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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
FEBRUARY 17, 2026 SESSION**

The February Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:01 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at the Saginaw County Courthouse, 111 S. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, MI 48602 with the Honorable Jack B. Tany in the Chair.

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

ABSENT: John L. Kaczynski – **1**

TOTAL: – **11**

OTHERS: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Todd Borders, Gilbert Ramirez II, Eric Smith, Kelly Suppes, Jaime Ceja, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Tom Miller Jr., Steve Hensley, Christina Harrington, Andrew Klaczkiewicz, Joseph Kline, Brenda Warner, Chad Lackowski, Lori Patterson, Grace Smith, Dennis Krajniak, Dennis Borchard, Bill Ostash, Jessica Sargent, Ann Marie Batkoski-Sullivan, Heidi Storck, Sue Persinger, Jennifer Polsinelli, Kimberly Trinklein, Paul Glazar, Melissa Leivo, Bill Stanuszek, Bonnie Kanicki, Lynn Moore, Dr. Ramont Roberts, Jay Lewis, Vanessa Daleki, Bryce Anderson, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, and others

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

❖ Minutes of the January 6, 2026 Organizational Session and January 20, 2026 Regular Board Session were approved.

PUBLIC HEARING

❖ A Public Hearing was held on the adoption of a Brownfield Plan for Cabaret Trails Housing Development, Saginaw Township, Michigan, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended. No comments.

AUDIENCES

- Chairman Tany presented Bill Ostash with a Certificate in Memoriam for his husband Kevin Mark Rooker. Bill showed his appreciation and spoke of Kevin's involvement in and how he served the community, as well as the impact Keven made as a teacher.
- Chairman Tany presented Jeanette Gaudreau-Ballien with a Certificate of Recognition and congratulated Gaudreau the Florist on its 75th Anniversary. Jeanette and Chairman Tany attended St. Mary's Cathedral High School together. She thanked commissioners and spoke of her seven brothers and sisters as well as 3rd, 4th, and recently the 5th generation of family members who contributed to the success of Gaudreau the Florist. Jeanette is thankful for the years they have had and looks forward to attending future celebrations of the Gaudreau' success.

- Ann Marie Batkoski-Sullivan, Executive Director of Positive Results Downtown Saginaw (PRIDE), gave commissioners a personal invitation to its 12th Annual Meeting on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. and announced guest speakers George Bradford and Cassie Zimmerman will be there. She spoke of the success of the Outhouse Races last weekend and the Pond Hockey invitational that drew 20 teams from across the Midwest for 3-on-3 hockey. She reported that 5,000 or more people were in attendance at Hoyt Park, Saginaw.
- Jennifer Polsinelli, spoke to the Board as a concerned citizen. She acknowledged the dedication and work that has been done concerning the new surgical center and is seeking clarity and a timeline for when spay/neuter services will be available for community pets. She reported that Saginaw County Animal Care & Control referred her to All About Animals Rescue in Flint, MI for services.
- Heidi Storck introduced herself as a volunteer who fosters kittens. She previously asked for supplies from Saginaw County Animal Care & Control and was refused. She stated volunteers should not have to personally fund necessary items and asked the Board to ensure oversight and accountability.
- Kimberly Trinklein, resident of the 9th district, reported to the Board that she wants a response to her complaints. She reported high turnover and her belief that it is due to a hostile work environment concerning staff and volunteers. She believes that records concerning animal transfers are inaccurate and stated she will keep appearing before the Board until her concerns are resolved.
- Sue Persinger, resident and volunteer for 10 years, wants transparency regarding the two people who donated \$500 each to Animal Care & Control concerning surgery for a dog named Tahoe. She asked where the money went and assigned the responsibility of oversight to commissioners.
- Brenda Warner, concerned resident, accused Saginaw County of using “our money” for Director Horton’s legal fees. She demanded to know why taxpayers were not invited to the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control open house and wants a grand opening for the public. She asked for total transparency of finances and operations.
- Paul Glazar stated he is a current volunteer and addressed the Board regarding Michigan Cause for Paws, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. He expressed his disappointment that volunteers and those who worked to pass the millage were not invited to the grand opening and, for a publicly funded project, very few of the public were present. He reported that the surgical center is not at full capacity and inquired why animals are sent elsewhere for procedures at taxpayer expense. He urged commissioners to call to make an appointment at the surgical center to see for themselves how that turns out.

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Deb Contreras, Hearing & Vision Coordinator at the Saginaw County Health Department, upon her retirement after 20+ years of service
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Annie Rummel, Ph.D., upon her retirement as CEO of the Great Lakes Bay Regional Convention & Visitors Bureau, Bay County CVB, Midland County CVB, Saginaw CVB, and the Go Great Foundation
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa, Inc., Gamma Kappa Chapter, on its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Prayer Breakfast
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Gaudreau the Florist LTD on its 75th Anniversary
- ❖ Certificate In Memoriam to Bill Ostash for Kevin Mark Rooker, 1958 - 2026

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved as amended four proposed county policies: #504 – Mobile Device Management, #506 Web Content Accessibility Guidelines, #507 – Data Classification, and #508 – Artificial Intelligence
- Approved to disburse \$25,327.57 for the first quarter performance-based funding pursuant to agreement for economic development between County of Saginaw and Saginaw Future
- Approved vendor transactions for January 2026 in the amount of \$13,512,121.05

- Approved Health Department's acceptance of \$442,355 in additional grant funds from MDHHS (labeled ELC Regional Lab) for FY26 and to amend the budget accordingly
- Approved to establish a Driver's License Testing Fee of \$50 and a Blood Lead Testing Fee set at the current Medicaid Reimbursement Rate and to add these fees to the Health Department's fee schedule
- Approved Health Department request to add a grant funded PCN (1.0 FTE) Community Information Exchange Coordinator position.
- Approved a Memorandum of Understanding between County of Saginaw and Teamsters Local 214 regarding a proposed salary grade/schedule for the T-5 level to address the increase in minimum wage
- Proposed, amended 2026 Board Rules regarding the consolidation/elimination of committees and other matters laid on the table for approval at the March 17th Board Session
- Approved Commissioner Compensation Reports 2-17-26.1 and 2-17-26.2
- Approved Brownfield Plan for properties located at 3253-3289 Cabaret Trail, Saginaw Township, Saginaw County, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Act 381 of the public acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended

RESOLUTIONS

- **Approved Resolution 2026 – 1** AUTHORIZING THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF SAGINAW COUNTY AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE YOUNGS INTERCOUNTY DRAIN PROJECT, SERIES 2026
- **Approved Resolution 2026 – 2** APPROVING A BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 3253-3289 CABARET TRAIL SAGINAW TOWNSHIP, SAGINAW COUNTY PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Audra Davis to Community Corrections Advisory Board with a term to expire 9/30/26
- ✓ Darryl Thomas (Board) and Linda Troutmon (Advisory Council) to Region VII Area Agency on Aging with terms to expire 3/31/29

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that on January 26th Commissioner Matthews joined him at the Recovery Court graduation in Judge Borrello's courtroom and thanked Commissioner Matthews for attending.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that on January 28th Commissioners Webster and Piotrowski joined him at the Saginaw Spirit Corporate Recognition Dinner in Frankenmuth and he thanked them for representing Saginaw County.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that Commissioners Webster and Spitzer were in attendance with him at the Go Great CVB's annual meeting in Bay City on January 16, 2026. Also representing the county were Administrator Hannah and Board Coordinator Suzy Koepplinger.
- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked the commissioners who took the time to attend the State of the City/County program at The Dow Event Center on February 12, 2026. Administrator Hannah, Deputy Administrator Ramirez, a few Judges, a number of department heads, and staff also attended.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Vice-Chair Little announced that since January he has had the pleasure of serving and working with the Saginaw County Commission on Aging. He announced that Director Jessica Sargent is moving on to a new position and her final meeting is Thursday.
- ❖ Commissioner Matthews announced that the Ice Cream Social this year will be on Wednesday, July 15th from 12:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. He asked commissioners to donate any amount they'd like, and he reported that he will invite elected officials to donate as well. The purpose is to show appreciation and thank county employees.
- ❖ Commissioner Coney asked commissioners to read the news releases after Jessie Jackson's passing to understand the impact he has had. She urged commissioners to attend Black History Month activities. Commissioner Coney addressed the people who made public comments and she hopes their complaints are resolved very soon. She acknowledged Commissioner Michael Webster for the community leadership recognition he received at Victorious Believers Ministries.
- ❖ Commissioner Boyd announced that a Saginaw County commissioner was acknowledged for his pickleball skills during the State of the City slideshow (Michael Webster).

ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

- ❖ Administrator Hannah introduced her newest staff member Bailey Kellerman, Benefits Administrator. She has almost 10 years of military service.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah thanked commissioners for dedicating an entire day to strategic planning.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah gave a head's up to commissioners that she will bring a revised security and access policy next month, created by a subcommittee of the Joint Security Committee. Every position is assigned access through ID cards. Badges have been updated and commissioners will be getting new ones, and this will also provide an opportunity to have updated photos taken. All employees should wear their badges, so it is visible, per county policy.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

JACK B. TANY
CHAIRMAN

VANESSA GUERRA
COUNTY CLERK

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