

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 12, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Present: Jack Tany – Chairman, Gerald Little, Tracey Slodowski, Christopher Boyd, Michael Webster
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, L.W. Smith, Darcie Totten, Richard Spitzer, Koren Thurston, Tracey Slodowski, Tim Novak, Jaime Ceja, Patrick Groulx, Nicole Lee, Anna McGrath, Suzy Koepplinger, and Renee Sharkey

- I. Call to Order---***Chairman Tany at 4:00 p.m.***
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***June 10, 2025***)
 - ***Moved by Boyd, seconded by Little, to approve. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Comment
 - Patrick Groulx spoke regarding the threatening of endangered species and specifically the role pollinators play in their preservation. He would like a county ordinance to protect pollinators and endangered species.
 - Nicole Lee spoke and requested that notice of county commission meetings be posted to the phone system. She inquired if the commissioners had plans to take a position on the ballot proposal for 2026.
- V. Agenda
 1. **Closed Session, re:**
 - Discussion of attorney-client privileged communication regarding pending litigation pursuant to MCL 15.268(e). Fox, et al. v County of Saginaw, et al.
 - ***The Chair announced the need to meet in Closed Session as noted above. Moved by Boyd, seconded by Slodowski, to go into closed session. Roll-call was unanimous at 4:10 p.m.***
 - ***The Committee entered open session at 4:58 p.m. Moved by Boyd, seconded by Slodowski, to approve the settlement agreement as recommended by County Civil Counsel and Kevin Campbell. Motion carried. (Resolution 2025-14)***
 2. **Mary Catherine Hannah, County Administrator, re:**
 - ***8-19-29*** Submitting a recommendation to empanel a small work group to begin working on the implementation of the recommendations presented by Walker Consulting from the commissioned Wayfinding and Parking Study
 - Administrator Hannah communicated that the 8-10 member workgroup consisting of a diverse selection of elected officials and county employees would decide if there is a need to hire a consultant to assist with implementation, decide on a recommendation for standard signage and where they will be placed, establish a standardized nomenclature for parking areas and the building, assist in selecting a design/engineering firm to plan the reconfiguration of parking lots, and recommend a paid parking system and enforcement program by October 1, 2026.
 - ***Moved by Webster, seconded by Boyd, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***

[Referral from Budget/Audit Committee]

3. **Christopher Boyd, Chair of Courts & Public Safety & Budget/Audit, re:**

- Discussion of Budget Resolution A, #7, "Hiring Freeze" language and legal authorization
- Discussion was held between County Administrator Hannah, Commissioner Boyd, Commissioner Webster and Bill Smith, Civil Counsel.

[NOTE: The Committee recessed at 5:34 p.m. due to a tornado warning. Members and others were sheltered in the courthouse basement. The Committee reconvened at 5:57 p.m.]

- During the recess, Commissioner Boyd and Administrator Hannah came to an agreement to amend Budget Resolution A for FY 2026 that will be brought back at a later date.

4. **Jack Tany, Chairman, re:**

- Discussion of membership to the Saginaw Club for County Administrator Hannah was withdrawn, as Administrator Hannah disclosed that she and her husband have obtained membership to the Saginaw Club.

VI. Miscellaneous

- Commissioner Slodowski thanked the Board staff for their efforts and planning regarding the recent trip to Philadelphia for the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference and presented them with gifts.
- Commissioner Boyd showed a photo of a large metal chicken similar to the one presented to former Commissioner Krafft at his final Board Session.

VII. Adjournment

- ***Moved by Little, seconded by Boyd, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 6:00 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Tany, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, Committee Clerk