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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
JANUARY 19, 2021 SESSION**

The January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:03 p.m., Tuesday, January 19, 2021 via Zoom pursuant to P.A. 228 of 2020 and P.A. 254 of 2020 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

Present: *Christopher S. Boyd, Kathleen K. Dwan, Carol E. Ewing, Kyle R. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Carl E. Ruth, Jack B. Tany, James G. Theisen, Michael A. Webster – 11*

Absent: – 0

✚ Commissioner Dwan gave the invocation before leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Commissioner Boyd requested a correction to the December 15, 2020 Board Session Minutes under Unfinished Business (Pg. 38). After his review of the meeting and discussion with former County Clerk Michael Hanley, the vote taken on the new Responsible Contractor Policy, with associated Resolution, and amendment of the current Purchasing Policy was not valid. At that meeting, discussion was held on the policies and Commissioner Matthews “Called the Question,” which stopped debate. The vote that followed was recorded on the proposed policies and, although it passed by a vote of 7 to 4, the vote should have been taken on the Motion to End Debate first, rendering that first vote invalid. A vote was taken on the Motion to End Debate near the end of the meeting, but that motion failed and a re-vote on the Responsible Contractor Policy/Purchasing Policy did not occur.
- After discussion, the Minutes of the December 15, 2020 Board Session were unanimously approved as corrected to reflect that the vote taken on the Responsible Contractor Policy, with associated Resolution, and amendment of the current Purchasing Policy was not valid. Since the motion remained active on the floor, the consensus between the Board, Civil Counsel, and the Controller was to bring the matter to the floor under Unfinished Business at this meeting.

AUDIENCES

- Rob Train, Vice President of Operations, Granger Construction, thanked the Board for consideration as Construction Manager of the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center and advised of Granger’s commitment to use local contractors on the project. Since 2013, Granger has contracted with Saginaw County companies for over \$53 million and has proven success with Saginaw contractors. Granger is also working on an academic partnership with Delta College with its construction-related programs, including construction management and other trade programs, mentorship, and internships. He stated the county’s selection committee recognized its experience with completing a similar project in Ingham County, which was highly successful, and lab facilities at MSU Veterinary Hospital, all having to do with animal care.

- Veronica Horn, President/CEO, Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board and asked that the Board revisit the process developed by the review committee as it relates to choosing a Construction Manager for the Animal Care & Control Resource Center project. She stated it is not a design/build project and that should make a difference as to how the winning bid was selected. There are concerns that points were not afforded to the local Saginaw County construction firms, which pay property taxes, including the new millage that will fund the center; they employ residents of Saginaw County who also pay taxes and help our economy; and subcontractors hired will include those living here and paying taxes. She believes these factors should be a major consideration when making decisions of this magnitude and stated we should be advocating for local contractors and asked that the board reconsider the criteria used to make this decision.
- Jimmy Greene stated Saginaw County has had an adequate existing Purchasing Policy for construction services for years and his only issue with it was the Prevailing Wage provision that was repealed at the state level but not at the county. The county attorney looked at where it would be best positioned and allowed the building trades unions to weigh in on provisions of the Responsible Contractor Policy with the goal of a fair and open bidding position. He implored the board to go back and revisit the Responsible Contractor Policy, have community audiences, and uncomplicate what was complicated within the policy.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS

None

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- The recommendation to designate Granger Construction as Construction Manager for the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center project was sent back to County Services Committee
- Approved designation of Spence Brothers as Construction Manager for TheDow Event Center projects
- Approved Electronic Transactions and Voucher Payments for November 2020
- Approved an increase to the Sheriff's FY 2021 Budget by \$20,000 (101-30101) and \$53,552 (207-30104) to account for the new pay scale and benefits for it Administrative Assistant position
- Approved an increase to the Sheriff's FY 2021 Budget using revenue received from forfeited gun sales to increase the Law Enforcement Fund by \$5,000 (Capital) and \$2,918 (Other Operating Supplies)
- Approved an increase to the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Fund by \$30,000 using revenue received from Federal inmate bed space to cover the difference in wages between a Deputy and Sergeant
- Approved revision of County Policy #365 "COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act Policy" and County Policy #366 "Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) Expansion Policy" to extend the expiration date of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA)
- Approved revision of County Policy #343 "Employee Insurance;" #361 "Disability Leave;" and #341 "Paid Time Off" to create a uniform eligibility schedule for employee insurance benefits, PTO and disability leave
- Approved modification of the Sheriff's PCN Roster for FY 2021 to increase the Administrative Assistant position from part-time to full-time; adjustment of the position to a 50/50 split between Administration and Law Enforcement; and waiver of the hiring freeze to fill the position
- Approved converting a Deputy PCN (207016) and creation of a new Sergeant position in the Sheriff's Office
- Approved waiver of the hiring freeze for the position of Program Specialist at the Commission on Aging

- Approval of Memorandums of Understanding with the following bargaining units regarding accelerating the entitlement to health/vision/dental to the first of the month following 30 days for new hires, clarifies the onset date for accrual of Paid Time off (PTO), and changes made to the Disability Policy regarding eligibility:
 - POAM Detention Supervisors, POAM Detention Youth Care Specialists, POAM District Court Probation Officers, POAM Family Division Probation Officers, POAM Assistant Prosecutors, TPOAM Court & Elected Officials, Teamsters Local 214 (COA & Public Health), Teamsters Local 214 (Nurses), POAM Animal Control, POAM Non-312 Corrections, POAM Command, UAW Unit 48 – Managers, UAW Unit 50 – Professionals, UAW Unit 49 – Paraprofessionals, POAM 312 Eligible – Deputies, and COAM – Sergeants
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 1-19-21.1 and 1-19-21.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ The Board took no action on the proposed Resolution that assigned oversight and management of the renovation of The Dow Event Center Capital Improvement Project to the Saginaw County Building Authority

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(See Approval of Minutes above)

Consideration of the proposed Responsible Contractor Policy with associated Resolution and amendment of the Purchasing Policy was referred to a Committee of the Whole

APPOINTMENTS

Appointed Mary Speaker, Cheri Stack, Tom McIntyre, Dennis Morrison, Terry Crevia, Julia Rohde, Reno Shores, Martin “Marty” Warnick, Exie Robinson, Larry Packard, and Robert Hanley to the **Commission on Aging Board** for terms that expire December 31, 2022

ELECTIONS

HealthSource Saginaw, Inc.

- ✓ Elected Dennis Krafft (*Commissioner*), Jack Tany (*Commissioner*), and Carl Ruth (*Board Chair*) to 2-year terms that expire December 31, 2022

Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority

- ✓ Elected Tracy Raquepaw (*General Public*), Leola Wilson (*General Public*), and John Pugh (*General Public*) to 3-year terms that expire March 31, 2023

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Krafft announced the Zehnder’s Snowfest from January 29 – 31, 2021 in Frankenmuth as a limited event this year due to COVID-19 restrictions. Although there is no entertainment nor a warming tent or fireworks, everyone is encouraged to walk around downtown and enjoy the snow and ice sculptures that will be on display.

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Ruth thanked everyone for their support as we continue to work and do the business of the county. He stated we are here to represent the vision of our county and our constituents, to do things right and make sure everything goes smoothly.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CARL E. RUTH, CHAIR

VANESSA GUERRA, CLERK

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