

# MINUTES

## BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE

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111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw, MI 48602

**Thursday, June 5, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.**

Present: Christopher Boyd – Chair, Tracey Slodowski – Vice-Chair, John Kaczynski, Michael Webster, Jack Tany

Others: Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Mark Piotrowski, Darcie Totten, Jaime Ceja, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Christina Harrington, Michael Yelsik, Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey and Catherine Hicks

I. Call to Order---***Chair Boyd @ 4:00 p.m.***

II. Welcome

III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***May 8, 2025***)

- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Kaczynski, to approve. Motion carried.***

IV. Public Comment ---None

V. Agenda

1. **Koren Thurston, Finance Director**, re:

- **6-17-17** Requested approval of Vendor Transactions, May 1 – 31, 2025; \$31,294,873.37
- *The Finance Director noted some differences between May of last year and this year, including purchasing delinquent taxes, timing differences, and HVAC costs not present last year.*
- ***Moved by Webster, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
- **6-17-18** Submission of Monthly Financial Report for May 2025 (*Attached*)
- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Webster, to receive and file. Motion carried. (Receive & File)***

2. **Christina Harrington, MPH, Health Officer**, re:

- **6-17-14** Requested approval of the Saginaw County Health Department Immunization Fee Establishment Policy
- *The Health Department did a cost analysis using the cost of the vaccines and the reimbursement amount as well as a cost comparison with CMU Health. Having the policy in place will make the fee schedule part of the budget process and streamline it by eliminating the Board approval process. During summer and fall, the cost of vaccines tends to rise. Research is done either quarterly or every six months to ensure the appropriate amount is being charged to have revenue instead of loss due to the cost increase of the vaccines. CMU health gets a better rate on vaccines because of the price break they get for the volume they buy.*
- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Kaczynski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
- **6-17-20** Requested contract with Recovery Pathways, LLC for \$250,000 from opioid settlement funds

- *The committee discussed the value of the collaboration with MMR and Medical Examiner Office Director Randy Pfau. The information that Director Pfau had previously presented to the committee about opioid concerns, the age of those affected by overdose (40–49 year-olds), and Narcan dispenser locations was also discussed. Commissioner Webster asked if we are doing enough to target those most affected by misuse of opioids. At present, there is effort on information gathering, harm reduction, and empowerment. The county is collecting interest for the remaining opioid settlement funds that have not been disbursed.*
- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***

3. **Miguel Gomez, Saginaw County Undersheriff**, re:

- **6-17-15** Requesting approval to increase FY 2025 budget by \$13,500 to compensate for the absence of the Marine Grant this year; \$4,500 to be used for a boat trailer from account (207-31500-64209) and \$9,000 for wages paid to patrol the river from account (101-33100-70500)
- *Undersheriff Gomez did not appear before the committee. His written request was to increase the current budget by \$13,500 to take in revenue from the sale of vehicles. The County Administrator presented information and discussion was held.*
- ***Moved by Webster, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***

4. **Michael Yelsik, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Administrator**, re:

- **6-17-16** Requesting a combined net increase of \$73,000 from the General Fund for:
  - (1) Court Appointed Attorney – Appeals; and
  - (2) Transcript Costs – Appeals; and
  - (3) Jury Questionnaire Processing to continue operating in FY25
- *Michael Yelsik explained his request and that the purpose of the \$73,000 increase is for due process items. Discussion was held regarding possible reimbursement and Chair Boyd would like to document amounts of money that are expended on unfunded mandates in order to ask the State of Michigan (SCAO) to reimburse the county.*
- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***

5. Any other matters to come before the committee ---**None**

VI. Miscellaneous---*Commissioner Webster expressed his desire to establish a Revenue Committee, with concurrence from Commissioner Kaczynski. He believes there needs to be a larger discussion of county finances, as unfunded mandates are out of control. The Committee of the Whole on the FY 2026 Budget is **Monday, June 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** (Originally scheduled for this date at 4:00 p.m., but moved to accommodate a meeting at Michigan Works! that is attended by 5 commissioners)*

VII. Adjournment ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Kaczynski, to adjourn; time being 4:56 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,  
 Christopher S. Boyd, Committee Chair  
 Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk