

# MINUTES

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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**Tuesday, September 12, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.**  
**111 S. Michigan Ave., Rm. 200, Saginaw, MI 48602**

Present: Christopher Boyd – Chairman, Gerald Little, Jack Tany, Michael Webster, Dennis Krafft  
Others: Dave Gilbert, Bill Smith, Koren Thurston, Jennifer Broadfoot, Tim Ferrand, Richard Spitzer, Denny Harris, Lisa Coney, Mark Piotrowski, Judge André Borrello, Kyle Bostwick, Kelly Suppes, Patricia Johnson, Darcie Graham, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Isaac Blackmon, Jaime Ceja, Steve St. John, Bill Stanuszek, Randy Knepper, Rene DeSander, Courtney Eggebrecht, Jason VanBocxlaer, Catherine Hicks, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koeplinger, and ABC-12 News

- I. Call to Order ---**Boyd at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***August 8, 2023, and August 15, 2023 Minutes***)  
---***Moved by Tany, seconded by Krafft, to approve with amended language in the August 8, 2023 Minutes to reflect that Jack Tany must abstain from voting on matters involving the Memorial Cup or Saginaw Spirit. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Comment
  - **Randy Knepper, Mosquito Abatement Commission, spoke in favor of building on the Towerline Road property. He stated that Mosquito Control is ready to move forward with this project and was never asked by the Board of Commissioners to provide alternative options after the Towerline option was chosen.**
  - **Rene DeSander, Mosquito Abatement Commission, asked for approval to acquire property and engage Kibbe & Associates in the project. Mr. DeSander offered to present the information tabled at the Human Resources Committee either at this meeting or at a Committee of the Whole.**
- V. Agenda
  1. **Closed Session**, re: Discussion of attorney-client privileged communication regarding pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). Gottleber v Saginaw County (*Information to be distributed*)  
---***The Chair announced the need to meet in Closed Session as noted above. Moved by Little, seconded by Krafft, to enter closed session at 4:10 pm. Motion carried by unanimous roll-call.***  
  
---***Moved by Webster, seconded by Krafft, to enter open session at 4:58 p.m. and approve the recommendation of Civil Counsel. Motion carried.***
  2. **André R. Borrello, Chief Judge, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court & 70<sup>th</sup> District Court**, re:  
**9-19-24** Requesting approval to set aside a Memorandum of Understanding between Saginaw County and the TPOAM union from the date of approval until December 31, 2023 to allow for overtime for Circuit Court Judicial Assistants, due to vacancies in the two “swing” JA position. No additional funding/budget adjustment is requested.

***---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Tany, to approve overtime pay for Judicial Assistants until December 31, 2023, contingent upon union approval. (Board Report)***

3. **Steve St. John, General Manager, TheDow Event Center & JOLT Event Park/ASM Global**, re:
  - To provide information on TheDow Event Center/Jolt Event Park rules & regulations  
Steve St. John made a formal apology to the Committee for not notifying them before enacting the clear bag/cashless policy at TheDow. He gave reasons behind the policy and offered Commissioners solutions to give to any concerned constituents. Commissioner Little opposes the policy because it limits some families' ability to spend if they don't choose to convert their cash to a gift card. (No Action)
4. **Jaime Ceja, Executive Assistant**, re:
  - **9-19-23** Requesting approval to donate items from Animal Control to rescue partners  
***---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
5. **Dave Gilbert, Civil/Labor Counsel**, re:
  - Controller/County Administrator – Proposed Job Description (*Attached*)  
Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Director, spoke on the recruitment company chosen to assist in hiring a County Controller/County Administrator, Walsh Municipal Services. The position's job description and statute requirements were discussed.  
***---Moved by Webster, seconded by Tany, to approve the job description as amended. (Board Report)***
  - Controller/County Administrator – Filling Vacancy  
Ms. Broadfoot explained the recruitment strategies that Walsh Municipal Services uses and the average state-wide salary.  
***---Moved by Webster, seconded by Little, to approve adjusting the posted salary range as \$165,000 to \$185,000. (Board Report)***
6. **Chairman Boyd**, re:
  - Update on Memorial Cup  
Chairman Boyd reviewed the proposal from the Saginaw Spirit for an electronic advertisement ribbon to be purchased for TheDow. Total cost would be \$1,000,000 – 60/40 split, with Saginaw County paying \$600,000 (\$60,000 per year for ten (10) years).  
***---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Little, to approve. Motion carried with an abstention from Tany. (Board Report)***
  - Update on Concentric Building  
Discussion was held regarding the potential move by the Courthouse administrative offices to the Concentric Building and the need to relocate while HVAC work is being conducted at the Courthouse. Chairman Boyd stated it is a lease with a 3-year option to purchase and that a decision must be made by the end of the year so we don't lose \$8 million in ARPA funding. Commissioner Krafft expressed his opposition for a split campus and renting property.

***---Moved by Webster, seconded by Little, to approve the proposal from Shaheen Development that was distributed at the August 29, 2023 Committee of the Whole. Motion carried with an abstention recorded from Tany and a nay vote recorded for Krafft. (Board Report)***

- Mosquito Control Building – Referral to Building Authority  
Chairman Boyd gave an overview of the Mosquito Control Building. The property sold to the Saginaw School District and closed on August 24, 2023, leaving 17 months to vacate the property. The informational packets from Mosquito Control and Civil Counsel were distributed to Commissioners. Chairman Boyd spoke regarding the property on Towerline, the delay in obtaining title, encouraging SMAC to provide options for alternatives to building new. We are back to square one because the November 2022 actions were rescinded by the Board of Commissioners at its June 2023 meeting. He offered as a solution to refer the matter to the Building Authority.

[The Committee recessed at 7:08 p.m.]

[The Committee reconvened at 7:26 p.m.]

***---Moved by Webster, seconded by Krafft, to schedule a Committee of the Whole so the full board can hear from Mosquito Control and discuss. Motion carried.***

7. Any other matters to come before the committee

**Commissioner Little re-visited the discussion of TheDow's new clear bag/cashless policy and thinks that the Board of Commissioners should have input on these decisions as the owner of the facility. Civil Counsel will provide the Management Agreement with ASM Global and find out if the Board can weigh in on such decisions.**

VI. Miscellaneous ***---None***

VII. Adjournment ***---Moved by Krafft, seconded by Little, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 7:38 pm.***

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christopher Boyd, Committee Chair  
Suzy Koepplinger, Committee Clerk