

AGENDA

SAGINAW COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 - 5:00 p.m.

Saginaw County Governmental Center
111 S. Michigan Ave., Rm. 200, Saginaw, MI 48602

Jack B. Tany – Chairman, Gerald D. Little – Vice-Chair
Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Dennis M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski, Sheldon Matthews
Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Michael A. Webster

I. OPENING PROCEDURE

- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Invocation by **Commissioner Tracey Slodowski**
- d. Pledge of Allegiance
- e. Correcting / Approving the Minutes of the February 18, 2025 Regular Board Session
(Distributed prior to the Board Session)

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION Page 1

- a. Public Hearings
- b. Audiences [FOIA Appeals, if any]
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Committee Reports

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| 1) Human Services | 6) Executive Committee |
| 2) Courts & Public Safety | 7) Rules Committee |
| 3) County Services | 8) Legislative Committee |
| 4) Budget/Audit | 9) Intergovernmental Cooperation |
| 5) Labor Relations | 10) Committee Compensation |

VI. RESOLUTIONS None

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- a.
 - 1) Unfinished Business
 - 2) Proclamations
 - 3) Appointments and Elections
- b. Announcements by the Chair
- c. Commissioner Audiences
- d. Adjournment

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (3-18-2025)

a. Public Hearing – None

b. Audiences – (See Addendum on Tuesday, March 18, 2025 for additions, if any)

- Commissioner Coney to present a Proclamation to Katy Edwards, Student Ambassador/Representative of NASW-Michigan, to recognize March as Social Work Month in Saginaw County (*Printed under Proclamations*)
- Commissioner Kaczynski to present Luke Kanine, Frankenmuth Public Schools, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School, with a Certificate of Recognition upon his receipt of the Milken Educator Award
- Commissioner Coney to present Diya Ramakrishnan and Miriam Haddad, SASA students, with Certificates of Recognition for their work developing an innovative app and conducting pioneering cancer research
- Commissioner Piotrowski to present Thomas Township Fire Chief Mike Cousins with a Certificate of Recognition upon 40+ years of service
- Commissioner Boyd to present a Proclamation to Saginaw County Bar Association Representative, Attorney Bill Cowdry, for Law Day 2025 (*Printed under Proclamations*)
- Roger Rosales, re: Erosion Control Permit/Drains
- Joseph Cella, re: Vacancy of the 35th State Senate District
- Clint Bryant, re: Public Safety

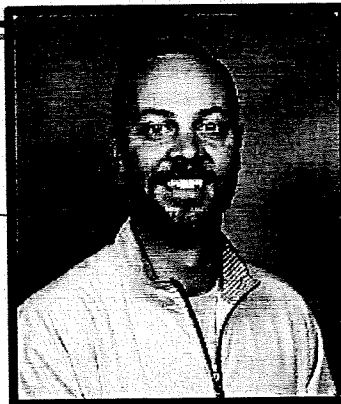
c. Laudatories –

- Certificate of Recognition to Luke Kanine, Frankenmuth Public Schools, E.F. Rittmueller Middle School, upon his receipt of the Milken Educator Award
- Certificates of Recognition to two SASA students: (1) Diya Ramakrishnan for being the 2024 Congressional App Challenge winner for her innovative app “PolypDetect;” and (2) Miriam Haddad for being a Top 300 Regeneron STS Scholar for her project “Magnetizing Oil: A New Paradigm for Cleaning Up Aquatic Oil Spills”
- Certificate of Recognition to Thomas Township Fire Chief Michael Cousins upon 40+ years of service
- Certificate of Recognition to Tom Morford, Jonesfield - Lakefield Volunteer Fire Department, for 32 years of service



Certificate of Recognition

Luke Kanine



"Luke Kanine's whole-child approach illustrates his care and commitment for everyone he encounters at E.F. Rittmueller and within the community," Gallagher said in a statement. "Whether building Spanish language skills, helping people lead healthy lives, mentoring colleagues, or strengthening school culture, Luke loves this community, and it shows." - Greg Gallagher, Milken Family Foundation Senior Program Director



Luke Kanine is passionate about his community and students at E.F. Rittmueller Middle School in Frankenmuth, Michigan where he teaches Spanish and physical education to students from sixth through eighth grade and works as a part-time behavior interventionist at the school. With an emphasis on social-emotional learning and a tailored, personal approach to education, Kanine ensures that his students challenge themselves and have the tools to achieve their potential.



Kanine's empathetic and solution-oriented personality suits him in his role as a behavior interventionist. He helped create discipline policy and social-emotional-learning curriculum, works with students on behavioral improvement, and monitors grade checks. He stays up-to-date on the latest developments in restorative practices and discipline, attends conferences and presents at professional development meetings. He is also committed to supporting his colleagues, by mentoring teachers and initiating a wellness challenge that encouraged colleagues to take walks together, track their water intake, and work in teams to better themselves both physically and mentally.



Outside the classroom, Kanine is a dynamic leader who actively contributes to the school's success in multiple ways. He runs the concession stand at athletic events and uses the funds raised to support the purchase of P.E. equipment. In addition, he created and launched Parents' Night Out, where students can bond with friends, enjoy pizza, play video games and explore P.E. equipment—all while raising money for the school's P.E. programs. Kanine is also a sports coach, coordinates the school's field day, and co-advises honors night – a special event held at the end of the year that celebrates the achievements of eighth grade students.

Kanine earned his Bachelor of Arts in secondary education from Alma College in 2013 and his Master of Education in educational leadership and administration from Grand Canyon University in 2022.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners is honored to recognize you on your achievements and thanks you for your dedication and unwavering commitment to your students, school and community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners

Presented & Adopted: March 18, 2025

Jack B. Tany
Chairman, District #2

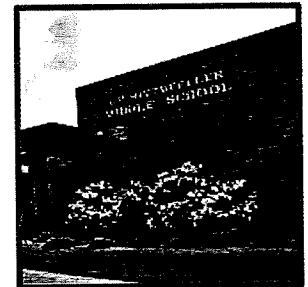
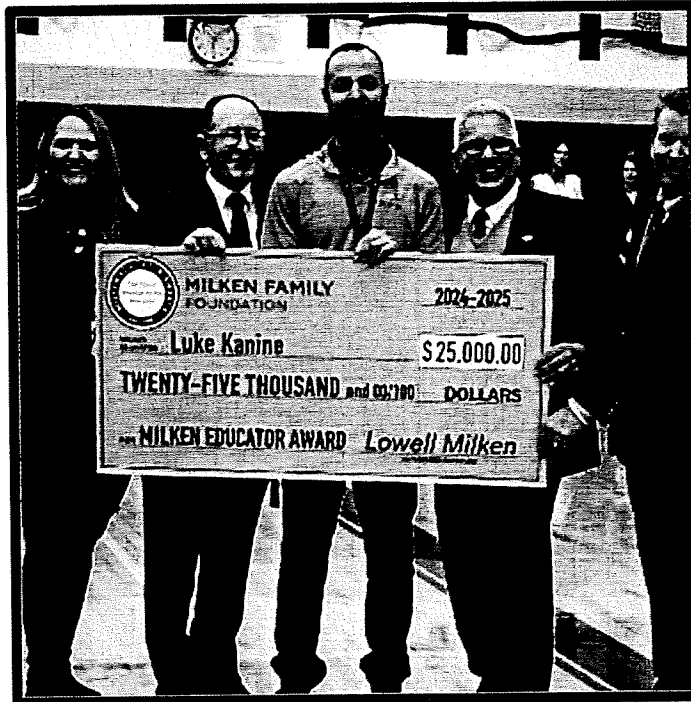
John L. Kaczynski
Commissioner, District #7

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2024 – 2025
MILKEN EDUCATOR AWARD WINNER
MILKEN FAMILY FOUNDATION



Frankenmuth
School District



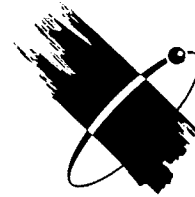
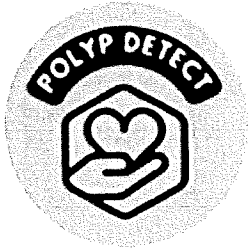
The Milken Educator Awards, hailed by *Teacher* magazine as the "Oscars of Teaching" has been opening minds and shaping futures for over 30 years. Research shows teacher quality is the driving in-school factor behind student growth and achievement. The initiative not only aims to reward great teachers, but to celebrate, elevate and activate those innovators in the classroom who are guiding America's next generation of leaders. Milken Educators believe, "*The future belongs to the educated.*"

Milken Educators are selected early to mid-career for what they have achieved and for the promise of what they will accomplish. In addition to the \$25,000 prize and public recognition, the honor includes membership in the National Milken Educator Network, a group of more than 2,800 top teachers, principals, and specialists dedicated to strengthening education.

The Awards alternate yearly between elementary and secondary educators. Unlike most teacher recognition programs, the Milken Educator Award is completely unique: Educators cannot apply for this recognition and do not even know they are under consideration. Candidates are sourced through a confidential selection process and then are reviewed by blue ribbon panels appointed by state departments of education. Those most exceptional are recommended for the Award, with final selection made by the Milken Family Foundation.

The cash award is unrestricted. Recipients have used the money in diverse ways; for instance, on their children's or their own continuing education, financing dream field trips, establishing scholarships, and even for the adoption of children.

Certificate of Recognition



Saginaw Arts &
Sciences Academy

Diya Ramakrishnan

— “I just really want to make things that’ll help people in the future.
Like, that’s kind of my dream goal.” —

Diya Ramakrishnan, Saginaw Arts and Sciences Academy Sophomore, has received recognition from former Congressman Dan Kildee and the Congressional App Challenge community as the 2024 Congressional App Challenge winner for Michigan's 8th Congressional District for her PolypDetect App.

The Congressional App Challenge is designed to engage student creativity and encourage their participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education fields. This nationwide event allows high school students from across the country to compete against their peers by creating and exhibiting their software application, or "app," for mobile, tablet, or computer devices on a platform of their choice.

Diya's innovative app, "PolypDetect," has earned her national recognition and will be displayed in the US Capitol Building and featured on House.gov for one year and highlighted on CongressionalAppChallenge.us. The purpose of the project was to create a machine learning (ML) model that can detect polyps in the colon with an accuracy of greater than 90% and integrate this ML model into a website.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners congratulates Diya Ramakrishnan, and we celebrate her ingenuity, hard work, and passion for making things that will help people.

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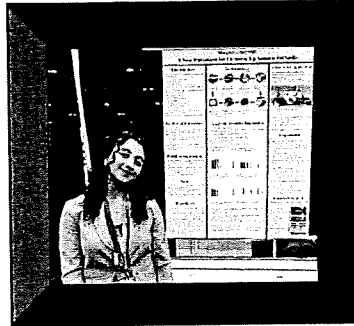
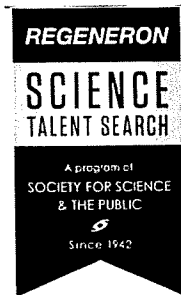
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Lisa R. Coney
Commissioner, District #10

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Certificate of Recognition



Saginaw Arts &
Sciences Academy

Miriam Haddad

"Magnetizing Oil: A New Paradigm for Cleaning Up Aquatic Oil Spills."

Miriam Haddad was recently named a 2025 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar. STS is the U.S.'s longest running and most distinguished science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competition for high school seniors.

Miriam was selected as one of the top 300 of nearly 2,500 entrants from 200 American, Hong Kong, Malaysia, and Switzerland high schools and homeschools.

Miriam was chosen based on her outstanding research, leadership skills, community involvement, commitment to academics, creativity in asking scientific questions and exceptional promise as a STEM leader demonstrated by her submission of her original and independent research project, essay, and recommendations. She is a brilliant young future scientist/engineer who represents the best in the nation.

Miriam has earned a national stage to present original research, new ideas, and challenge conventional ways of thinking as a young scientist who is bringing a fresh perspective to significant global challenges.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners congratulates Miriam Haddad and we celebrate her ingenuity, hard work, and passion for the environment.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners

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Jack B. Tany
Chairman, District #2

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Lisa R. Coney
Commissioner, District #10

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Certificate of Recognition

MICHAEL COUSINS

40+ YEARS OF SERVICE

2025



Fire Chief Michael Cousins has accomplished a great deal in his 40+ years of service with the **Thomas Township Fire Department**. On September 1, 1984 he started as a Fire Fighter, performing fire suppression, medical response, hazardous material response, water rescue, scene management, fire prevention, fire inspections, extrication and training; each in various capacities as it related to his role. During the period from 1984 to 2005, he moved through the ranks of Lieutenant, Captain, Assistant Chief and Deputy Chief, and became Fire Chief in July 2005 where he is responsible for various facets of the fire department, including the budget, prevention, management and response. From 1987 – 2005, Michael was also a Lt./Training Officer with the MBS International Airport Fire Department, responsible for rescue and fire suppression, managing a shift, and serving as the department training officer in accordance with federal mandates related to Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting.

The Thomas Township Fire Department was established in September of 1963 by a group of 32 devoted individuals wanting to provide better fire protection for their growing community. At the time of inception, the fire department consisted of two stations with three pieces of equipment between them. Over the years, Thomas Township has grown immensely to approximately 12,000 residents. The TTFD still responds out of two stations, but they've added additional equipment. In addition to fire and medical equipment, they now have a boat, quad, and an administrative vehicle. Along with its on-call paid staff, TTFD employs a full-time Chief, four (4) full-time First Responders, and a part-time Administrative Assistant.

Chief Cousins credits his father, Lyle Cousins, who served on the Thomas Township Fire Department for 50 years, with starting him on his career path with the TTFD. Chief Cousins also could not have accomplished as much as he has without the love and support of his wife of 37 years, Christine, and their children Jason and Eric (Emma), and their grandchild Calvin Michael.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks **Michael Cousins** for his dedication to Thomas Township and Saginaw County and congratulates him on his accomplishments to date and more in the future. Let his hard work, dedication and leadership be an example to all of us.

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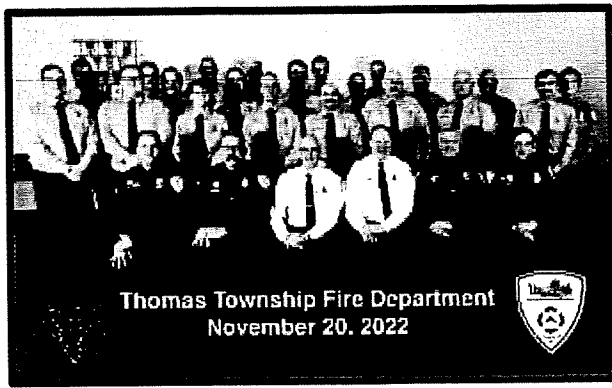
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Chairman, District #2

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Mark S. Piotrowski
Commissioner, District #1

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CHIEF COUSINS

Thomas Township Fire Department Code of Ethics

We the members of the Thomas Township Fire Department pledge to conduct ourselves in the utmost professional manner both on and off duty while always doing the best we can to maintain a safe community and helping those in need.

We realize the eyes of the public are upon us at all times and our actions reflect the emergency service profession, and will do our best to maintain a positive image.

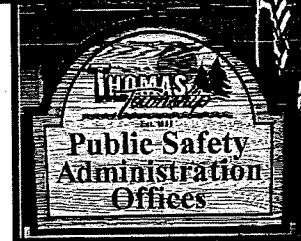
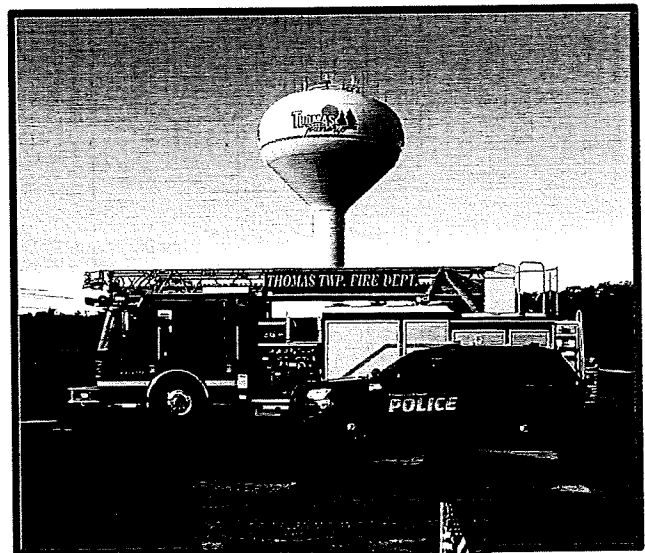
We pledge our best loyalty and honor to the badge we wear and all it represents.

We pledge to continuously improve our education and deliver the best possible service to our community.

We pledge to assist our fellow emergency service colleagues to the fullest as we serve together as a team and accomplish the same common goal of public service.

We pledge to obey the laws of the land and will support the Constitution and those who enforce these laws.

We pledge to not use the prestige of my position, nor seek any favor and accept no form of personal reward, from the community we serve.



Mission Statement

The mission of the Thomas Township Fire Department is to serve the community by protecting life, property and the environment by providing inspections, suppression, emergency medical services, extrication, hazardous materials response, investigations and disaster response with emphasis on education and prevention. We will provide this through diligent training, professionalism, dedication and with state-of-the-art equipment supplied by the support of our community, while maintaining cost-effective management of public funds.

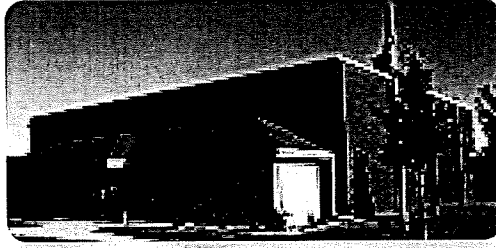
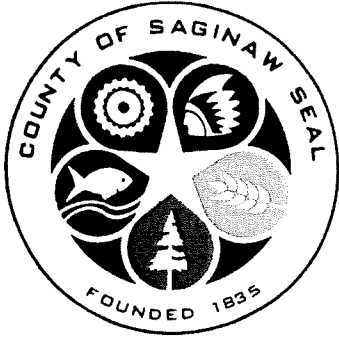
The world of firefighting is a brotherhood, brought together by one common thing, the desire to help.

Everyday, firefighters respond to emergency calls without hesitation, selflessly placing their lives on the line in order to protect the lives of others.

Certificate of Recognition

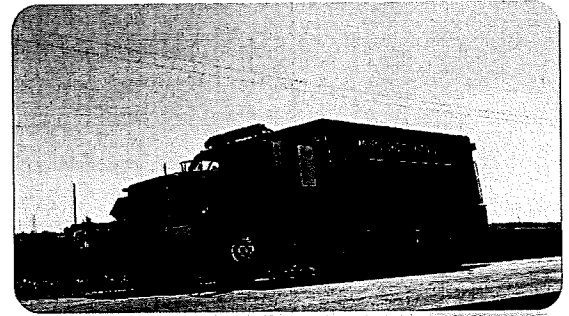
Tom Morford

32+ Years



Fire Service is a noble calling, one which is founded on mutual respect and trust between firefighters and the citizens they serve. To ensure the continuing integrity of the Fire Service, the highest standards of ethical conduct must be maintained at all times.

Ethics comes from the Greek word ethos, meaning character. Character is not necessarily defined by how a person behaves when conditions are optimal and life is good. It is easy to take the high road when the path is paved and obstacles are few or non-existent. Character is also defined by decisions made under pressure, when no one is looking, when the road contains land mines, and the way is obscured. As members of the Fire Service, shared responsibility to project an ethical character of professionalism, integrity, compassion, loyalty, and honesty in all that you do, all of the time, is important.



Jonesfield-Lakefield Fire Department is a joint operation serving both Jonesfield and Lakefield Townships. This partnership ensures efficient and effective fire protection services from residents of both communities through two strategically located fire stations. The department operates from two stations and is on call 24 hours.

The Jonesfield-Lakefield Fire Department is volunteer and responds to all medical calls to assist Mobile Medical Response (MMR). The following people are currently on the fire department and have served for 15+ years: Dan Beetley, Ron Honaman, Aaron Morford, Ron Slick, Don Kilgore, Jeff Smith, Dave Lednicky, Randy Clark, Dennis Fuller, Sean Dungey, Todd Wolverton and Tom Morford.

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners thanks you for your dedication, volunteer service, and unwavering sacrifice to your community.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners

Jack B. Tany
Chairman, District #2

Presented & Adopted: January 21, 2025

Tracey Slodowski
Commissioner, District #5

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III. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS (3-18-2025)

- 3-18-1 SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY** submitting its 2024 Update pursuant to agreement.
-- Human Services (*Informational – No action*)
- 3-18-2 HEALTH DEPARTMENT** presenting a Summary of the BWell Saginaw Update / Year in Review.
-- Human Services (*Informational – No action*)
- 3-18-3 COMMISSION ON AGING** requesting approval to amend its Bylaws to note the change in term from two (2) to four (4) years to align with County Commissioner terms.
-- Human Services (**3-18-1.1**)
- 3-18-4 PUBLIC WORKS** submitting the 2024 Drain Annual Report.
-- County Services (*Informational – No action*)
- 3-18-5 FRANKENMUTH CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU** submitting its FY24 Audit.
-- County Services (*Informational – No action*)
- 3-18-6 LIPPERT COMPONENTS, INC.** sending notice of the permanent closure of Plant #96 at 1103 W. Pearl St. and 200 S. First St., Chesaning, Michigan affecting 159 employees, with layoffs to occur between April 4, 2025 and June 30, 2025.
-- County Services (*Informational – No action*)
- 3-18-7 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** requesting approval to reduce the Emergency Services Federal Grant Account from \$38,000 to \$13,000 because of roughly 54% cuts for FY24 and potential 20% cuts in FY25; and increase the FY25 Emergency Services General Fund Account from \$137,294 to \$161,884, an increase of \$24,600 to cover the expected shortfall in grant funds.
-- Budget/Audit (**3-18-4.2**)
- 3-18-8 10th CIRCUIT COURT - FAMILY DIVISION** requesting approval to increase the Detention Facility Contracted Medical Account for FY25 by \$18,470 from the General Fund to account for a shortfall in payment to Wellpath for medical services.
-- Budget/Audit (**3-18-4.3**)
- 3-18-9 TREASURER/ADMINISTRATOR** sending the financial transactions transmittal form in the amount of \$10,242,007.47 for the month of February 2025.
-- Budget/Audit (**3-18-4.1**)
- 3-18-10 FINANCE DIRECTOR** submitting the February 2025 Monthly Financial Statement that includes unaudited information as a summary of revenues and expenditures for the county's general fund.
-- Budget/Audit (*Receive & File*)
- 3-18-11 REHMANN** submitting a presentation of the Draft FY 2024 Audit.
-- Budget/Audit (*Informational - No action*)
- 3-18-12 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR** submitting Employment Status Report, Exit Interviews, Employee Groups, and Retiree Employment Contracts covering the month of February 2025.
-- Labor Relations (*Receive & File*)
- 3-18-13 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR** requesting approval of revised County Policy #368 "Earned Sick Time Act" due to last minute amendments made by the State Legislature.
-- Labor Relations (*On Addendum*)
- 3-18-14 COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR** requesting approval of revised County Policy #335 "Compensation" regarding rehiring of staff.
-- Labor Relations (*On Addendum*)

3-18-15 HEALTH DEPARTMENT requesting approval to onboard an experienced Public Health Nurse at Step 3 of the current Public Health Nurse I (PHN I) pay scale, due to the inability of the department to offer competitive starting salaries.

-- Labor Relations (***On Addendum***)

3-18-16 ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL requesting approval of a proposed Volunteer Handbook, which include a Volunteer Code of Conduct that outlines expectations and accountability measures to promote a positive and effective volunteer program.

-- Labor Relations (***On Addendum***)

V. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES (3-18-2025)

1. Human Services Committee – T. Slodowski, Chair; G. Little, Vice-Chair

1.1) **COMMISSION ON AGING**, re: Approval of COA Board Bylaws

2. Courts and Public Safety Committee – C. Boyd, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair

None

3. County Services Committee – M. Webster, Chair; D. Harris, Vice-Chair

None

4. Budget Audit Committee – C. Boyd, Chair; T. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

4.1) **FINANCE DIRECTOR/TREASURER**, re: Approval of vendor transactions for February 2025 in the amount of \$10,242,007.47

4.2) **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**, re: Approval to reduce the Emergency Services Federal Grant line from \$38,000 to \$13,800 and increase the FY25 Emergency Services General Fund Account to \$180,000, to fund the Emergency Services Coordinator position.

4.3) **10th CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY/JUVENILE**, re: Approval to increase the Detention Facility Contracted Medical Account for FY25 by \$18,470 from the General Fund to account for a shortfall in payment to Wellpath for medical services.

5. Labor Relations Committee – G. Little, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair

[Labor Relations Committee meets Mon., March 17, 2025; Labor board reports on Addendum]

6. Executive Committee – J. Tany, Chair

None

7. Rules Committee – J. Tany, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair

None

8. Legislative Committee – G. Little, Chair; M. Webster, Vice-Chair

None

9. Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee – L. Coney, Chair; S. Matthews, Vice-Chair

None

10. Committee Compensation

3-18-25.1) February 2, 2025 – February 15, 2025

3-18-25.2) February 16, 2025 – March 1, 2025

VI. RESOLUTIONS (3-18-2025)

None

Your committee has considered Communication No. 3-18-3 from Jessica Sargent, Commission on Aging Director, requesting approval of the revised Bylaws for the Saginaw County Commission on Aging Advisory Board.

We met with Director Sargent who explained that the changes in the bylaws were necessary to coincide with the new 4-year terms of commissioners. The amendments have been approved by the Commission on Aging Board and Legal Counsel.

We recommend approval of the attached language, as reviewed and approved by Civil Counsel.

Respectfully submitted,
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

s/_____
Tracey L. Slodowski, Chair

s/_____
Gerald D. Little, Vice-Chair

s/_____
Lisa R. Coney

s/_____
Jack B. Tany

s/_____
Michael A. Webster

BYLAWS
THE SAGINAW COUNTY
COMMISSION ON AGING

ARTICLE I - AUTHORITY AND NAME

The Saginaw County Commission on Aging, hereinafter COA, is created by and is an arm of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan. Once created, the COA is given the authority to adopt and amend its own bylaws, and is responsible for them subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The COA is a non-profit, non-sectarian, non-political organization, whose purposes are to:

1. Coordinate and implement public and private programs which promote and safeguard the independence and welfare of older persons, as defined by the Older Michiganians Act of 1981, as amended.
2. Provide leadership, consultation, and assistance to those who are interested in fostering the well-being of older persons.
3. Accumulate, tabulate, and study factual information relating to the resources and needs of older persons.
4. Disseminate information concerning services and programs having to do with, but not limited to, social, economic, health, and housing needs of older persons.
5. Coordinate and plan with Federal, State, and Local Governments, and private agencies, in order to develop and make available needed services for older persons.
6. Promote and participate in such activities and endeavors as are necessary to secure Federal, State, and Local Government, and private sector funding for programs aimed at serving the needs of older persons.
7. Accomplish these objectives by managing the multipurpose programs of the COA.
8. Perform such other actions as are required to further the welfare, well-being, and happiness of older persons.

ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Members. The COA Board, hereinafter Board, shall consist of eleven (11) voting members who shall be residents of Saginaw County and be responsible for governing its actions and achieving its purposes subject to the authority of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County.
 - a. At a minimum, two-thirds of the members of the Board shall be comprised of persons age 60 or older.
2. Appointment. All eleven (11) members of the COA shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County. In addition, the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners shall appoint one County Commissioner to act as a non-voting, liaison for one year.
3. Representation. One member shall be appointed from each of the eleven (11) County Commissioner Districts. To the extent reasonably practicable and subject to requirements otherwise herein contained, members of the COA shall consist of persons representing government, business, religion, education, and senior citizenry.

4. Conflict of Interest.

- a. No member shall be affiliated with a public or private organization that contracts directly with older persons in Saginaw County or be involved in any endeavor which would influence the policy decisions regarding older persons, unless that affiliation is disclosed to and approved by the COA.
- b. A member who is contemplating a specific business transaction or contract, either directly or indirectly with the COA, must make the Board cognizant of said interest.
- c. Any member's conflict of interest will be handled in accordance with the Contracts of Public Servants with Public Entities Act of 1968, as amended.

5. Term of Appointment. Members of the COA shall be appointed for terms of ~~two (2)~~ four (4) years commencing initially on January 1, 2025 ~~2013~~. Each term shall expire thereafter consecutively every ~~two~~ four years. Board members shall serve their term until a successor is appointed and qualified or said member is reappointed for another term.

6. Compensation. Members shall be entitled to receive compensation for attendance at full Board meetings based on the policy established by the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County.

7. Removal. A member may be removed by the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County under the following conditions:

- a. If a member has three (3) unexcused absences from any regularly called meeting of the Board in one calendar year, that member shall be considered for removal.
 - i. Notification by a member to an officer of the Board or to the Commission on Aging Director, hereinafter Director, twenty-four hours or more prior to the state time of the meeting, of inability to attend such meeting shall be considered sufficient excuse.
- b. If a member is unable to perform their duties, that member shall be considered for removal.
- c. Members of the COA may be removed at will by the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County for neglect of duty or misconduct in office, provided that a written statement of reasons and an opportunity to be heard thereon are provided. Neglect of duty shall be viewed as failure to carry out the duties of membership. Misconduct shall be viewed as an abuse of COA membership.

8. Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs on the COA as a result of a member's death, removal, resignation, incapacitation, and/or change of residence outside of the district represented, a new member shall be appointed by the Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

1. Officers. The officers of the COA shall be a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and any other officers the COA may deem as necessary. No person may hold more than one office.
2. Term of Office. The officers shall be elected at the first meeting of the Board after January 1, 2013, and every year thereafter at the April meeting. Officers shall be elected by the majority vote of the members present and voting. The election of officers shall be conducted by a voice vote. The officers shall hold office, unless sooner removed, until their successors are chosen and qualified.

3. Duties of Officers.

- a. Chairperson. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the COA, appoint the Chair of all committees, and be an ex-officio member of all committees, except a Nominating Committee, if convened.
- b. Vice-Chairperson: The Vice-Chairperson shall perform all duties of the Chairperson during the absence or inability of the Chairperson to act, and perform all such other duties as prescribed by the Board.
- c. Secretary: The Secretary shall attend all general and special meetings of the COA, assure that accurate and true minutes of such meetings are recorded and kept, cause the issuance of minutes and notices of all meetings of the COA within the guidelines of the Open Meetings Act, and perform all duties of the Chairperson in the absence or inability of the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson to act.

4. Removal. Any officer may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board.

5. Vacancy. A vacancy occurring in any office may be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the majority vote of those members present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee. The COA shall establish an Executive Committee consisting of the Officers of the COA, who shall serve a term concurrent with that for their elected office, plus two additional members-at-large and one alternate member-at-large, who shall serve on the Executive Committee in the absence of a regular member. The members-at-large, including the alternate, are to be elected by the members at the time of the election of officers. The purpose of the Executive Committee shall be to act on behalf of the COA in the event a special COA meeting cannot be called and immediate action is necessary. Any action taken shall be subject to ratification of the COA at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Executive Committee meetings may be called into session by the Chairperson.
2. Special Committees. The COA may establish Special Committees to address defined purposes for a specified duration. The Chairperson shall appoint members to the Committee which may include non-COA members. All special committee members shall serve in a voluntary capacity and shall not be entitled to any of the powers that come through COA membership.
3. Compensation. In accordance with policy established by the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, committee members shall be entitled to per diems for committee work during the recess of the Board, when said work has been previously ordered by the Chairperson or the applicable Committee Chair.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

1. Regular Meetings. The COA shall hold regular meetings at least once every two months at such times and places as may be designated by the Chair or by the Director with the consent of the Chair. Such meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976, as amended.
2. Special Meetings. The COA may hold special meetings at the call of the Chairperson or upon the request of three (3) members of the Board. Such meetings shall be open to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976, as amended.

3. Notices. Public notices of any meetings of the Board shall be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act of 1976.
 - a. Notice to the members of all regular meetings shall be given by ordinary mail deposited in the United State mail at least five (5) days prior to such meeting.
 - b. Members must be notified of a special meeting and a public notice of a special meeting must be posted at least eighteen (18) hours in advance of the time and date of the special meeting.
4. Committee Meetings. Any committee established by the Board shall meet at the call of said Committee's chair, the Chairperson, or the Director.
5. Attendance. COA members are expected to attend COA meetings.
6. Quorum.
 - a. For any meeting of the Board, a simple majority of the members, including at least one officer, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If, for any reason, a quorum fails to appear, the meeting shall be rescheduled and the members present may act as a committee of the whole. The recommendations of this committee shall be presented to the Board for action in the next meeting at which a quorum is present.
 - b. For any committee meeting, a simple majority of the appointed committee members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the committee.
 - i. For committee meetings, the Chairperson, if present, can be counted for the purpose of a quorum.
7. Voting. For the purpose of voting, each member, including the Chairperson, shall be entitled to one vote, unless provided to the contrary in these bylaws.
 - a. Proxies are not permitted.
8. Conduct.
 - a. No action and/or statement of any individual member of the Board shall be deemed an action and/or statement of the Board, unless such responsibility and/or relationship has been created by the Board.
 - i. Exception: The Director shall be authorized to deliver actions and/or statements on behalf of the Board.
 - b. Robert's Rules of Order, latest edition, shall govern the sessions of the Board unless the bylaws conflict therewith, in which event, the bylaws shall supersede as long as they are not in conflict with the Constitution of the United States or the laws of the State of Michigan. Under no circumstances will the Board transact any business which is contrary to any Federal, State, or Local Government law or regulation.

ARTICLE VII - COMMISSION ON AGING DIRECTOR

1. Director. A Director shall administer the daily affairs of the COA and provide expertise, leadership, and support to the COA.
 - a. The Director is a Saginaw County employee and shall report directly to the Saginaw County Administrator ~~Controller/Chief Administrative Officer~~.
 - b. The Director shall have the authority to operate the day-to-day activities of the COA within established policies, including, but not limited to the following responsibilities: general administration/leadership, program development and evaluation, public relations/outreach, personnel management, financial management, and such other duties as directed by the County Administrator

~~Controller/Chief Administrative Officer~~ and established by the Saginaw County Job Description dated December 28, 2017, as may be amended from time to time.

c. It is the responsibility of the Director to report all matters requiring Board action to the Board without delay and provide timely and accurate information to the Board on personnel, fiscal and program matters.

d. The Director shall prepare and recommend an annual budget to the Board of Commissioners for Saginaw County through the County Administrator ~~Controller/Chief Administrative Officer~~.

2. Contracts. The COA shall be authorized to enter into contracts with private and public agencies for the purpose of providing services to older persons. All such contracts shall be executed in accordance with Saginaw County policy.

ARTICLE VIII - BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended in whole or in part at any time by a two-thirds vote of all members of the Board present and voting at any regular or special meeting of the COA provided that written notice of proposed amendment shall be given to all Members not less than thirty (30) days prior to such meeting. Any such amendment shall be subject to approval by the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County.

ARTICLE IX – DISSOLUTION

The COA may recommend dissolution to the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County at any time it deems necessary; however, the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County may dissolve the COA at any time.

Your Budget Audit Committee received Communication No. 3-18-9. In accordance with State Statute and County Policy, your Budget/Audit Committee reviewed the claims for presentation to the Board of Commissioners, as listed below:

<u>Comm. No.</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3-18-9	Vendor Transactions	Feb. 1 – 28, 2025	\$10,242,007.47

We recommend the payments be approved as compiled and submitted by the Treasurer's Office and Accounting Division of the Administrator's Office.

Respectfully Submitted,
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT

s/ _____
Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

s/ _____
Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

s/ _____
John L. Kaczynski

s/ _____
Michael A. Webster

s/ _____
Jack B. Tany

The Budget/Audit Committee met and considered Communication No. 3-18-7 from Lt. Mark Przybylski, Emergency Management Coordinator, requesting approval to reduce the Emergency Services Federal Grant line from \$38,000 to \$13,800 and increase the FY25 Emergency Services General Fund Account to \$180,000, to fund the Emergency Services Coordinator position.

We met with Lt. Przybylski and discussed the request. He explained that the Emergency Services Coordinator position is mandated by State law. He advised that the State cut the amount of the grant by a significant amount, and he is requesting that the General Fund cover the difference between what will be received through the grant and what the cost of the Emergency Management Coordinator salary is.

We recommend approval to reduce the Emergency Services Federal Grant line from \$38,000 to \$13,800 and increase the FY25 Emergency Services General Fund Account to \$180,000, to fund the Emergency Services Coordinator position and give authorization to the proper county officials to amend the budget accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT

s/ _____
Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

s/ _____
Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

s/ _____
John L. Kaczynski

s/ _____
Michael A. Webster

s/ _____
Jack B. Tany

The Budget/Audit Committee met and considered Communication No. 3-18-8 from Todd Borders, Court Administrator, 10th Circuit Court – Family Division, requesting approval to increase the Detention Facility Contracted Medical Account for FY25 by \$18,470 from the General Fund to account for a shortfall in payment to Wellpath for medical services.

The committee met with Todd Borders and discussed the fact that there has been no movement by the State to help cover the cost of the mandates they've placed on Juvenile/Family Division.

We recommend approval to increase the Detention Facility Contracted Medical Account for FY25 by \$18,470 from the General Fund to account for a shortfall in payment to Wellpath for medical services and give authorization to the proper county officials to amend the budget accordingly.

Respectfully Submitted,
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET/AUDIT

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Christopher S. Boyd, Chair

s/ _____
Tracey L. Slodowski, Vice-Chair

s/ _____
John L. Kaczynski

s/ _____
Michael A. Webster

s/ _____
Jack B. Tany

COMMITTEE COMPENSATION 3-18-25.1**March 18, 2025**

I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held February 2, 2025 - February 15, 2025.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/4/2025	Courts & Public Safety Committee	Boyd	\$50.00
2/11/2025	Executive Committee	Boyd	\$50.00
2/10/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Harris	\$50.00
2/14/2025	MAC Environment, etc. via Zoom	Harris	\$50.00
2/5/2025	County Services Committee	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/6/2025	Budget/Audit Committee	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/7/2025	MAC Finance & Gov't via Zoom	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/5/2025	County Services Committee	Little	\$50.00
2/10/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Little	\$50.00
2/11/2025	Executive Committee	Little	\$50.00
2/4/2025	Courts & Public Safety	Matthews	\$50.00
2/6/2025	Parks & Recreation via Zoom *	Matthews	*
2/4/2025	Courts & Public Safety	Piotrowski	\$50.00
2/10/2025	Materials Mgt. Planning Committee	Piotrowski	\$50.00
2/10/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Piotrowski	\$25.00
2/6/2025	Budget/Audit Committee	Slodowski	\$50.00
2/11/2025	Executive Committee	Slodowski	\$50.00
2/14/2025	MAC Environment, etc. via Zoom	Slodowski	\$50.00
2/4/2025	Courts & Public Safety	Spitzer	\$50.00
2/4/2025	Courts & Public Safety	Tany	\$50.00
2/5/2025	County Services Committee	Tany	\$50.00
2/6/2025	Budget/Audit Committee	Tany	\$50.00
2/10/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Tany	\$50.00
2/11/2025	Executive Committee	Tany	\$50.00
2/5/2025	County Services Committee	Webster	\$50.00
2/6/2025	Budget/Audit Committee	Webster	\$50.00
2/11/2025	Executive Committee	Webster	\$50.00
TOTAL			\$1,275.00

*Department Pay

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koeplinger, Board Coordinator (2-14-25)

COMMITTEE COMPENSATION 3-18-25.2**March 18, 2025**

I herewith submit for your approval the per diem to which members of this Board are entitled for attendance at Committee Meetings held February 16, 2025 - March 1, 2025.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2/18/2025	Board Session	Boyd	\$50.00
2/24/2025	MAC Judiciary & Public Safety	Boyd	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Coney	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Harris	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Harris	\$25.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/19/2025	GLBRCVB Board	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/20/2025	Frankenmuth CVB	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/21/2025	GLBRCVB Annual Meeting	Kazcynski	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Little	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Little	\$25.00
2/19/2025	Saginaw Zoo Board	Little	\$50.00
2/27/2025	Mosquito Abatement Commission *	Little	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Matthews	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Matthews	\$25.00
2/24/2025	MI Works! Joint Board of Directors	Matthews	\$50.00
2/26/2025	STMCA Dispatch Committee	Matthews	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Piotrowski	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Piotrowski	\$25.00
2/24/2025	MI Works! Joint Board of Directors	Piotrowski	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Slodowski	\$50.00
2/19/2025	Saginaw Zoo Board	Slodowski	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Spitzer	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Tany	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Labor Relations Committee	Tany	\$25.00
2/19/2025	Castle Museum Board	Tany	\$50.00
2/24/2025	MI Works! Joint Board of Directors	Tany	\$50.00
2/18/2025	Board Session	Webster	\$50.00
2/19/2025	Economic Development Corp. *	Webster	\$50.00
2/20/2025	Community Action Committee	Webster	\$50.00
2/24/2025	MAC Health & Human Services	Webster	\$50.00
2/24/2025	MI Works! Joint Board of Directors	Webster	\$25.00
TOTAL			\$1,450.00

*Department Pay

Respectfully Submitted, Suzy Koepplinger, Board Coordinator (2-28-25)

VII. CLOSING PROCEDURE (3-18-2025)

- 1) Unfinished Business – None
- 2) Proclamations –
 - ❖ Social Work Month in Saginaw County
 - ❖ Law Day in Saginaw County
- 3) Appointments and Elections

APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to Article VII, 7.1.2 of the Board Rules, Chair appointments will be listed on the Addendum distributed at the March 18, 2025 Board Session.

