

AGENDA

SPECIAL SESSION

SAGINAW COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, April 8, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

Saginaw County Governmental Center
111 S. Michigan Ave., Rm. 200, Saginaw, MI 48602
VIA ZOOM PER PA 267 of 1976/PA 228 of 2020
& Local Emergency Declaration dated April 1, 2021

Requests for Public Comment (Audiences) must be made to the Board of Commissioners Office at (989) 790-5267 prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Follow the instructions below to log in to the meeting:

The Special Board Session will be held via Zoom.
As the County Building is closed to the public, except by appointment, this meeting is being held remotely pursuant to and consistent with PA 267 of 1976 / PA 228 of 2020 and a Local Emergency Declaration dated April 1, 2021.

County of Saginaw is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: See Agenda below

Date/Time: April 8, 2021 5:00 PM EST

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/8024441727> Meeting ID: 802 444 1727

INSTRUCTIONS using ZOOM audio conferencing:

Call +1(301)715-8592 or +1(312)626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 802 444 1727

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

- a. Call to order
- b. Roll call
- c. Invocation (*Gerald Little*)
- d. Pledge of Allegiance (*Chairman Ruth*)

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- a. Public Hearings - None
- b. Audiences - None (*To be updated Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.*)
- c. Laudatory Resolutions

III. COMMISSIONERS' INITIATORY MOTIONS - None

IV. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS -

- **PETITION** for Special Board Session on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. *(Attached)*
- **PUBLIC NOTICE** of Special Board Session on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. *(Attached)*
- **SAGINAW COUNTY COVID-19 LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION** issued April 1, 2021 by Chairman Ruth *(Attached)*
- **MOTION TO WAIVE RULES** - *Chairman Ruth will ask 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, introduction by the Chair of each committee, and that items on this agenda be treated as regular agenda items*

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES - None

VI. RESOLUTIONS – Consideration of Draft Resolution “A” *(Attached)*

RES. “A” - A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OF SAGINAW COUNTY TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC MEANS

VII. CLOSING PROCEDURE

- a. 1) Unfinished Business - None
- 2) Proclamations - None
- 3) Appointments and Elections - None
- b. Announcements by the Chair
- c. Commissioners’ Audiences
- d. Adjournment

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Carl E. Ruth, Chairman

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**April 8, 2021
Special Session**

Vanessa Guerra
Saginaw County Clerk
111 S. Michigan Avenue
Saginaw, MI 48602

Dear Clerk Guerra:

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.9 (MCL 46.10) of the 2021 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 **Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.** via Zoom to consider extension of the Local Emergency Declaration, which will be issued in advance of the Special Meeting and is only valid for seven (7) days without Board approval, and any other matters brought before the Board. The undersigned affirm the intent of the Board of Commissioners to hold a Special Meeting on this matter. This meeting is being held consistent with PA 267 of 1976/PA 229 of 2020 (MCL 15.263) to consider the agenda, and for any other matters brought before the committee. Zoom call-in information will be provided on the Public Notice and Agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

James G. Theisen, Commissioner

Dennis H. Krafft, Commissioner

Sheldon Matthews, Vice-Chair

Michael A. Webster, Commissioner

Carl E. Ruth, Chairman



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Public Notice of Special Board Session

As the County Building is closed to the public except by appointment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting is open remotely pursuant to PA 267 of 1976/PA 228 of 2020 (MCL 15.263) to allow for participation during the public portion of the meeting.

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
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Via Zoom to consider extension of the Local Emergency Declaration, which will be issued in advance of the Special Meeting and is only valid for seven (7) days without Board approval, and for any other matters brought before the Board.

This Special Meeting is being held consistent with PA 267 of 1976/PA 228 of 2020 (MCL 15.263) and as authorized by petition of at least one third (1/3rd) of the members of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners.

Via Zoom teleconference as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS using ZOOM audio conferencing:

Dial: 1 (877) 853-5257 or 1 (888) 475-4499 US Toll-free and enter Meeting ID: 802 444 1727

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Please include your phone number so you can be un-muted when it is your time to speak.

If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate remotely, please call the Board of Commissioners at 989.790.5267.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Guerra

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

March 29, 2021
Posted 3-29-21 by SEK



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Saginaw County COVID-19 Local Emergency Declaration

April 1, 2021

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in severe illness or death. COVID-19 and its variant are caused by a strain of coronavirus that had not been previously identified in humans and can quickly spread from person-to-person.

On March 18, 2020, the first COVID-19 death was confirmed in Wayne County, Michigan. Since that date, there have been 16,912 COVID-19 related deaths in Michigan, with 527 in Saginaw County. Since the first cases were confirmed in Saginaw County, the daily COVID-19 positivity rate in Saginaw County has fluctuated with a high of 25.6% and a low 2.7%. The 7-day average positivity rate has trended up since early March 2021 and is currently at 10.5%.

