

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



**SPECIAL SESSION
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

A Special Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. with the Honorable Christopher S. Boyd in the Chair. This meeting was held at the Saginaw County Governmental Center, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Michigan to consider the December 12, 2023 Special Session Agenda. Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk Suzy Koepplinger took roll, quorum present as follows:

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

ABSENT: - 0

TOTAL: - 11

Others Present: Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Jennifer Broadfoot, Judge Julie Gafkay, Sheriff Federspiel, Ron Colvin, Brian Wending, Vanessa Guerra, Kyle Bostwick, Christina Harrington, Veronica Horn, Joanne Crary, Darcie Graham, Mike Slodowski, Amado Arceo, Justin Engel – MLive, ABC 12 News, Marissa Sawdon, Catherine Hicks, Suzy Koepplinger, and others

- Commissioner Webster 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 **Tuesday, December 12, 2023 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 selection of County Administrator, and with a Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(f) to review and consider the contents of applications for employment with Saginaw County to fill the current vacancy of County Administrator, as the candidates to be considered have requested their application remain confidential, and any other matters brought before the Board.



This Special Meeting is being held consistent with Article II, Section 2.8 (MCLA 46.10) of the 2023 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

December 8, 2023
Posted 12-8-23 by SEK

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 Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
- Discussion and selection of County Administrator

---Commissioner Tany moved, seconded by Commissioner Webster, to extend a conditional offer of employment as Saginaw County Administrator to Mary Catherine Hannah, contingent upon successful completion of all county pre-employment processes and contract negotiations.

Commissioner Piotrowski stated he would like to continue the search for another candidate. Chairman Boyd invited County Clerk Vanessa Guerra to speak on the selection process and she stated all elected officials overwhelmingly agreed that Mary Catherine Hannah was the best fit and had the most knowledge of county government. Veronica Horn, President of the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the panel of community stakeholders that vetted the candidates, was offered the opportunity to speak. She stated Mary Catherine Hannah has extensive maturity, is a problem solver and consensus builder, and with her selection employees will have a voice.



Chief Circuit Judge Julie Gafkay and Christina Harrington, Health Officer, were also offered the opportunity to provide comments on the selection of Ms. Hannah and both spoke favorably. Commissioner Spitzer reached out to stakeholders and stated Ms. Hannah has the ability to work with others and understands department dynamics and key county issues.

---After discussion, the Chairman directed the Clerk to take a roll-call vote. The motion carried as follows:

Yes: Tany, Spitzer, Matthews, Harris, Krafft, Little, Coney, Webster, Boyd - 9

No: Piotrowski, Slodowski - 2

Total: - 11

---Commissioner Webster moved, seconded by Commissioner Coney, to authorize County Legal Counsel Dave Gilbert, Board Chairman Christopher Boyd, and Vice-Chair Jack Tany to enter into negotiations with Mary Catherine Hannah for the purpose of hiring her as Saginaw County Administrator. Further, to enter into a contract with her within the parameters of the established salary range and standard benefits as associated with that position. Motion carried with “No” votes recorded for Piotrowski and Slodowski.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS/ELECTIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

- Chairman Boyd reminded everyone that the next board session will be held next week on December 19th and thanked Commissioner Matthews for his significant contribution of auction items to the Saginaw County Employee Holiday Gathering.

COMMISSIONERS’ AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Tany thanked Board Staff - Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon, and Catherine Hicks - for planning the 2023 Saginaw County Employee Holiday Gathering.



By Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski: That the Board adjourn. Motion Carried. Thereupon, the Special Board Session adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk