




**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
MAY 16, 2023 SESSION**

The **May Session** of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 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, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, and Michael A. Webster – 9

**Absent:** Gerald D. Little and Jack B. Tany – 2

**Others:** Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Jennifer Broadfoot, Patti Johnson, Linda James, Undersheriff Gomez, Sheila Danley, Mark Rankin, Tim Danielak, Linda Brunges, Stacy Davis-Diggs, Ann Szymanowski, Mary McLaughlin, Susan Caister, Sue Bidwell, Judge Jackson, Judge Frank, Lori Rittenberry, Elizabeth Atkins, Bishop Chet Atkins, Brandell Adams, Reginald Diggs, Michelle Fowler, Virginia Jebb, Raquel Belill, Crystal Escamilla, Gary Ell, Jennifer Leek-Booker, Catherine Hicks, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koeplinger, and others

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the April 18, 2023 Board Session and Minutes of the April 21 and April 22, 2023 Committee of the Whole/Strategic Planning Sessions were approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Coney introduced a Proclamation for May as Mental Health Month and will present it to the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority at its next meeting
- Ann Szymanowski, Development Director, Saginaw-Shiawassee Habitat for Humanity, shared information and distributed flyers on how to volunteer for upcoming revitalization projects and new home builds in Saginaw
- Commissioner Matthews, in the absence of Vice-Chair Tany, presented Bishop Chet Atkins and Elizabeth Atkins with a Certificate of Recognition for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gideon Christ Community Church
- Hon. A.T. Frank, District Court Judge, addressed the Memorandum of Understanding that is on the May Board Agenda relating to parity between District Court and Circuit Court Judicial Assistants
- On behalf of Katie Kelly, Register of Deeds, Chairman Boyd invited commissioners to attend the June 1, 2023 Chamber of Commerce Percolator Breakfast to hear her presentation on a new program called Property Fraud Alert

## INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

## LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificates of Recognition to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for its “Hats Off to Mom” Scholarship Program honoring Peggie M. Hall as Mother of the Year and Stacy Davis-Diggs as Soror of the Year
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to VFW Post 9809 on its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Bishop Chet Atkins and Elizabeth Atkins for the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gideon Christ Community Church
- ❖ May as Mental Health Awareness Month
- ❖ May as Treatment Court Month

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the Saginaw County Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Approved Community Corrections’ application and acceptance of grant in the amount of \$761,886
- Approved \$24,031 in second quarter performance-based funding to Saginaw Future pursuant to agreement
- Approved amended County Policy #414 – Information Security Plan for Information Technology
- Approved amendment of the contract between MDOT and the County for the rehabilitation of taxiways at HWB Airport
- Approved vendor transactions for March 2023 in the amount of \$14,470,443.55
- Approved amendment of the Saginaw County Trial Court FY 2023 Budget upon receipt of \$385,538 SCAO grant to employ three (3) visiting judges and two (2) support staff, and authorizing PCNs for the judicial assistant and/or bailiff – law clerk positions provided for in the grant
- Sent back to the Budget/Audit Committee the Saginaw County Trial Court’s request to amend the FY 2023 Budget and to fund in the FY 2024 Budget the addition of employees in the Circuit, District, Probate and Juvenile Courts
- Approved amendment of the Commission on Aging FY 2023 Budget by \$20,000 using fund balance in its Transportation activity due to an increase in costs
- Approved an increase to the Sheriff’s FY 2023 Budget by \$8,792 by accepting funds from the 100 Club to purchase ballistic helmets for Road Patrol
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding regarding reclassification of District Court Judicial Assistants
- Approved additional \$8,000 of ARPA Revenue Replacement funds for the H.W. Browne Airport Museum building repair project
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 5-16-23.1 and 5-16-23.2

## RESOLUTIONS

- Approved Resolution **2023 – 10 MULTIJURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2023-2028**
- Approved Resolution **2023 – 11 REQUEST THAT LEGISLATURE/GOVERNOR INCLUDE FUNDING IN THE 2023 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITIES FOLLOWING PENSION BEST PRACTICES ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE**

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Approved proposed amendments of the 2023 Board Rules that were laid on the table in April

## APPOINTMENTS

None

## ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected Gregory Schmid to the **Jury Board** to fill a vacancy for a term to expire April 30, 2024

## CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd asked that everyone keep Vice-Chair Tany in their thoughts after a minor mishap over the weekend. He also reported on the sale of County property on Congress Ave. to the Saginaw School District and that a Purchase Agreement should be brought to the board for approval next month. Chairman Boyd also announced the Employee Pancake Breakfast this Thursday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. He additionally informed commissioners that there has been a recent resignation from the Road Commission, as well as his representative on the Commission on Aging Board, that the Board of Commissioners will have to fill.

## COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Webster expressed his approval of the Saginaw County job posting for a Social Media Coordinator/Grant Writer, saying it is a position that is sorely needed.
- Commissioner Spitzer commented on the Saginaw Township School Bond proposal being turned down by a vote of 77% to 23%. Additionally, Saginaw Township officials held the “State of the Township” meeting and all is well.
- Commissioner Slodowski informed commissioners and the audience that her son, who was diagnosed at an early age with severe autism and was told he would probably have to be put into a group home, just graduated from a regular high school. Never underestimate the power of a mom!
- Commissioner Krafft announced events over Memorial Day Weekend, including the Frankenmuth Dog Bowl at the River Place Shops May 27 – 28, 2023 along with Balloons Over Bavarian Inn from May 26 – 29, 2023. Visit [Frankenmuth.org/events/](http://Frankenmuth.org/events/) for more information.
- Commissioners Piotrowski and Coney invited everyone to the Memorial Day Parade in Saginaw beginning at 11:00 a.m. from Johnson St., down Washington Ave., ending at Hoyt Park.

Respectfully Submitted,

## SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK**

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