced his candidacy for a Republican seat on the Board of Canvassers and asked for the support of commissioners
- Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk, asked commissioners to exempt elected officials when considering the request to implement the \$500 Vaccination Incentive Payment Plan

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS / PROCLAMATIONS

- Certificate of Recognition to Margaret Novess on her 100th Birthday
- Certificate of Recognition to the NAACP on its 50th Annual Freedom Fund Dinner
- Certificate of Recognition to Sandra Atkins after 16 years at Commission on Aging
- October as General Aviation Appreciation Month

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the Frankenmuth Convention & Visitors Bureau FY 2022 Budget
- Approved FY 2021 amendments to the Sheriff's Inmate Services Fund #595
- Approved FY 2021 amendments to line items in the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund #207
- Approved \$20,000 from the General Fund for FY 2021 funding in Activity 21000 – Corporation Counsel, Account 81910 – Labor Counsel
- Approved various FY 2021 budget amendments in the Animal Care & Control Budget
- Approved a \$2,424,962 grant allocation, \$73,486 local match funds, and amendment of Budget Resolution #16 for the Health Department
- Approved carryover of \$383,576 from FY 2020 to FY 2021 Information Technology budget for the Fiber WAN project; and to move \$28,000 from retained earning fund balance to Consulting Services
- Approved Funding Metrics for annual appropriation to Saginaw Future, Inc.
- Approved various amendments to the FY 2021 Budgets proposed by the Assistant Finance Director for Castle Museum, Harry Browne Airport, MSU Extension, and the Indigent Defense Fund
- Approved re-establishment of County Policy #365 – Emergency Paid Sick Leave
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Saginaw County, Saginaw County Trial Court, and the TPOAM union regarding District Court employees
- Approved three (3) Memoranda of Understanding between Saginaw County and the Teamster Local 214 and UAW Local 455 regarding PTO increase for Health Department and Commission on Aging employees
- Approved waiver of the hiring freeze to fill the positions of Office Assistant II – Reception and Legal Clerk I – Victim's Assistance Clerk in the Prosecutor's Office
- Approved extension of employment contracts at the Health Department with retirees Bethany Jacques, Computer and Data Analyst, and Mary Patnode, Public Health Nurse II from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022
- Approved up to \$19,800 to Kibbe & Associates for architectural and engineering services related to use by the County Clerk of the former Sheriff Administration building
- Approved moving \$75,933.33 in Information Technology Capital Outlay funds from the FY 2020 to the FY 2021 IT budget
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 9-21-21.1 and 9-21-21.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ Approved **Res. "A"** – Full Faith & Credit Resolution for Gradt Drain Notes, Series 2021

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved Resolution "A" - FY 2021/2022 Budget (as amended)
- ◆ Approved Resolution "B" - FY 2021/2022 Salary Schedule
- ◆ Approved Resolution "C" - FY 2021/2022 Capital Improvement Plan
- ◆ Approved Resolution "D" - FY 2021/2022 Fee Schedule

- ◆ Approved \$500 Vaccination Incentive to current Saginaw County employees, with the exception of Elected Officials, who can provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 or its variants prior to October 31, 2021

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Appointed Debbie Vasquez-Hinderliter (*to fill a vacancy*) on the **Mosquito Abatement Commission** for a term that expires January 1, 2024

ELECTIONS

- ❖ Re-elected incumbent James Lewis (Democratic) and elected William Azelton (Republican) by ballot to the **Board of Canvassers** for terms to expire October 31, 2025

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chairman Ruth announced the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Annual Meeting begins this weekend and recommended commissioners speak to legislators about ARPA funding.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Little asked commissioners to support a youth bowling fundraiser by purchasing \$5 raffle tickets.
- Commissioner Harris stated the discussion with representatives from Mobile Medical Response (MMR) at the Committee of the Whole held prior to this meeting was very useful and beneficial. He would like more informational meetings, in addition to the reports made tri-annually to the Courts & Public Safety Committee.
- Commissioner Krafft stated Frankenmuth is back in full swing! Big Country Fest is Friday, October 1st and Saturday, October 2nd at Heritage Park in the Harvey Kern Pavilion.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

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