ELECTIONS

▪ SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY

3-year terms to expire 3/31/28

Mike Cierzniewski (Primary Consumer) – *Reappointment*

Robert Woods Jr. (Secondary Consumer) – *Reappointment*

Cynthia Winiecke (General Public) – *Reappointment*

Susan McCauley (Agency/Occupation) – *Reappointment*

- b. Announcements by the Chair
- c. Commissioner Audiences
- d. Adjournment

Proclamation

2025

SOCIAL WORK MONTH

Social Work: Compassion + Action

MARCH 15
NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH



WHEREAS, this year's Social Work Month theme, "Social Work: Compassion & Action," embodies the fact that social workers go through years of education and training, so they have the skills and expertise to transform their care for others into action that brings positive results; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are one of the largest groups of mental health care providers in the United States and are pressing for a Social Work Interstate Licensing Compact that will improve mental health care delivery in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession has worked for generations to improve living conditions in our nation, with Social Workers successfully pushing for Social Security, a 40-hour work week, Medicare, and a minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers have helped this nation live up to its values by successfully advocating for equal rights for all people, no matter their race, sexual identity, gender, gender expression, culture or religion; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers follow a *Code of Ethics*, with the primary mission of the social work profession to enhance human well-being and meeting the basic human needs of all people, with particular attention to the needs and empowerment of those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers work in all parts of our society – including schools, social service agencies, veteran centers, and government – helping people, family and communities secure services and policies they need to thrive; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers are at the forefront of pressing issues our nation is addressing, including increased needs for mental health care, especially for children and adolescents; and substance use disorder treatment; and increased economic and political division; and

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand ready to assist our nation in overcoming present and future challenges, including ending gun violence, improving health care and mental health care for all and urging lawmakers to adopt immigration reforms; and

WHEREAS, Social Works help protect millions of children from abuse and neglect, provide services and support, which helps strengthen families that are under stress, and help create new families through adoption; and

WHEREAS, research proves the presence of Social Workers in schools, hospitals, and assisted living facilities improve education and health outcomes and quality of life for students, patients and residents; and

WHEREAS, the social work profession is one of the fastest growing professions in the United States, with more than 800,000 people expected to be employed as Social Workers by 2033; and

WHEREAS, people have entered the social work profession for generations because they genuinely care about helping improve the welfare of people, families, communities and our nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jack B. Tany, Chairman of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by America's Social Workers, do hereby proclaim March 2025 to be **SOCIAL WORK MONTH** in Saginaw County and call upon all residents to join the National Association of Social Workers in celebration and support of the Social Work profession.

In Witness Whereof the seal of the County of Saginaw has been affixed and the proclamation adopted by the Board of Commissioners on the 18th day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand twenty-five.

Respectfully Submitted,

Saginaw County

Board of Commissioners

Jack B. Tany

Jack B. Tany

Chairman, District #2

Presented & Adopted: March 18, 2025





SOCIAL WORK
**COMPASSION
+ ACTION**

Christopher A. Boyd, Lisa R. Conroy, Dennis M. Harris, John L. Katzynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews,
Mark A. Brownowski, Tracey L. Stodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster

Proclamation

Law Day

2025



What is Law Day? Law Day is held on May 1st every year to celebrate the role of law in our society and to cultivate a deeper understanding of the legal profession.

Whereas, On this Law Day, we explore and renew our duties to one another under the Constitution and our democratic norms. The Constitution establishes a framework for government that unites us as one citizenry, through means such as our representative government, jury service, and a regular Census. And through this commitment to our Union, we each provide for the common good through government responses to national crises and natural disasters, and through community and advocacy programs for students and adults; and,

Whereas, The Constitution enshrines our collective responsibility to one another, and the 2025 Law Day theme urges us to take pride in a Constitution that bridges our differences to bring us together as a united nation. Our civic lives tie us together as one "We," whether through legislative efforts that serve the common good, through military service, or by working together, to fulfill the promise of E pluribus unum, or "Out of many, one;" and,

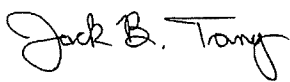
Whereas, President Dwight Eisenhower established the first Law Day in 1958 to mark the nation's commitment to the rule of law. In 1961, congress issued a joint resolution designating May 1 as the official date for celebrating Law Day; and,

Whereas, Law Day will be commemorated in the County of Saginaw with a mock trial featuring Alec Baldwin's 'Rust' movie court case, presented by the Saginaw County Bar Association (SCBA) on April 3, 2025.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims Thursday, May 1, 2025 as Saginaw County Law Day and calls upon the people of the County of Saginaw to acknowledge the importance of our legal and judicial systems with appropriate ceremonies and activities, and to display the flags of the United States, State of Michigan and Saginaw County in support of this educational observance. We further encourage schools, businesses, media, religious institutions, and civic and service organizations to join members of the bar and bench in commemorating Law Day.

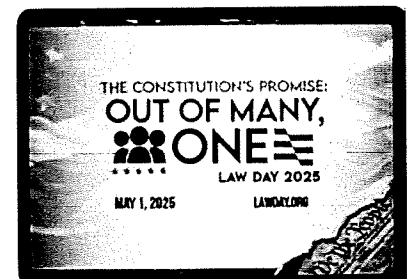
In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the County of Saginaw to be affixed this 18th day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five.

Respectfully Submitted,
Saginaw County
Board of Commissioners



Jack B. Tany
Chairman, District #2

Adopted & Presented: March 18, 2025



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