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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
February 18, 2025 SESSION**

The February Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, February 18, 2025 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Jack B. Tany in the Chair.

PRESENT: Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Jack B. Tany, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, and Michael A. Webster - **11**

ABSENT: - **0**

TOTAL: - **11**

OTHERS: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Jessica Sargent, Koren Thurston, Katharine Tessin, Patricia Johnson, Kelly Suppes, Mark Angliss, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Mark Przybylski, Amanda Klein, Nicole Lee, Brandell Adams, Monique Lamar-Silvia, Dennis McMahan, Betty Holmes, Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey, members of the Merrill Elementary Triple R's Robotics Team and their families, and others

🌸 Chairman Tany asked for a moment of silence for Stacy Davis-Diggs; District Court Probation Director for Saginaw County, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Eta Upsilon Omega Chapter, and valued member of the Structured Treatment and Recovery (STAR) Treatment Court Team. Stacy passed away Monday, February 17, 2025 (April 8, 1968 – February 17, 2025)

🌸 Commissioner Matthews gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the January 7, 2025 Organizational Board Session and January 21, 2025 Regular Board Session were approved

AUDIENCES

- ❖ Vice-Chair Little presented a Proclamation to Dennis McMahan from the American Heart Association to recognize February as Heart Month in Saginaw County
- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski presented members of the Merrill Elementary Triple R's Robotics Team with a Certificate of Recognition. The team gave a presentation and voiced their goal to provide 100 State parks with kits they prepared to help stop pollution from spreading to the oceans. They performed a call-to-action song they wrote to the tune of "Under the Sea" from *The Little Mermaid* soundtrack.
- ❖ Betty Holmes addressed the Board with her concern about being charged inappropriately for property taxes on her two nonprofit adult foster care homes. She expressed difficulty contacting the Saginaw County Treasurer, the inconsistency and inaccuracy of advice she says the Treasurer's Office has offered, and the amount of effort she has put into receiving a refund of the money she believes she overpaid, and that after two years the matter is still unresolved.

INITIATORY MOTION

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to members of the Merrill Elementary Triple R's Robotics Team
- ❖ February as American Heart Month in Saginaw County

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the vendor transactions for January 2025 in the amount of \$13,974,303.83
- Approved the FY 2026 Budget Calendar
- Approved request to use \$50,482 from the Commission on Aging unrestricted fund balance to purchase a new food truck delivery vehicle
- Approved the Health Department's request to add new laboratory fees to the County Fee Schedule to include Fentanyl II Urine Drug Testing at \$25 and Repeat Sample Collection at \$5
- Approved request to use \$17,000 from the Health Department Building Fund for necessary repair of the pump motor for the elevator
- Approved the 10th Circuit Court-Family/Juvenile Division acceptance of State grant funding in the amount of \$200,000 to improve the infrastructure by replacing doors and locks at the juvenile detention facility
- Approved new County Policy "Earned Sick Time Act" and revised County Policy #341 "Paid Time Off"
- Approved wage increase of 3% and discretionary bonus for individuals in the county's eleven (11) non-union positions
- Approved two (2) Memorandums of Understanding between County of Saginaw and UAW Local 455-Unit 48 and UAW Local 455-Unit 50 regarding provision of a bonus to two (2) Information Technology employees
- Approved Collective Bargaining Agreements between County of Saginaw and GELC – District Court Probation Officers; POAM – Assistant Prosecutors; POAM – Detention Supervisors; POAM – Detention Youth Care Specialists; POAM – Family Division Probation Officers; UAW – Managers; UAW – Paraprofessionals; and UAW – Professionals
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 2-18-25.1 and 2-18-25.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ **Approved Resolution 2025 – 1;** Resolution in Support of Amtrak Service to Northern Michigan

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Tany made the following appointments:

BUILDING AUTHORITY

Lawrence Wm. Smith and Leon Turnwald, for terms from 8/1/24 - to expire 8/1/30

COMMISSION ON AGING BOARD

Dist. #9 - Jane Collins, for a term to expire 12/31/28

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ Chairman Tany announced:

