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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 SESSION**

The September Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16, 2025 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Jack B. Tany in the Chair.

**PRESENT:** Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, and Michael A. Webster - **10**

**ABSENT:** Christopher S. Boyd - **1**

**TOTAL:** - **11**

**OTHERS:** Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Dennis Borchard, Bill Stanuszek, Jaime Ceja, Alycia Norton, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Toni Prabucki, Ralph Angst, Grace Smith, Steve Hensley, Darcie Totten, Nicole Lee, Katharine Tessin, Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks, and others

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- ❖ Minutes of the August 19, 2025 Committee of the Whole and the August 19, 2025 regular Board Session were approved.

**AUDIENCES**

- Commissioner Tracey Slodowski presented Ralph Angst, Programmer Analyst in I.T., with a Proclamation for October as Cybersecurity Awareness Month.
- Rosalind McNichols, Tri Cities Concierge Service LLC, disclosed her perception that a county employee is improperly using county resources to gain information on her.
- Ericka Newman, Saginaw Community Action Committee, introduced a new lead removal program and provided commissioners and the public with an application to share with residents.

**INITIATORY MOTIONS**

- Approved Resolution 2025-16 opposing the State House of Representatives' FY2026 budget cuts to county revenue sharing.

**LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Richard C. DeLong on his induction into the Lions of Michigan Hall of Fame (*Tany*)
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Officer William Doran on his retirement after a 48-year law enforcement career (*Tany*)
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the NAACP in honor of its 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Celebration (*Tany*)
- ❖ National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved Saginaw Future request to abolish the 2017 Brownfield Plan for 107, 111, and 121 S. Water St
- Approved Saginaw Future \$20,388.06 in performance-based funding pursuant to agreement
- Approved Environmental Health request to form a workgroup with the Materials Management Planning Committee, Saginaw County Health Department, and Fishbeck to propose updates to County Ordinance #108 – Solid Waste Management
- Approved updated Saginaw County logo for Information Technology
- Approved new County Policy No. 502 – Account Management for Information Technology
- Approved new County Policy No. 503 – Access Control Management for Information Technology
- Approved to allow the County Administrator, during the transfer of fiduciary for the Great Lakes Bay Michigan Works!, to serve as the signatory and to sign the agreement moving the MERS account to Isabella County
- Approved vendor transactions for August 2025 in the amount of \$14,734,984.55
- Approved FY25 year-end budget amendments submitted by the Finance Director
- Approved to increase the revenue and expenditures of the FY25 Risk Management Budget by \$653,604 to account for increases in property, vehicle and liability claims
- Approved to increase the Animal Care & Control FY25 donation budget by \$100,000 to allow for essential repairs and improvements to landscaping and fencing at the shelter
- Approved extension of retiree contract with Maureen Haas in Treasurer's office
- Approved for the Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB) to implement, maintain, and adopt an Onboarding Manual for CCAB staff after Civil Counsel review
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between County of Saginaw and UAW Local 455 – Unit 50 regarding a step increase for Judge Gafkay's law clerk
- Approved Commissioner Compensation Reports 9-16-25.1 and 9-16-25.2

## RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ **Approved Res. 2025 – 15**      RESOLUTION RE: TERMINATION OF BROWNFIELD PLAN [PROJECT #4143S]  
ADOPTED IN 2017 FOR 107 S. WATER, 111 S. WATER, AND 121 S. WATER

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- ◆ Approved Resolution "A" - FY 2025/2026 Budget (amended)
- ◆ Approved Resolution "B" - FY 2025/2026 Salary Schedule
- ◆ Approved Resolution "C" - FY 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Plan
- ◆ Approved Resolution "D" - FY 2025/2026 Fee Schedule

## APPOINTMENTS

None

## ELECTIONS

- ✓ Elected Judith Lincoln (Democrat) and Terie A. Elbers (Republican) to the **Board of Canvassers** with terms to expire October 31, 2029

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked Commissioner Piotrowski for attending the STAR Recovery Court graduation on Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Wickes Park in Saginaw Township with him. He acknowledged the program for its impact.
- ❖ Chairman Tany acknowledged Chief Assistant Prosecutors Blair Stevenson and Assistant Prosecutors Melissa Hoover and Leslie Card for attending Police Officer Bill Doran's retirement party on Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, and he disclosed there were a couple hundred people that showed up at a local watering hole to celebrate with Bill. Chairman Tany presented a County Proclamation at the Carrollton Board of Trustees meeting celebrating Bill's 48 years of service.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, he attended the Frankenmuth Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) meeting where additional information and sponsorship updates on the Frankenmuth Sports Complex were revealed. CVB Board Member and County Commissioner John Kaczynski was in attendance, as were County Commissioners Webster, Piotrowski, and Spitzer.
- ❖ Chairman Tany recognized and thanked Commissioners Webster and Coney and Undersheriff Gomez who attended the Pre-Labor Day Event at the Saginaw Art Museum with him.
- ❖ Chairman Tany, and Commissioners Piotrowski and Matthews attended the Recovery Court Graduation on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. He acknowledged the outstanding job that Commissioner Matthews did as the featured speaker. Chairman Tany said he is drawn to the team aspect of these graduations. Judge Trice, Judge Dicken, Prosecutor John McColgan, and former Recovery Court Coordinator, Sue Smith, who is now retired from the program, came to support the graduates. Charman Tany shared that Bay County Executive Jim Barcia, having heard of Saginaw County's success with the program, was in attendance to see how the graduations were conducted. Chairman Tany commented that, "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery."
- ❖ Chairman Tany congratulated Parks and Recreation Director Brian Keenan-Lechel who was recently named Saginaw Community Foundation's "Volunteer of the Year." He announced that the commissioners are very happy to have him as an employee and a department head. The room was filled with loud applause after the news.
- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked all of commissioners who were present, Attorneys Dave Gilbert and Bill Smith, and Saginaw County Administrator Mary Catherine Hannah for attending the Tri-County Commissioners event in Midland, Michigan. He credited them for the great turnout.
- ❖ Chairman Tany asked that commissioners give copies of the Lead Services Application, materials presented to the Committee of the Whole today, to municipalities in their district.

## **COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES**

- ❖ Vice-Chair Little announced the open house and ribbon cutting planned Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the former Buena Vista High School location, 3945 East Holland Avenue.
- ❖ Vice-Chair Little also announced Saginaw's Hunger Solution Center, home of the East Side Soup Kitchen and Hidden Harvest expansion groundbreaking at 9:00 a.m. Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 940 E. Genesee Street in Saginaw. He commented on the Commission on Aging partnership with them for food distribution.
- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski announced Hemlock Sawdust Days Festival taking place September 19 - 21, 2025 in Hemlock. The annual event features a pancake breakfast, parade, car/truck/motorcycle/tractor show, live music, beer tent, food trucks/vendors, chainsaw carving demonstrations, Inflatables, petting zoo, cake walk, bingo, beards and braids contest, face painting and other family fun.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS**

- ❖ Administrator Hannah asked that commissioners contact our State Representatives regarding passing the budget. The revenue sharing payment comes to us from the state; if it shuts down, Saginaw County will not receive funds. A shut down will have the most impact on the Commission on Aging and the Health Department. She also advised that Saginaw County has not received reimbursement for the FY25 Veteran's Association grant (over \$85,000) and reported that Saginaw County is not the only county having this issue. Administrator Hannah hoped that if more people contact them, it will help. Commissioner Spitzer asked Administrator Hannah to provide a short summary of the issues so he will know what to communicate with State Representatives.

Respectfully Submitted,

### **SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**JACK B. TANY**  
**CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA**  
**COUNTY CLERK**

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