



**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
APRIL 18, 2023 SESSION**

The April Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Christopher S. Boyd in the Chair.

Present: Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster – 11

Absent: None – 0

Others: Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Jaime Ceja, Jennifer Broadfoot, Undersheriff Gomez, Josh Brown, Brian Wendling, Dennis Borchard, Andy Damore, Kelly Suppes, Denise Joseph, Susan Caister, Brandell Adams, Tina Swanton, Sheriff Federspiel, Donna Clarke, Jennifer Hauch, Hugh LeFevre, Marissa Sawdon, Justin Engel – *Saginaw News*, Suzy Koeplinger, and others

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the March 21, 2023 Board Session were approved

PUBLIC HEARING

- A Public Hearing was held to consider the closeout of the Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Funding Grant. Robert Belleman, Controller/CAO, explained the county was able to support the continuation of vital public services and ensure a safe election in 2020.

AUDIENCES

- Chairman Boyd presented a Proclamation for Law Day as May 1, 2023 to Bill Cowdry, Saginaw County Bar Association – Law Day Committee, and Mr. Cowdry provided comment.
- Commissioner Little presented a Proclamation for April as Volunteer Month to Susan Caister, Nutrition Program Manager at Commission on Aging, and Ms. Caister announced the COA Volunteer Luncheon on April 28, 2023 at Swan Valley Banquet Center.
- Commissioner Tany presented a Certificate of Recognition for Emmaus House to Donna Clarke - Executive Director, Jennifer Hauch - Assistant Director, Hugh LeFevre - Board Member, and Sheriff Federspiel. Ms. Clarke thanked everyone for their support and expressed appreciation for the fundraising concerts held by the Sheriff and the Kenny Rogers Band that raised over \$50,000 for Emmaus House.

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the Richland Township Fire Department
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Emmaus House
- ❖ Proclamation for May 1, 2023 as Law Day for the Saginaw County Bar Association
- ❖ Proclamation for April 2023 as Volunteer Month for the Commission on Aging
- ❖ Proclamation for April 3 – 9, 2023 as Public Health Week for the Health Department

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved Form L-4024, 2023 Statement of Valuation, the Report of Equalization for all townships and cities in Saginaw County
- Approved new County Policy #414 – Information Security, required by the Secretary of State for requesting and accessing SOS background checks used by the Personnel Department
- Approved an increase in the SCCJCC budget by \$25,000 to purchase modems and antennas for new police cars
- Approved acceptance of additional funds (ARPA) in the amount of \$433,469 from Region VII Area Agency on Aging for FY 2023 at Commission on Aging
- Approved the Sheriff accepting reimbursement from Bridge the Gap to increase its FY 2023 budget by \$15,000
- Approved two (2) potential change orders (PCO) with Spence Brothers on The Dow Event Center project: PCO #002 for Memorial Cup Upgrades at \$3,082,583 and PCO #003 for Elevator Addition at \$1,560,545
- Approved use of Courthouse & Governmental Center grounds by Great Lakes Bay Health Centers for one day during the week of Aug. 6 – 12, 2023 for community activities during National Health Center Week
- Approved engagement of Guidehouse to manage the risk assessment phase of internal and external ARPA sub-recipients
- Laid proposed amendments of the 2023 Board Rules on the table for approval at the May 16, 2023 Board Session

RESOLUTIONS

- Approved Resolution **2023 – 8** **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SAGINAW COUNTY WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM BONDS, SERIES 2023 (ST. CHARLES WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS)**
- Approved Resolution **2023 – 9** **RESOLUTION FOR PARKER SWAMP DRAIN BONDS, SERIES 2023**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Appointed Gerald Kariem to the Economic Development Corporation with a term to expire April 1, 2029
- ✓ Appointed Chad Wurtzel (Labor Sector) to the Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board with a term to expire June 30, 2024

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd announced the Strategic Planning Session for commissioners scheduled for Friday, April 21, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at Horizons Conference Center, State St.
- ❖ Chairman Boyd also announced a volunteer opportunity to work with Habitat for Humanity from June 14 – 17, 2023 and June 21 – 23, 2023.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Commissioner Piotrowski announced the Freeland Walleye Festival April 27 - 30, 2023 which includes a parade, fishing tournament, pancake breakfast, car show, corn hole, carnival rides, bingo, vendors, music, beer tent, community-wide garage sales, food, fireworks, and much more!
- Commissioner Coney invited everyone to the Cinco de Mayo Parade on Saturday, May 6th with a theme this year of “Remembering our Roots.” The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. at Hoyt Park, heading north on Washington Ave.
- Commissioner Krafft announced Bringing Back the 80s this weekend in Frankenmuth, held at the Harvey Kern Pavilion April 21st and April 22nd.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy Clerk