

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



SPECIAL SESSION
MAY 15, 2020

A Special Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Friday, May 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconferencing consistent with Executive Order No. 2020-75 (E.O. 2020-48 rescinded) the members of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners with the Honorable Michael A. Webster in the Chair. Deputy Clerk Suzy Koeplinger took roll, quorum present as follows:

PRESENT: *Kathleen K. Dwan, Cheryl M. Hadsall, Kyle R. Harris, Kirk W. Kilpatrick, Sheldon Matthews, Amos O'Neal, Carl E. Ruth, Charles M. Stack, James G. Theisen, and Michael A. Webster - 10*

ABSENT: *Dennis H. Krafft - 1*

TOTAL: - 11

Commissioner O'Neal gave the invocation.

PETITION



May 5, 2020

Michael J. Hanley
Saginaw County Clerk
111 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48602

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5-15-1

Dear Clerk Hanley:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.9 (MCLA 46.10) of the 2020 Rules of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, the undersigned members of the Board respectfully petition that a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners be held **Friday, May 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.** via Zoom pursuant to Executive Order 2020-75 to consider moving non-essential employees to furlough status as a way to increase employee benefits while saving county resources to offset lost revenues, and for any other matters brought before the Board. The undersigned affirm the intent of the Board of Commissioners to hold a Special Meeting on these matters.



Respectfully Submitted,
Amos O’Neal, Commissioner
Charles M. Stack, Commissioner
Michael A. Webster, Chairman

Cheryl M. Hadsall, Commissioner
Dennis H. Krafft, Commissioner

CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION

May 5, 2020

5-15-2

TO: SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

RE: Notice of Special Board Session

Honorable Commissioners:

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for a Special Session on
Friday, May 15, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

Via Zoom, call-in information to be provided on the Agenda, to consider moving non-essential employees to furlough status as a way to increase employee benefits while saving county resources to offset lost revenues, and for any other matters brought before the Board.

This Special Meeting is being held consistent with Executive Order No. 2020-48 issued by Governor Gretchen Whitmer titled “Temporary authorization of remote participation in public meetings and hearings and temporary relief from monthly meeting requirements of school boards” and as authorized by petition of at least one third (1/3rd) of the members of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners.

Posted: 12:00 p.m. on March 5, 2020 by Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk

By the Chair: That the Notice of Meeting from the County Clerk be received and filed, if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

None



INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

By the Chair: That the following communications received by the Board of Commissioners be referred as designated, if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.

5-15-1 Petition for Special Session

Chairman Webster asked for a motion to waive the requirements of Sec. 6.8 and Sec. 7.1(5) of the Rules of the Board that require committee report referral to the proper committee and introduction by the Chair of each committee and that items on this agenda be treated as regular agenda items. Hadsall moved, seconded by Ruth, to approve the recommendation. The Clerk took a roll-call vote and the Motion carried as follows:

Yes: Harris, Hadsall, O’Neal, Ruth, Dwan, Stack, Kilpatrick, Matthews, Theisen, and Webster - 10

Abs: Krafft - 1

No: None - 0

Total: - 11

[Note: Agenda items 5-15-2 and 5-15-3 were taken out of order]

5-15-3 CIVIL COUNSEL Discussion & Action – Requesting approval of a Memorandum of Understanding template to be used with the county’s collective bargaining groups related to the issue of furloughs due to the extension of Governor Whitmer’s Stay Home. Stay Safe. Executive Order 2020-77 (*Attached*)

Chairman Webster asked for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) form regarding furloughs submitted by Civil Counsel, as amended, as to Teamsters representing Commission on Aging and Public Health, POAM, POAM Non-312, UAW Paraprofessionals, UAW Professionals, and GELC. Civil Counsel explained the amendment consisted of adding a “sunset” to the MOU regarding 14-day notice. Theisen moved, seconded by Dwan, to approve the recommendation. The Clerk took a roll-call vote and the Motion carried as follows:

Yes: Hadsall, O’Neal, Ruth, Dwan, Stack, Kilpatrick, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, and Webster - 10

Abs: Krafft - 1

No: None - 0

Total: - 11

5-15-2 CONTROLLER/CAO Discussion & Action – Requesting approval of a 3RD Amended Compensation Plan that addresses the issue of furloughs due to extension of Governor Whitmer’s Stay Home. Stay Safe. Executive Order 2020-77 (*Attached*)



Chairman Webster asked Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, to present the information contained in the proposed 3rd Amended Compensation Plan. Mr. Belleman explained that a furlough is a mandatory temporary leave from which the employee is expected to return to work or be restored to full employment from a reduced work schedule. He stated the reasons for introducing the 3rd Amended Compensation Plan include: [1] Governor Whitmer’s Executive Order 2020-77; [2] Saginaw County Financial Crisis; [3] Status of State Grants in Question; [4] Possible Reduction in State Revenue Sharing; and [5] Saginaw County Phased Re-Opening Plan. The Controller further explained that six (6) unions have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding furloughs but that TPOAM (Courthouse) and POAM (Family Division/Probation) have not signed due to a request from the Business Agent for further negotiation. The Controller suggested the Board of Commissioners approve two motions, one to approve the 3rd Amended Compensation Plan and one to approve layoffs for the two (2) unions that have not signed the MOU.

- Ruth moved, seconded by Dwan, to approve the 3rd Amended Compensation Plan. The Chairman directed the Clerk to take a roll-call vote and the Motion carried as follows:
Yes: O’Neal, Ruth, Dwan, Stack, Kilpatrick, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Hadsall, and Webster - 10
Abs: Krafft - 1
No: None - 0
Total: - 11

Discussion was held with Dave Gilbert, Labor/Civil Counsel, regarding the two (2) unions that have not signed the MOU regarding furloughs. Mr. Gilbert explained that the Business Agent wanted an additional ten (10) days to negotiate. The Business Agent is aware of the deadline to sign the MOU regarding furloughs and that if they are not signed the alternative is layoffs.

- Theisen moved, seconded by Dwan, to proceed with layoffs for employees in TPOAM (Courthouse) and POAM (Family Division/Probation) in the absence of a signed MOU by the May 16, 2020 deadline. [NOTE: The MOUs were signed by the deadline and layoffs did not occur] The Clerk took a roll-call vote and the Motion carried as follows:
Yes: O’Neal, Ruth, Dwan, Stack, Kilpatrick, Matthews, Theisen, Harris, Hadsall, and Webster - 10
Abs: Krafft - 1
No: None - 0
Total: - 11

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None



PROCLAMATIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

None

COMMISSIONERS' AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Ruth thanked Christina Harrington, Health Officer, for speaking at a Democratic Party event and keeping everyone informed on the work of the Public Health Department response and ongoing work with the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Commissioner Matthews requested the Controller issue a statement that building the new Animal Shelter has nothing to do with layoffs and that millage funds are used strictly for the shelter.

By Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Theisen: That the Board adjourn. Carried.

Thereupon, the Special Board Session adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

MICHAEL A. WEBSTER, CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL J. HANLEY, CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator/Deputy Clerk