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



JANUARY SESSION 2024



**F**irst Day of the January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Wednesday, January 3, 2024. The Board met pursuant to call of the County Clerk at 5:02 p.m.


County Clerk Vanessa Guerra served as Acting Chair pending the election of a Temporary Chair. She announced that pursuant to Article I of the Rules of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, at the first meeting in each year, the election of permanent Chair and Vice-Chair shall be the first order of business. Deputy County Clerk Suzy Koeplinger Guerra took roll and a quorum was present as follows:

**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:** - **0**

**TOTAL:** - **11**

**OTHERS:** Vanessa Guerra, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Sheriff Federspiel, Katie Kelly, Chief Judge Gafkay, Mark Przybylski, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Brian Wendling, Jennifer Broadfoot, Kelly Suppes, Mary McLaughlin, Jaime Ceja, Darcie Graham, Sam Tany, Mike Slodowski, Aileen Pettinger, Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon and Catherine Hicks

 Commissioner Coney opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION**

**Public Notice of Board Sessions**

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200  
Saginaw, MI 48602

**Public Notice of Board Sessions**

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its Organizational Session on  
**Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.**



Pursuant to Article I of the 2023 Board Rules, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its organizational meeting to elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the ensuing year.

**Cancelled**

~~Committee Assignment Session on~~

~~Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.~~

~~The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its Second Day's Session for the purpose of issuing committee assignments.~~

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. the day of the meeting. Please include your phone number and topic.

This meeting is being held consistent with P.A. 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) to consider the January 3 and January 4, 2024 Board Agendas.

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, County Clerk

Dec. 20, 2023

Posted 12-28-23 by MCS

***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.***

**ELECTION OF TEMPORARY CHAIR**

Acting Chair Vanessa Guerra announced that nominations were now open for Temporary Chair. Commissioner Coney placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Webster. The Acting Chair called for further nominations; there were none. ***Commissioner Krafft moved, seconded by Commissioner Tany, to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Commissioner Webster as Temporary Chair and the motion carried.*** The Acting Chair announced that Commissioner Webster was elected Temporary Chair.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Temporary Chair Webster thanked the Board for its support and outlined the procedures for selection of the Chair and Vice-Chair.

According to Section 3 of Public Acts of 1851, No. 156, as amended by Public Acts of 1973, No. 102, the first order of business is as follows: *"The Board of Commissioners at their first meeting in each year, choose one of their number as Chair and one of their number as Vice-Chair."* And according to Saginaw County Local Act 653 of 1905 and the Rules of the Board, it is stated that *"All officials, appointees, agents, and servants elected by the Board of 'Supervisors' of Saginaw County shall be elected by voice vote of the members of said board."*



Temporary Chair Webster opened nominations for permanent Chair of the Board. Commissioner Tany placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Boyd. Temporary Chair Webster called for further nominations and there were none. **By Commissioner Spitzer, seconded by Commissioner Tany: That nominations are closed and a unanimous ballot is cast for Commissioner Boyd as Chair of the Board for the ensuing year and the motion carried.** The Temporary Chair announced Christopher S. Boyd as Chair of the Board for the ensuing year. Chairman Boyd took his designated seat.

### ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Boyd thanked his fellow commissioners for their support and confidence in him. Chairman Boyd opened nominations for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Webster placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Tany. The Chair called for further nominations and Commissioner Coney placed in nomination the name of Commissioner Little. **Chairman Boyd closed nominations and directed the Clerk to take roll call with the results as follows:**

**Little: Piotrowski, Matthews, Little, Coney - 4**

**Tany: Tany, Spitzer, Slodowski, Harris, Krafft, Webster, Boyd - 7**

Chairman Boyd announced Jack Tany, with a majority of votes cast, as Vice-Chair of the Board for the ensuing year.

### APPROVAL OF 2024 BOARD RULES

Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to adopt the current 2024 Rules of the Board of Commissioners, with the meeting schedule for 2024, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees. **Krafft moved, seconded by Little, to approve the 2024 Rules of the Board. Motion carried.**

### APPROVAL OF 2024 COMMITTEE AND BOARD SCHEDULE

Chairman Boyd asked for a motion to adopt the 2024 Committee and Board Session Schedule of the Board of Commissioners, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees.

**After discussion: Piotrowski moved, seconded by Slodowski, to amend the Schedule and hold Courts & Public Safety Committee on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. after Human Services Committee rather than November 5, 2024, which is Election Day. Motion carried.**

**Krafft moved, seconded by Matthews, to approve the 2024 Committee and Board Session Schedule as amended. Motion carried.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

- Chairman Boyd asked commissioners if a formal meeting was necessary to distribute committee assignments. **After discussion, Krafft moved, seconded by Coney, to cancel the January 4, 2024 Committee Assignment Session and directed Chairman Boyd to send out assignments via email. Motion carried.**



- Chairman Boyd announced the Second Day's Board Session would be held Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

**By Commissioner Coney, seconded by Commissioner Piotrowski: That the Board adjourn. Motion carried. Thereupon the Board adjourned at 5:15 p.m.**

**CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD  
CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA  
COUNTY CLERK**

