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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OCTOBER 17, 2023 SESSION

The **October Session** of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:02 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, 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 and Michael A. Webster – 11

Absent: – 0

Others: Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Jennifer Broadfoot, Patricia Johnson, Darcie Graham, Kelly Suppes, Undersheriff Gomez, Tim Novak, Shawn Schutt, Jessica Sargent, Jeff Smith, Charles Chambers, Isaac Blackmon, John Davis, Lupe Warsin, Janet Deneen, Cathy Hare, Roselyn Turnage, Jon Brown, Denise Joseph, Brian Keenan-Lechel, John Finkbeiner, Karin Finkbeiner, Regan Finkbeiner, Tim Danielak, Suzy Koeplinger, Marissa Sawdon, Catherine Hicks, Justin Engel – Mlive, and others

✚ Chairman Boyd asked for a Moment of Silence for the victims of war crimes and atrocities occurring in the Middle East.

✚ Commissioner Piotrowski gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

FOIA APPEAL

- ✓ The Board approved sending written notice to Terry Camp, ABC 12 News, denying his appeal and upholding the disclosure denial as to his Freedom of Information Act requests of October 2, 2023 (FOIA #4077) and October 3, 2023 (#4081) regarding information on a settled court case.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the September 19, 2023 Board Session were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

- Chairman Boyd presented Shawn Schutt, Community Engagement and Prevention Manager at Underground Railroad, with a Proclamation for October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Mr. Schutt thanked the Board for its support over the years and its leadership in the community.
- Commissioner Little presented Jessica Sargent, Commission on Aging Director, with a Certificate of Recognition on the 50th Anniversary of Commission on Aging. Mrs. Sargent thanked the Board for its leadership and its continuing support to the residents of our county.

- Commissioner Slodowski presented Regan Finkbeiner with a Certificate of Recognition as the recipient of the prestigious 2023 Dr. Tom Slade Athlete of the Year Award. Ms. Finkbeiner thanked the commissioners and stated it would not have been possible without the support of her teammates, coaches and parents.
- Jeff Smith spoke of his concerns with a vicious dog situation at Bridgeport Middle School and lack of response from Animal Care & Control (ACC). He asked if an investigation is being conducted and ACC instructed him to file a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, which he did during the board session.
- Charles Chambers, who lives on Williamson by the Millet Learning Center, also spoke on the presence of two (2) vicious dogs in Bridgeport, which last Thursday jumped a fence and attacked a neighbor's dog in a kennel.

INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Regan Finkbeiner as the recipient of the prestigious 2023 Dr. Tom Slade Athlete of the Year Award
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Bishop Alvernis L. Johnson, Senior Pastor of Kingdom Life Ministries International with congratulations on his Episcopal Elevation Celebration Service
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Dr. Marvin T. & Mrs. Omie Smith congratulating them on their 25th Pastoral Anniversary and Retirement from Mt. Olive Institutional Baptist Church
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. – Saginaw Alumnae Chapter on its 55th Anniversary and Laced with Service Sneaker Ball Soiree
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Commission on Aging on its 50th Anniversary
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Fordney Club on its 100th Anniversary

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved the Health Department FY 2022 Accounts Receivable Write-Off Report
- Approved the Sheriff's Office to contract with Axon Enterprise Inc. for in-car and body-worn cameras; to contract with Nouvel Catholic Schools for two (2) School Resource Officers; and to contract with Zensity to gather pertinent Sheriff's Office data
- Approved payment of \$20,861 to Saginaw Future, Inc. in performance-based funding pursuant to the Third Amendment of the Saginaw County and Saginaw Future Services Agreement
- Approved the Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau FY 2024 Budget
- Approved the Frankenmuth Convention & Visitors Bureau FY 2024 Budget
- Approved the Equalization 2023 Saginaw County Apportionment Report
- Approved the relocation of Maintenance to 1312 Gratiot, former site of Animal Care & Control; further, to amend its budget by \$35,000 to cover utilities, internet and waste disposal; and amend the FY 2024 Capital Improvement budget by \$90,000 to complete the interior renovations and air handler replacement
- Approved the Financial Transactions paid by the county for July, August and September 2023
- Approved amendment of the Health Department Fee Schedule to create new fees in its Immunization Program for COVID-19 vaccines
- Approved new 2024 employee healthcare rates and an additional HSA contribution of \$300, for a total of \$800 per participating employee

- Approved three (3) Memorandums of Understanding with TPOAM and UAW Local 455 – Unit 48 to increase the step/level and compensation for the Probate Register, Chief Deputy Register, and Deputy Register positions in Probate Court
- Approved reallocation of unspent American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds as follows: \$250,000 to Guidehouse; \$1,261,454.43 to the Governmental Center HVAC Project; and \$249,722.90 to the hotel site in Buena Vista
- Approved modifying the previously approved scope of the County Governmental Center HVAC Renovation Project by choosing Option #2 as provided by MacMillan & Associates
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 10-17-23.1 and 10-17-23.2

RESOLUTIONS

- Approved **Res. 2023 - 19** Operation Green Light for Veterans

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Executive Committee submitted a proposal from Shaheen Development at the September Board Session to lease the Concentric Building for county administrative offices and that Board Report was Commissioner Privileged. At the October Board Session, the matter was postponed indefinitely.

APPOINTMENTS

None

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected Bethany Charlton, CEO of Covenant, to the **Board of Health** to fill a vacancy for a term to expire December 31, 2025

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd confirmed with Commissioners that Mosquito Abatement has been advised to meet with R.C. Hendrick & Son and, after the information is compiled, a Committee of the Whole will be scheduled. He also thanked Commissioner Matthews for providing chili and cupcakes to commissioners and staff at the meeting tonight.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Vice-Chair Tany commended Marissa Sawdon, Assistant Board Coordinator, for promptly preparing a Certificate of Recognition for him to present to the Fordney Club. He also informed Commissioner Krafft that there is a second recipient of the Dr. Tom Slade Athlete of the Year Award from Frankenmuth, and Commissioner Krafft will pursue presenting him with a Certificate of Recognition at a future meeting. Vice-Chair Tany also advised commissioners to be cognizant of time spent with department heads when asking for information.
- Commissioner Krafft announced the reception hosted by Saginaw County, in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce “Business after Hours,” October 19, 2023 at Harry Browne Airport from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Saginaw County’s HWB Airport received the Airport of the Year award from MDOT and there will be a ceremony at 6:00 p.m. with a DJ, food, drinks and cupcakes!

- Commissioner Little announced the “Zoo Boo” event at the Saginaw Children’s Zoo the last three weekends in October and invited everyone to attend and bring their family. Commissioner Slodowski announced she will be at the Zoo Boo dressed as “Jaws.”
- Commissioner Spitzer announced the Saginaw Township “Trunk or Treat” event scheduled for this Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 pm at the Saginaw Township Soccer Complex, 3575 McCarty Rd.
- Commissioner Slodowski advised commissioners of a house fire in her district with a tragic loss of life, the first fatality in that community in over 20 years.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

Prepared by: Suzy Koeplinger, Deputy Clerk