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

The **March Session** of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 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: Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Jessica Sargent, Koren Thurston, Katharine Tessin, Kelly Suppes, Mark Angliss, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Lt. Mark Przybylski, Nicole Lee, Kyle Bostwick, Brandell Adams, Jaime Ceja, Katherine Edwards, Grace Macomber, Sydney Pierce, Luke Kanine, Grant Hegenauer, Diya Ramakrishnan and family, Miriam Haddad and family, Mike Cousins, Christine Cousins, Bill Cowdry, Kelli Scorsone, Roger Rosalez, Alycia Norton, Thomas Roy, Anna McGrath, Suzanne Hall, Dennis Borchard, Rachel Horton, Angie Miller, Linda James, Allissa Specht, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, and others

🇺🇸 Commissioner Slodowski gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Board Session were approved

AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Coney presented Diya Ramakrishnan and Miriam Haddad, SASA students, with Certificates of Recognition for their work developing an innovative app and conducting pioneering cancer research
- ❖ Commissioner Coney presented a Proclamation to Katy Edwards and Grace Macomber, Student Ambassador/Representatives of NASW-Michigan, to recognize March as Social Work Month in Saginaw County
- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski presented Luke Kanine, Frankenmuth Public Schools, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School, with a Certificate of Recognition upon his receipt of the Milken Educator Award
- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski presented Thomas Township Fire Chief Mike Cousins with a Certificate of Recognition upon 40+ years of service
- ❖ Commissioner Boyd presented a Proclamation to Saginaw County Bar Association Representative, Attorney Bill Cowdry, for Law Day 2025
- ❖ Roger Rosalez requested assistance with a drain that needs cleaning and requested time to allow the grass to grow to avoid paying \$300 for another Erosion Control Permit
- ❖ Alycia Norton spoke of improvements she has witnessed in the Animal Control Volunteer Program and Animal Care & Control Staff
- ❖ Thomas Roy spoke of the importance of filling the vacancy in the 35th State Senate District
- ❖ Joseph Cella provided his written comments to the clerk after the meeting, detailing his support of the Governor to immediately call a special election to fill the vacant 35th district state senate seat.

INITIATORY MOTION

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Luke Kanine, Frankenmuth Public Schools, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School, upon his receipt of the Milken Educator Award
- ❖ Certificates of Recognition to two SASA students: (1) Diya Ramakrishnan for being the 2024 Congressional App Challenge winner for her innovative app “PolypDetect;” and (2) Miriam Haddad for being a Top 300 Regeneron STS Scholar for her project “Magnetizing Oil: A New Paradigm for Cleaning Up Aquatic Oil Spills”
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Thomas Township Fire Chief Michael Cousins upon 40+ years of service
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Tom Morford, Jonesfield - Lakefield Volunteer Fire Department, for 32 years of service
- ❖ March as National Social Work Month
- ❖ May 1, 2025 as Law Day in Saginaw County commemorated with a Mock Trial on April 3, 2025

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved amendment of Commission on Aging Board Bylaws
- Approved vendor transactions for February 2025 in the amount of \$10,242,007.47
- Approved to reduce the Emergency Services Federal Grant Account from \$38,000 to \$13,000 and increase the FY25 Emergency Services General Fund Account to \$180,000 to cover the expected shortfall in grant funds for the Emergency Services Coordinator position
- Approved increase to the Detention Facility Contracted Medical Account for FY25 by \$18,470 from the General Fund to account for a shortfall in payment to Wellpath for medical services.
- Approved amended County Policy #386, “Earned Sick Time Act”
- Approved amended County Policy #335, “Compensation” regarding rehiring of staff
- Approved payment to Charles Murry, Bailiff in the 70th District Court, representing the difference in pay between Step 1 and Step 7 of the pay scale from November 18, 2024 to March 18, 2025
- Approved onboarding of a Public Health Nurse I at Step 3 of the pay scale
- Approved SCACC Volunteer Handbook
- Approved Collective Bargaining Agreement between County of Saginaw and POAM – Animal Control
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 3-18-25.1 and 3-18-25.2

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Tany made the following appointments:

- ✓ ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
Joyce Potoff, to replace Bob Weise as a Temporary Tech Park Director (No expiration)
Michael A. Webster, EDC Vice-Chair (Term to expire April 1, 2031)

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Reappointed Mike Cierzniewski (Primary Consumer), Robert Woods Jr. (Secondary Consumer), Cynthia Winiecke (General Public), and Susan McCauley (Agency/Occupation) to the Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority with terms to expire March 31, 2028

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked Commissioner Webster for working with him to pronounce Lt. Przybylski's name correctly.
- ❖ Chairman Tany removed himself from the Frankenmuth CVB Board and appointed John Kaczynski in his place.
- ❖ Chairman Tany along with Administrator Hannah, Commissioner Boyd, and Commissioner Spitzer attended the Commission on Aging Inservice Day on February 21, 2025. He thanked the commissioners for being there and Administrator Hannah for greeting employees that morning.
- ❖ Chairman Tany congratulated Commissioner Kaczynski for receiving the "Key to the City," a beautifully crafted beer stein, by the Frankenmuth Mayor and City Council to acknowledge his service from 2022 – 2024.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski announced there are no festivals in Frankenmuth this month but the newly built Bavarian Blast Waterpark, Michigan's largest waterpark, has passed various inspections and should be open for business by the end of the week.
- ❖ Commissioner Spitzer announced that the petition drive from last year, Ax Mi Tax, to eliminate all property taxes in the State of Michigan, is resurfacing and, if enacted, will create a huge shortfall in funding. He urged commissioners to dissuade their constituents from signing it.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JACK B. TANY
CHAIRMAN

SUZY KOEPPLINGER
DEPUTY CLERK

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