The Director of the MDHHS has concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan and that control of the epidemic requires restrictions on public gatherings. Current CDC, MDHHS, and/or MIOSHA recommendations continue to be for staff to work remotely when possible, for personnel to wear masks when unable to distance a minimum of six-feet, and to reduce capacities when the nature of the gathering or design of the space limits the ability to maintain six-foot distancing between people in attendance. While it is possible to control the number of attendees at certain daily functions such as appointments at a county facility or court hearings, by their very nature, it is not possible to control the number of attendees at a public meeting.

Because of the ever-evolving circumstances related to the spread of COVID-19 and the inability to control the number of public who may attend an open meeting, Saginaw County and other public bodies in local jurisdictions may find it necessary to conduct public meetings virtually to reduce the risk of spread to members of the public, government staff, or members of public bodies. To accommodate the specific need of protecting the public, staff, and other attendees at public meetings, where capacity is unknown or unable to be controlled, Saginaw County is declaring a Local State of Emergency to allow the continued use of virtual public meetings.



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This declaration is made pursuant to the authority contained at §10 of the Emergency Management Act and §3 of the Open Meetings Act, which permits a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body. Per Section 14 of PA 390, as amended, the Saginaw County Office of Emergency Management is directed to transmit this request to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police.

Respectfully,

Carl Ruth, Board Chairman
Saginaw County Board of Commissioners



RESOLUTION "A"

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A RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PERMITTING THE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AND OTHER PUBLIC BODIES OF SAGINAW COUNTY TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC MEANS

At a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan held at Saginaw, Michigan on the 8th day of April 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

*Christopher S. Boyd, Kathleen K. Dwan, Carol E. Ewing, Kyle R. Harris,
Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Carl E. Ruth,
Jack B. Tany, James G. Theisen, Michael A. Webster*

**Commissioner _____ offered the following resolution and moved for adoption.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____.**

PRESENT, Commissioners:

ABSENT, Commissioners:

WHEREAS, as recently as March 19, 2021 the Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) made the following findings:

"The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. It is caused by a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and easily spread from person to person. COVID-19 spreads through close human contact, even from individuals who may be asymptomatic."

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, MDHHS identified the first two presumptive-positive cases of COVID-19 in Michigan. As of March 30, 2021, Michigan had seen 665,948 confirmed cases and 16,082 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19. To date, there have been 527 confirmed deaths attributable to COVID-19 in Saginaw County.

WHEREAS, as of March 11, 2021 the State of Michigan had a seven-day average of 1,825 daily cases, nearly 90% higher than the number of cases in mid-February. Since the first cases were confirmed in Saginaw County, the daily COVID-19 positivity rate in Saginaw County has fluctuated with a high of 25.6% and a low 2.7%. The 7-day average positivity rate has trended up since early March 2021 and is currently at 10.5%.

WHEREAS, the Director of the MDHHS has concluded that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute an epidemic in Michigan and that control of the epidemic requires restrictions on public gatherings, and current CDC, MDHHS, and/or MIOSHA recommendations continue to be for staff to work remotely when possible, for personnel to wear masks when unable to distance a minimum of six-feet, for masks to be work at any gathering, and to reduce capacities when the nature of the gathering or design of the space limits the ability to maintain six-foot distancing between people in attendance.

WHEREAS, it is possible to control the number of attendees at certain daily functions such as appointments at a county facility or court hearings, by their very nature, it is not possible to control the number of attendees at a public meeting.

WHEREAS, because of the ever-evolving circumstances related to the spread of COVID-19 and the inability to control the number of public who may attend an open meeting, Saginaw County and other public bodies in local jurisdictions may find it necessary to conduct public meetings virtually to reduce the risk of spread to members of the public, government staff, or members of public bodies. ;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that to accommodate the specific need of protecting the public, staff, and other attendees at public meetings, where capacity is unknown or unable to be controlled, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners is continuing the declaration of a Local State of Emergency made by the Board Chair on April 1, 2021, to allow the continued use of virtual public meetings. This declaration is made pursuant to the authority contained at §10 of the Emergency Management Act and §3 of the Open Meetings Act, which permits a public body to meet by electronic or telephonic means upon declaration of a local state of emergency or state of disaster if meeting in person would place at risk the personal health or safety of members of the public or members of the public body. Per Section 14 of PA 390, as amended, the Saginaw County Office of Emergency Management is directed to transmit this request to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall continue in effect until December 31, 2021.

AYES, Commissioners:

NAYS, Commissioners:

ABSTAIN, Commissioners:

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF SAGINAW)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Saginaw, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of said County, held on the 8th day of April, 2021, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 8th day of April, 2021.

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk
County of Saginaw