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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
NOVEMBER 22, 2022 SESSION**

The November Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Carl E. Ruth in the Chair.

**Present:** Christopher S. Boyd, Carol E. Ewing, Kyle R. Harris, Dennis H. Krafft, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Carl E. Ruth, Tracey L. Slodowski, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster, Cynthia M. Winiecke – 11

**Absent:** – 0

**Others:** Vanessa Guerra, Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Jessica Sargent, Jennifer Broadfoot, Denny Harris, Mark Piotrowski, Rich Spitzer, Undersheriff Gomez, Norm Bamberger, Krystal Irvine, Eddie Foxx, Sam Tany, Yvette Syed, Donald Syed, Tom Miller, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Brian Wendling, Katie Kelly, Steven Black, Brittany Dicken, Mike Slodowski, Hon. Barbara L. Meter, Todd Borders, Marissa Sawdon, Mary Williams, Suzy Koeplinger, and others

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the October 18, 2022 Board Session, October 11, 2022 Committee of the Whole and October 26, 2022 Committee of the Whole were approved.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Tany presented Don Syed with a Certificate of Recognition for his dedication to cleaning up Carrollton Township and other Saginaw communities
- Commissioner Boyd presented Hon. Barbara L. Meter with a Proclamation for November as Child Safety Awareness Month and Family Court Awareness Month
- Steve Black, RACER Trust, and Brian Keenan-Lechel, Parks & Recreation Director, presented the RACER Edge Award to the Board of Commissioners
- Brittany Dicken, 10<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge-elect, thanked commissioners and the community for the support on her campaign
- Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk, spoke in opposition to the request by Elected Officials to amend County Policy #335 – “Compensation” and establish a future separation of not less than 15% between the elected position and the highest pay grade within that office

## INITIATORY MOTIONS

None

## LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- Child Safety Awareness Month (Hon. Barbara L. Meter)
- Family Court Awareness Month
- Certificate in Memory of Azola Williams, former Parks & Recreation Commissioner
- Certificate of Recognition to Don Syed for his dedication to cleaning up Carrollton Township and other Saginaw communities
- Certificate of Recognition to Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame for inductees into its 20<sup>th</sup> Class of Outstanding Athletes/Teams:

*\*Nicole (Bade) Weirauch \*Mike Boyd \*John Decker \*Max Fisher*

*\*Charles Rogers \*Ron Rummel \*LaMarr Woodley*

*\*St. Charles Football Team (1961 & 1965)*

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved waiver of the established euthanasia fee for indigent individuals at Animal Care & Control
- Approved the FY 2023 Budget of the Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau
- Approved \$9,475 in performance-based funding to Saginaw Future pursuant to the Services Agreement
- Approved the final 2022 County Apportionment Report for Equalization
- Approved utilization of \$9,800 in General Fund fund balance by Maintenance to create a lactation/nursing area in the courthouse for the needs of employees
- Approved the addition of two (2) new fees to the Health Department Fee Schedule: High Dose Flu (\$80) and Trichomonas Testing (\$11.50)
- Approved utilization of \$200,000 from fund balance for video surveillance, access control, software & licensing, and intrusion/alarm detection at the new Animal Care & Control building
- Approved amendment of the FY 2023 General Fund budget by \$25,000 for county-wide appreciation events
- Approved a new PCN for a Secondary Road Patrol position for the Sheriff's Office
- Approved a temporary PCN for an Office Assistant II position at Commission on Aging
- Approved a new PCN to create a Public Health Nurse position at the Health Department
- Approved the appointment of Kristen Wenzel as Interim CEO at Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works! with a salary increase retroactive to September 19, 2022
- Approved changes to County Policy #361 – "Disability" to include language related to injury, illness, or mental illness; approval of fourteen (14) Memorandums of Understanding with appropriate unions regarding same
- Approved twelve (12) Memorandums of Understanding with appropriate unions regarding the one-time contribution to the healthcare fund
- Approved creation of a full-time Office Manager position in the Medical Examiner's Office
- Approved changes to County Policy #353 – "Wellness Activity Reimbursement" to expand eligible activities to include physical and mental health programs, facilities or activities
- Approved removal of the Bridgeport Fire Department from the September 27, 2022 ARPA Revenue Replacement funding recommendation
- Approved holding/setting aside up to \$500,000 of ARPA funds for removal and demolition of the vacant "Welcome Inn" Motel, with the caveat that if there is a positive gain Saginaw County will recoup those funds, until federal funding is finalized
- Approved \$363,353 in ARPA funds for the Kayak Launch Project in Chesaning on the Shiawassee River, pending the outcome of an application and award of a DNR Grant

- Approved \$165,789 in ARPA funds for Community Corrections to continue current staffing levels
- Approved referrals from the November 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole regarding use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, as follows: \$160,750 to HealthSource Saginaw for mental health technician staffing; \$60,000 to Crime Stoppers of Saginaw County; \$40,000 to Child & Family Services for mental health counseling for uninsured, high deductible or inability to pay; \$20,000 to Public Libraries of Saginaw for a Library of Things; and \$500,000 to the Saginaw Community Food Club for a non-profit grocery store
- Approved issuance of a Letter of Support to the State of Michigan regarding funding of the Midland Flood Reduction Plan, estimated to cost \$117 million
- Approved amendment of the FY 2023 General Fund budget by appropriating an additional \$6,500 for architectural/engineering services associated with the Board of Commissioners/Controller's Office Relocation Project
- Approved use of \$120,000 of the \$1 million in Public Works ARPA funding set aside for Little Eagle Creek on the Sarle Drain (\$60,000) and the Bement Drain (\$60,000)
- Approved the option of new construction of a Mosquito Abatement facility at an estimated cost of \$11,031,973
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 11-22-22.1 and 11-22-22.2

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- ❖ Approved Resolution **2022 – 15**      Resolution for Capital Improvements at Imerman Memorial Park
- ❖ Approved Resolution **2022 – 16**      Resolution for Exemption from the Requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Approved amended language to Policy #335 – “Compensation” – regarding a 15% salary separation between the countywide elected positions (Clerk, Prosecutor, Public Works Commissioner, Register of Deeds, Sheriff and Treasurer) and the highest pay grade within that office

## **APPOINTMENTS**

- Re-appointed Randall Howard, Carol Cottrell, Kelli Scorsone, and Dr. William Cline to the Animal Control Advisory Council for terms to expire December 31, 2025
- Re-appointed Randy Knepper to the Mosquito Abatement Commission for a term to expire January 1, 2026

## **ELECTIONS**

None

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chairman Ruth wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

## **COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Krafft wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and invited everyone to check out the holiday lights and decorations in Frankenmuth. He also asked for support of the Frankenmuth Eagles Football Team when it plays the Gladwin Flying G's at Ford Field on Saturday, November 26, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**CARL E. RUTH, CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK**

Prepared by: Suzy Koepplinger, Deputy County Clerk