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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 SESSION**

The September Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 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, 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 – 10

Absent: Lisa R. Coney – 1

Others: Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Judge André Borrello, Vanessa Guerra, Kyle Bostwick, Brian Wendling, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Isaac Blackmon, Prosecutor John McColgan, Blair Stevenson, Bill Stanuszek, Undersheriff Gomez, Denise Joseph, Tim Novak, Jennifer Broadfoot, Jaime Ceja, Jessica Sargent, Kelly Suppes, Patricia Johnson, Dennis Borchard, Pete Shaheen, Tina Swanton, Kitty Packard, Tom Brubaker, Rene DeSander, Catherine Hicks, Marissa Sawdon, Suzy Koepplinger, Justin Engel – Mlive, and others

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board Session and August 29, 2023 Committee of the Whole were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

AUDIENCES

- Tina Swanton, MIHIA, distributed an update on the ARPA funds awarded to the Saginaw Community Food Club and requested commissioners consider funding the remaining gap that is identified.
- Isaac Blackmon, Mosquito Abatement, spoke on the plan that was approved by the Board of Commissioners in 2022 to build a new Mosquito Abatement facility at 705 Towerline and was reversed in 2023, and asked that commissioners tour the current facility at 211 Congress.
- Brian Keenan-Lechel, as a representative of UAW Managers, stated the past Baker Tilly employee compensation study positively impacted hundreds of county employees; as the Parks & Recreation Director, he asked what the financial impact on the Parks Department would be if it were relocated to the Concentric building, but will wait to comment further until the Relocation Work Group meets Thursday.

INITIATORY MOTIONS

[Requires 2/3 majority vote of the members present for adoption, pursuant to Board Rules]

- Krafft moved, seconded by Matthews, to approve a request from the County Treasurer to adjust its FY 2023 Budget due to a higher than anticipated receipt of Accommodation Taxes by \$1,500,000 prior to the close of the fiscal year. There is no effect on the General Fund and it is basically a pass through to the Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau. ***The motion carried by a unanimous roll-call vote.***

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the Iron Belle Trailhead in honor of Craig Oatten, former Carrollton Township Police Chief/Township Director
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the NAACP for its 2023 Freedom Fund Celebration

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved amendment of the FY 2023 Sheriff budget to move funds from the Law Enforcement and Jail budgets to cover shortfalls in Wages and Gas/Grease/Oil line items
- Approved amendment of the FY 2023 Harry W. Browne Airport Budget by \$227,000 to account for fuel sales revenue and expenditures; approved up to \$85,000 to cover capital improvements; and approved renewal of the Airport Director's contract with a 2% increase to the base compensation
- Approved amendment of the Equalization FY 2023 Budget by \$4,400 to account for an increased contract amount for its software and increased postage
- Approved amendment of the Information Technology FY 2023 Budget by \$72,000 from Computer Replacement into Public Liabilities and Hospitalization, and to use \$26,000 in fund balance
- Approved amendment of the Friend of the Court FY 2023 Budget by \$50,000 to Hospitalization Insurance, increasing CRP Revenue by \$33,000 and Other Revenue/Fund Balance by \$17,000
- Approved amendment of the FY 2023 Risk Management Budget by \$220,000 to account for the purchase of tail coverage and an increase in property and liability claims
- Approved the addition of three (3) Assistant Prosecuting Attorney positions; an increase in Assistant Prosecuting Attorney salaries; and amendment of the FY 2024 Budget, contingent upon receiving \$1 million in grant dollars and union approval
- Approved three (3) Memorandums of Understanding with UAW Local 455 – Unit 50 regarding the hiring of a Law Clerk for Judge Gafkay to start at Step 3 of the designated B-19 pay scale; with UAW Local 455 – Unit 50 regarding the rehiring of an IT Programmer Analyst at the same rate of pay, PTO accrual rate and previous tenure; and with POAM regarding the promotion of a Detention Youth Care Specialist
- Approved changes in Probate Court regarding the step/level and increase in compensation for the Probate Register/Administrator, Chief Deputy Register, and Deputy Registers, pending completion of Memorandums of Understanding with the unions
- Approved extending the contract with retiree Bethany Jacques at the Health Department through FY 2024 to assist with medical record updates/reporting
- Approved setting aside a portion of the Memorandum of Understanding with TPOAM to allow overtime for Circuit Court Judicial Assistants, contingent on union approval
- Approved a request from Animal Care & Control to donate items to rescue partners
- Approved the County Administrator job description and salary range
- Approved the execution of an agreement with the Saginaw Spirit to fund the addition of an LED Advertising Ribbon at TheDow Event Center at a 60/40 split, with the county paying \$600,000 (\$60,000 per year for 10 years), contingent on the execution of an agreement between the Saginaw Spirit and TheDow management company, ASM Global, to share advertising revenue with Saginaw County
- Commissioner Privileged the proposal from Shaheen Development to lease the Concentric Building for county administrative offices (*will appear as Unfinished Business on the October 17, 2023 Board Agenda*)
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 9-19-23.1 and 9-19-23.2

RESOLUTIONS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved Resolution "A" - FY 2023/2024 Budget (as amended)
- ◆ Approved Resolution "B" - FY 2023/2024 Salary Schedule
- ◆ Approved Resolution "C" - FY 2023/2024 Capital Improvement Plan
- ◆ Approved Resolution "D" - FY 2023/2024 Fee Schedule

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Appointed to the **Community Corrections Advisory Board** with terms to expire September 30, 2026:
 - Sandra Lindsey (Service Area)
 - Commissioner Lisa Coney (Service Area)
 - Michael Karas (Circuit/District Probation)
 - Sarah Schmiede (Marquez) (Service Area)
 - Stephen Fenner (Criminal Defense Attorney)
 - Bob Johnson (News Media)
- ✓ Appointed Cheryl Krieger to the **Michigan Works! Workforce Development Board** to fill a vacancy with a term to expire June 30, 2025

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected Kyle Bostwick (Democrat) and Anthony de Bari (Republican) to the **Board of Canvassers** with terms to expire October 31, 2027
- ✓ Elected Thomas Brubaker to the **Department of Health & Human Services Board** to fill a vacancy for a term to expire October 31, 2026

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Boyd spoke about the BV site funding resources and thanked Commissioner Little and Congressman Kildee for meeting and finding solutions for this issue.
- ❖ Chairman Boyd announced the Relocation Work Group will meet Thursday to discuss the proposed move of administrative offices to the Concentric Building.
- ❖ Chairman Boyd confirmed with Commissioners that a Committee of the Whole will be scheduled for discussion of the Mosquito Abatement building issue.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- Vice-Chair Tany commended Jennifer Broadfoot, Personnel Director, for doing a tremendous job on providing information on the County Administrator position and her assistance in selecting a search firm. He also commended Dennis Borchard, Road Commission, for promptly addressing a county resident's issue with standing water by taking action the next day.
- Commissioner Little announced the "Boo at the Zoo" event and handed out flyers asking for volunteers.
- Commissioner Slodowski announced she was married by Chairman Boyd when he was Judge Boyd 12 years ago, and she hopes she doesn't have to spend her next anniversary with him! ☺
- Commissioner Krafft announced the Big Country Fest in Frankenmuth is Friday, September 29th and Saturday, September 30th at Heritage Park in the Harvey Kern Pavilion.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CHRISTOPHER S. BOYD, CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA, COUNTY CLERK

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