



**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
MARCH 21, 2023 SESSION**

The **March Session** of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:04 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 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, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster – 11

**Absent:** None – 0

**Others:** Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Doug Deeter, Kelly Suppes, Jaime Ceja, Jennifer Broadfoot, Undersheriff Gomez, Mary McLaughlin, Carl Ruth, Mark Rankin, Matt Shane, Xavier DeGroat, Dawn Earnesty, Sam Tany, Mike Slodowski, Josh Brown, Mark Angliss, Bill Stanuszek, Krystal Irvine, Kanah Franklin, Aileen Pettinger, Scott Lenhart, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Michael Bouchard, Jake Golden, Carol Rupp, Shawna Davidson, Melissa Razmenas, Sara Navare, Cindy Lamore, Linda Tanlo, Michael McQuaid, Canika Owen Robinson, Mary McDonald, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koeplinger, and others

 Commissioner Matthews gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the February 21, 2023 Board Session were approved

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**AUDIENCES**

- Canika Owen Robinson on behalf of The Neighb was allowed to address the board and asked for a status update on its request for ARPA funding.
- Shawna Davidson from Amazing Grace Animal Rescue was allowed to address the board and expressed her concerns regarding a search warrant that was issued and conducted at the facility. She was advised by the Chairman that the search warrant was signed by a judge and the Board of Commissioners does not have jurisdiction over that process.
- Commissioner Slodowski presented a Proclamation to Xavier DeGroat for April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2<sup>nd</sup> as Autism Awareness Day in Saginaw County.
- Doug Deeter of Rehmann was given the opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners to provide an overview of the FY 2022 Audit and answer questions.

**INITIATORY MOTIONS**

None

## LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Proclamation for April as Autism Awareness Month and April 2<sup>nd</sup> as Autism Awareness Day in Saginaw County
- ❖ Proclamation In Support of Prohibiting Hairstyle Based Racial Discrimination

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved vendor transactions for January and February 2023
- Approved the FY 2024 Budget Calendar
- Approved amendment of the Health Department Fee Schedule that creates nine new fees, changes eighteen existing fees and deletes seven existing fees
- Approved funding MSU Extension the minimum local base assessment of \$111,449 for one year from the General Fund, with quarterly benchmarks put in place dependent on documentation that indicates whether or not other county departments (Commission on Aging, Health Department, Parks & Recreation) can contribute as a funding source
- Approved Transfer and Repayment Agreement to allow Information Technology to borrow up to \$85,086 from the Delinquent Tax Fund to place the SCACC building on the internal network to be paid back through the IT Indirect Cost Plan
- Approved a request from Probate Court to increase its Contractual Services Account by \$30,000 from the Mainframe Modernization fund, with any shortfall to come from the General Fund, to pay for the services of Terry Kluck, retired Probate Register, to extend her contract from April 4, 2023 to July 4, 2023
- Approved submission of the FY 2022 Audited Financial Statements and Management Letter to the State of Michigan on or before March 31, 2023, upon completion
- Approved a request by the Controller/CAO, on behalf of the Building Authority, to increase the current contract with Spence Brothers to begin Phase I "Owner's Upgrades" (PCO#70) tied to the millage and the sale of bonds; additionally, to authorize the Controller/CAO to investigate additional funding for Phases II and III, if the Saginaw Spirit is awarded the opportunity to host the 2024 CHL Memorial Cup
- Approved extension of the employment contract with Terry Kluck, retired Probate Register, from April 4, 2023 – July 4, 2023 to assist with training, updating and destruction of records, and reports
- Pulled the request by the County Clerk to create a PCN for the position of Circuit Court Records Supervisor and eliminate two vacant Legal Specialist I positions
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Saginaw County, the Trial Court and TPOAM regarding positions in the Circuit Court Administrator's Office
- Approved a budget adjustment in Parks & Recreation to commit \$350,000 of fund balance for use in FY 2024 MDNR grants for the Saginaw Valley Rail Trail and Price Nature Center
- Approved a change in provider of Saginaw County Property and Casualty Insurance from HCC Tokio Marine to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for the remainder of FY 2023 and FY 2024
- Approved the appointment of Daniel Spitz, MD as Deputy Medical Examiner effective January 1, 2023, pursuant to State Statute, to act in the place of the Chief Medical Examiner if on leave or vacation
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 3-21-23.1 and 3-21-23.2

## RESOLUTIONS

- Approved Resolution **2023 – 4** **RESOLUTION OF AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 87c OF ACT 206**
- Approved Resolution **2023 – 5** **RESOLUTION TO BORROW AGAINST ANTICIPATED DELINQUENT 2022 REAL PROPERTY TAXES**
- Approved Resolution **2023 – 6** **MDNR GRANT APPLICATION FOR SAGINAW VALLEY RAIL TRAIL RENOVATIONS**
- Approved Resolution **2023 – 7** **MDNR GRANT APPLICATION FOR PRICE NATURE CENTER ADA IMPROVEMENTS**

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Tabled and referred proposed amendments of the 2023 Board Rules that were laid on the table at the February 21, 2023 Board Session back to the Rules Committee for further discussion in April

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- ✓ Appointed Tammy Michael (District #2) to the Commission on Aging Board with a term to expire December 31, 2024

## **ELECTIONS**

- ✓ Reappointed Lisa Coney (County Commissioner), John Pugh (General Public), Tracey Raquepaw (General Public), and Joan Williams (General Public) to the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority with terms to expire March 31, 2026

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ Chairman Boyd announced the Strategic Planning Session for commissioners scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at Horizons Conference Center, State St.

## **COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Tany commended Controller Robert Belleman and Commissioner Sheldon Matthews for attending the Saginaw City Council meeting last Monday to support City Manager Morales.
- Commissioner Piotrowski commented on Active Shooter Training that occurred at Nexteer and said it would be a great thing to do at Saginaw County. The training is free and could be coordinated with the Sheriff's Office. He also informed everyone that, while watching old movies with his family, he came across a 2009 movie "Street Boss" which includes an appearance by our very own Commissioner Jack Tany.
- Commissioner Coney noted that it is Women's History Month and also Social Worker Appreciation Month. If you know of or meet a Social Worker, please let them know you appreciate their service. She also announced the Saginaw High Basketball Team is in the quarterfinals at Alma this evening. (They won!)
- Commissioner Krafft commended the 2023 Hemlock Huskies Girls Basketball team as MHSAA Division 3 Champions and the 2023 Frankenmuth Eagles Girls Basketball team who made it to the championship game in Lansing, rallied in the second half, but were defeated by Lansing Catholic.
- Commissioner Slodowski announced her daughter's Hemlock High School Robotics Team, Gray Matter, won the State Competition and is going to the World Competition in Houston, TX in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

## **SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK**

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy Clerk