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



**SPECIAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 27 & 28, 2023**

A Special Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Monday, November 27, 2023 at 3:02 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 November 27, 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, Frank Walsh, Jaime Ceja, Randy Pfau, Norm Bamberger, Mary McLaughlin, Kelly Suppes, Tony DePelsMaeker, Mark Justin, Jason Saksewski, Jane DiSessa, Jacob VanBoxel, Mary Catherine Hannah, Judge Julie Gafkay, Justin Engel – Mlive, Suzy Koepplinger, and others

- Commissioner Little 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
Monday, November 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
in the Board Chambers, Second Floor - Room 200
Saginaw County Governmental Center, Saginaw, MI per PA 267 of 1976
to conduct interviews for the vacancy of County Administrator, 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.



A Closed Session may be held, pursuant to MCL 15.268(f) to review and consider the contents of additional applications for employment with Saginaw County to fill the current vacancy of County Administrator, if any additional candidates to be considered have requested their application remain confidential.

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

November 21, 2023
Posted 11-22-23 by MCS

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 Monday, November 27, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
- **APPLICANT INTERVIEWS** were held with the five (5) candidates as noted below.

3:00 p.m. - Mark Justin
Former County Administrator, Gladwin County, Michigan

4:00 p.m. - Jason Saksewski
Former Director of Operations, Grand Traverse Road Commission,
Grand Traverse County, Michigan

5:00 p.m. - Jane DiSessa
Former Deputy Mayor/Chief of Staff, City of Lansing, Michigan

6:00 p.m. - Break for Dinner



CLOSED SESSION

---The Chair announced the need to meet in Closed Session as noted above. *Moved by Coney, seconded by Matthews, to go into closed session. Motion carried with a nay vote recorded for Piotrowski and the Board of Commissioners entered Closed Session at 6:01 p.m.*

---The Committee entered open session at 6:42 p.m. with no action and the interviews continued.

6:30 p.m. - Jacob VanBoxel
Neighborhood Services Director, City of Coldwater, Michigan

7:30 p.m. - Mary Catherine Hannah
County Administrator, County of Alpena, Michigan

---Harris moved, seconded by Spitzer, to recess the meeting until Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

[BOARD RECESSED @ 8:45 P.M. UNTIL TUES., NOVEMBER 28, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.]

Public Notice of Recessed Special Board Session

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners convened for a Special Session on Monday, November 27, 2023 to conduct interviews for the vacancy of County Administrator. Upon conclusion of the interviews, the Board of Commissioners recessed to allow for consideration of the candidates prior to making a determination until **Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Board Chambers, Second Floor - Room 200 Saginaw County Governmental Center, Saginaw, MI per PA 267 of 1976 to select a new County Administrator and any other matters brought before the Board.

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6:00 p.m. - Discussion/Next Steps

---Discussion was held regarding the candidate interviews and commissioners were asked to state their top two (2) choices. The two (2) most favored candidates were Jason Saksewski and Mary Catherine Hannah.

---Further discussion was held regarding scheduling a second interview for Jason Saksewski and Mary Catherine Hannah next week to meet with elected officials, department heads, and members of the community stakeholders committee. Frank Walsh of Walsh & Associates, along with the Personnel Director, will contact the candidates for available dates and times and will provide a schedule to the named groups and commissioners.

---After discussion, a consensus was reached to schedule a Special Board Session in lieu of Executive Committee for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. to review information from the candidate meetings with elected officials, department heads, and community stakeholders and to make a selection of a new County Administrator.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

None

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

None

COMMISSIONERS' AUDIENCES

- Commissioners Tany and Krafft commended Frank Walsh and Jennifer Broadfoot on providing an excellent choice of candidates.



By Commissioner Matthews, seconded by Commissioner Harris: That the Board adjourn. Motion Carried. Thereupon, the Special Board Session adjourned at 8:02 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