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy County Clerk



## **COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS & COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENTS**

- **Parliamentarian:** Dennis Krafft
- **Deputy Parliamentarian:** Michael Webster
- **Human Services Committee:** Gerald Little - Chair, Tracey Slodowski - Vice-Chair, Michael Webster, Lisa Coney, Christopher Boyd
- **Courts & Public Safety Committee:** Jack Tany - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Rich Spitzer, Mark Piotrowski, Christopher Boyd
- **County Services Committee:** Michael Webster - Chair, Dennis Krafft - Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Gerald Little, Christopher Boyd
- **Budget / Audit Committee:** Dennis H. Krafft - Chair, Jack Tany - Vice-Chair, Tracey Slodowski, Rich Spitzer, Christopher Boyd
- **Labor Relations Committee:** Michael Webster - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Gerald Little, Christopher Boyd
- **Legislative Committee:** Gerald Little - Chair, Michael Webster - Vice-Chair, Lisa Coney, Tracey Slodowski, Christopher Boyd
- **Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee:** Jack Tany - Chair, Rich Spitzer - Vice Chair, Lisa Coney, Mark Piotrowski, Christopher Boyd
- **Executive Committee:** Christopher Boyd - Chair, Gerald Little, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Denny Harris
- **Rules Committee:** Christopher Boyd - Chair, Sheldon Matthews - Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Tracey Slodowski, Michael Webster
- **Michigan Works! Operations Board:** Sheldon Matthews, Gerald Little, Rich Spitzer, Jack Tany, Michael Webster



## APPOINTMENTS

### ONE-YEAR/TWO-YEAR COMMISSIONER TERMS

<b>Airport Committee</b>	-	Krafft, Little, Matthews
<b>Americans with Disabilities Act Committee</b>	-	Webster, Tany
<b>Animal Control Advisory Council</b>	-	Slodowski
<b>Board of Health</b>	-	Matthews ( <i>Election</i> )
<b>Brownfield Redevelopment Authority</b>	-	Webster ( <i>CSC Chair</i> )
<b>Castle Museum Board of Directors</b>	-	Tany
<b>City/County/School Liaison</b>	-	Coney, Matthews, Tany
<b>Commission on Aging Liaison</b>	-	Little
<b>Communications Center – 911 Authority</b>	-	Matthews, Boyd ( <i>Chair</i> )
<b>Community Action Committee</b>	-	Little
<b>Community Corrections Advisory Board</b>	-	Boyd/Coney
<b>Consortium of Homeless Assistance Prov.</b>	-	Coney
<b>Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau (F'muth)</b>	-	Krafft
<b>Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau (Regional)</b>	-	Spitzer
<b>Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau (Saginaw)</b>	-	Spitzer
<b>Crime Prevention Council</b>	-	Boyd ( <i>Chair</i> )
<b>Economic Development Corp.</b>	-	Webster
<b>Emergency Food &amp; Shelter Program-FEMA</b>	-	Piotrowski
<b>Environmental Health Code Bd of Appeals</b>	-	Slodowski
<b>HealthSource Saginaw Bds/Committees</b>	-	Krafft, Tany, Spitzer ( <i>Election</i> )
<b>HealthSource Advisory Board</b>	-	Slodowski
<b>Land Bank Authority</b>	-	Coney/Boyd
<b>Local Emergency Planning Committee</b>	-	Tany
<b>Medical Dispatch Advisory Committee</b>	-	Matthews
<b>Mental Health Authority Bd/Committees</b>	-	Coney ( <i>Election</i> )
<b>Mosquito Abatement Commission</b>	-	Spitzer
<b>Northern Michigan Counties Association</b>	-	Harris
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation Commission</b>	-	Matthews ( <i>Election</i> )
<b>Region VII AAA Advisory Council</b>	-	Tany
<b>Remonumentation</b>	-	Harris ( <i>Designee</i> )
<b>Revolving Loan Fund Board</b>	-	Webster ( <i>Chair Designee</i> )
<b>Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority</b>	-	Webster ( <i>CSC Chair</i> )
<b>Saginaw Future, Inc. Board/Committees</b>	-	Webster ( <i>Chair Designee</i> )
<b>Saginaw Valley Zoological Society Board</b>	-	Little, Slodowski
<b>Solid Waste Mgmt. Planning Committee</b>	-	Piotrowski
<b>Tri-City Area Joint Zoning Board</b>	-	Piotrowski
<b>Union/Management Health Insurance</b>	-	Harris, Matthews



**MICHIGAN ASSOC. OF COUNTIES COMMITTEES:**

<b>Agriculture &amp; Tourism</b>	-	Harris
<b>Environmental &amp; Regulatory Affairs</b>	-	Slodowski
<b>Finance &amp; General Government</b>	-	Krafft
<b>Health &amp; Human Services</b>	-	Webster
<b>Judiciary &amp; Public Safety</b>	-	Boyd
<b>Transportation</b>	-	Piotrowski

**Ad hoc committees**

**Opioid Settlement Fund Committee** – Krafft, Tany, Slodowski, Spitzer, Boyd

**Broadband Advisory Committee** – Webster, Krafft, Harris, Little, Boyd