- He attended Chief Circuit Judge Julie Gafkay's Recovery Court graduation, along with Commissioners Piotrowski and Webster and thanked them personally for attending because programs such as this are extremely important.
- He attended the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership graduation at SVSU with Vice Chair Little and Commissioner Piotrowski and thanked them for attending and being visible in the community.
- He attended the most recent Carrollton Township Board of Trustees meeting. During the meeting, Trustee Jerry Fritz mentioned that Lt. Mark Przybylski of the Saginaw County Sheriff's Department made a presentation of the "Stop the Bleed" Kits to the Saginaw ISD. Trustee Fritz said that Lt. Przybylski did an exceptional job with the demonstration and that Carrollton Township should consider purchasing kits for their office and police and fire vehicles. Chairman Tany mentioned that hearing someone from another municipality talk about a Saginaw County employee in high regard made him feel proud to be a commissioner and if any commissioner would like Lt. Przybylski to make a presentation in their district, to reach out to him.
- The winners of the Marksmanship Challenge:
 - Beginner's Class Winners: Environmental Services Department at the Health Department – Jeremy Maxson, Roger Pumford and Chris Klawuhn
 - Advanced Class Winners: Sheriff's Department – Jeffrey Robson, James Comptey and Alex Pease

In a thank-you note, Roger Pumford wrote that they absolutely loved the competition along with the interaction with the Sheriff's Department.

- Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Saginaw Government Day was last Friday. Chair Tany moderated a panel of commissioners that consisted of John Kaczynski, Michael Webster, Mark Piotrowski and Tracey Slodowski, and thanked them for attending. After the session, Commissioners Coney and Spitzer joined the class for the luncheon. The afternoon's session was held at the Saginaw County Governmental Center where Administrator Hannah provided info on how the budget process works. County Clerk Vanessa Guerra, Parks & Recreation Director Brian Keenan-Lechel and I.T. Director Andrew Klaczkiwicz participated in a mock board meeting. Chair Tany thanked all for participating.
- Acknowledgement and gratitude to Commissioner Boyd for spearheading the College Hockey Game between SVSU and Western Michigan University that was held at the Dow Event Center and recognized the great collaboration between Saginaw County, SVSU, and the Fordney Club of Saginaw County.
- Saginaw County received the Project of the Year award from the Construction Association of Michigan who presented a plaque to us, Spence Brothers Construction, and Kibbe & Associates in recognition of the Dow Event Center renovations that were made in preparation to host the CHL Memorial Cup. Administrator Hannah is working with the Dow Event Center on a permanent location to display the plaque and the Spirit of Saginaw award we previously received from the Chamber of Commerce, in the Atrium, along with a plate featuring the names of the County Administrator and County Commissioners (from 2024).

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Coney announced “A Taste of Soul” at SVSU Marketplace at Doan Center on Thursday, February 27, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., and invited commissioners to attend and experience the food of African American culture in celebration of Black History Month. She also announced the grand opening ceremony of Great Lakes Bay Health Center at Saginaw United High School on February 20, 2025 from 8:15 – 10:30 a.m. Guests can enter the main entrance of the school to attend. On February 28, 2025 Saginaw Middle School students will give demonstrations of prominent, famous black people.
- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski announced the grand opening of the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Surgical Center on April 30, 2025 with speakers to include Chairman Jack Tany, Eugene Seals, President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Animal Control Director Rachel Horton and tours will be given. She announced the launch of the “Spay it Forward” fund, a donation-based program to support veterinary care for animals in need and that Director Rachel Horton was able to secure three new grants. Further, Karen Gerhardt, Fashion Square Mall and Isabella Bank are coordinating a Family Fun Day on March 1st from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the mall, with more details to be announced.
- ❖ Commissioner Boyd thanked Chairman Tany and Commissioner Matthews for acknowledging the passing of Stacy Davis-Diggs. He recalled that she served as the Probation Officer in his courtroom years ago, and she was an outstanding lady who finalized her career as the Director of the Saginaw County District Court Probation Department. She will be missed. He also advised that the SVSU vs. WMU game held at The Dow was funded by Fordney Club donations and will hopefully lead to further collaboration in the future. He read a thank you email he received from the SVSU hockey coach, Brandon Orth, who with gratitude mentioned the great ice, graphics, and the lasting memory created for himself and the team.
- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski announced there are no festivals in Frankenmuth for the next five weeks so it’s a great time to get a seat in one of Frankenmuth’s many restaurants.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JACK B. TANY, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

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