

**MINUTES**  
**COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602**  
**Wednesday, August 2, 2023 - 4:00 p.m.**

**DRAFT**

Present: Michael Webster – Chair, Dennis Krafft – Vice-Chair, Denny Harris, Sheldon Matthews, Christopher Boyd

Others: Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Jennifer Broadfoot, Denise Joseph, Liz Gooch, Victoria Bennett, Bill Jeruski, Brian Wendling, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Patricia Johnson, Jaime Ceja, Darcie Graham, Jerry Preston, Gretchen Nielsen, Catherine Hicks, Marissa Sawdon and Suzy Koepplinger

- I. Call to order ---**Webster at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**June 7, 2023**)  
---**Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to approve. Motion carried.**

- IV. Public Comment ---**None**
- *Speakers limited to 3 minutes*

V. Agenda

1. **Denise Joseph, Equalization Director, and staff, re:**

Board recognition - Equalization Department of the Year Award  
**Chairman Webster congratulated the Equalization Department on its award and Commissioner Boyd invited the department to bring the award to the August board session for full Board recognition.**

2. **Brian Wendling, Public Works Commissioner, re:**

- **8-15-6** Submitting Resolutions pledging the full faith and credit of Saginaw County for the Eastwood Drain, Little Eagle Creek Drain, and Savage Drain Projects  
---**Moved by Matthews, seconded by Krafft, to approve the Eastwood Drain Resolution. Motion carried. (Resolution 2023 - 14)**  
---**Moved by Boyd, seconded by Harris, to approve the Little Eagle Creek Drain Resolution. Motion carried. (Resolution 2023 - 15)**  
---**Moved by Krafft, seconded by Boyd, to approve the Savage Drain Resolution. Motion carried. (Resolution 2023 - 16)**

3. **Brian Keenan-Lechel, Parks & Recreation Director, re:**

- **8-15-7** Requesting approval of modified language to its Drone Policy  
---**Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)**

*(Tabled at June 7, 2023 County Services Committee meeting. Former DMDF manager, Jim Koski, is available to conduct tours of the sites if commissioners are interested.)*

4. **Michigan Department of Natural Resources, re:**

- **4-18-13** Sending notice of potential land acquisition of approximately 627 acres in Kochville Township and Zilwaukee Township near the Crow Island State Game Area  
---**Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to table, to gather more information from the DNR. Motion carried. (Tabled)**

5. **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS** *(To be Received & Filed in Committee)*

- **8-15-8 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY** submitting the Final State Equalization Report for 2023 as approved and certified by the State Tax Commission
- **8-15-9 BAY CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS** submitting signed Form L-4029 detailing the property tax levies for Bay City Public Schools
- **8-15-10 VILLAGE OF BIRCH RUN** sending notice in accordance with Public Act 57 of 2018 of an informational meeting during its regular DDA meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023  
*---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Matthews, to receive and file. Motion carried. (Receive & File)*

VI. Miscellaneous

**Jerry Preston, President of the Birch Run Convention & Visitors Bureau, provided ideas and information for an Expo Center in Birch Run. Commissioner Krafft advised Mr. Preston to contact the Saginaw CVB and Chairman Webster asked him to develop a coalition and provide a detailed plan of financing before returning this matter to committee.**

VII. Adjournment *---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Harris, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:42 p.m.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael Webster, Committee Chair  
Suzy Koepplinger, Committee Clerk