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**SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**APRIL 15, 2025 SESSION**


The April Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 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, Jack B. Tany, Denny M. Harris, John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, and Michael A. Webster - **10**

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

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

**OTHERS:** Mary Catherine Hannah, L. William Smith, Jessica Sargent, Koren Thurston, Katharine Tessin, Kelly Suppes, Mark Angliss, Andrew Klaczkiewicz, Nicole Lee, Kyle Bostwick, Brandell Adams, Dennis Borchard, Sam Tany, Denise Joseph, Chris Klawuhn, Patricia Johnson, Sheila McIntosh, Annette Rummel, JoAnn Crary, Tom Miller, Shawn Schutt, Carly Hammond, Anna McGrath, David Kerns, Cherie Long, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks, and others

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Minutes of the March 18, 2025 Regular Board Session were approved.

### **FOIA APPEALS**

- ≈ The Board approved sending written notice to Michael Czymbor regarding his Freedom of Information Act request of March 25, 2025 for District Court records, upholding the disclosure denial.
- ≈ The Board approved sending written notice upholding the partial disclosure denial to Tamar Ballard, individually and through her attorney at Cochran, Kroll & Associates, P.C., regarding her January 30, 2025 FOIA request for Animal Care and Control records.

### **AUDIENCES**

- ❖ Commissioner Webster presented JoAnn Crary with a Certificate of Recognition upon her retirement from Saginaw Future, Inc. after 30+ years of service.
- ❖ Commissioner Coney presented Shawn Schutt, Community Engagement and Prevention Manager at Underground Railroad, with a Proclamation recognizing Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
- ❖ Commissioner Little presented Jessica Sargent, Commission on Aging Director, and Sheila McIntosh, Volunteer Coordinator, with a Proclamation recognizing Volunteer Week from April 20 – 26, 2025 and a Certificate of Recognition for the Foster Grandparent Program.

### **INITIATORY MOTION**

None

## **LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS**

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to JoAnn Crary upon her retirement from Saginaw Future, Inc. after 30+ years of service
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Cherie Long in honor of her accomplishments and creation of the Heart of the City Development Center
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Audrey Shaver upon her retirement after 30+ years of service as a paramedic, field training officer, communications specialist, MMR employee, and member of the Saginaw County Emergency Preparedness Council
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the Commission on Aging in celebration of its Foster Grandparent Program and the recognition dinner to be held at Horizons Conference Center on May 8, 2025
- ❖ Public Health Week in Saginaw County April 6 – 12, 2025
- ❖ Volunteer Week in Saginaw County April 20 – 26, 2025
- ❖ Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 2025

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- Approved new County Policy titled “Animal Care & Control Volunteer Policy” submitted by the County Administrator
- Approved Materials Management Plan Work Program submitted by Environmental Health
- Approved new County Policy “Cybersecurity Awareness and Training” submitted by the I.T. department
- Approved Form L-4024, Statement of Valuation: Report of Equalization for all townships and cities in Saginaw County
- Approved vendor transactions for March 2025 in the amount of \$14,987,750.79
- Approved adding a new fee to the Health Department fee schedule for water testing, Rapid E. coli Re-Test Fee of \$40 per sample
- Approved entering into agreements to disburse opioid settlement funds with Parent Education Program Inc. for \$150,000 and Shaping Solutions LLC for \$100,000
- Approved utilization of unrestricted fund balance up to \$25,000 to purchase new mobile equipment/radio dispatch system for the Transportation and Meals on Wheels programs and necessary budget adjustments
- Approved Memorandum of Understanding between County of Saginaw and POAM Unit 312 representing deputies to reduce the mandatory contribution to the Health Care Savings Plan (HCSP) from 5% to 1%
- Approved Collective Bargaining Agreement between County of Saginaw Sheriff, and POAM Unit III – Command for the period October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2027
- Approved Committee Compensation Reports 4-15-25.1 and 4-15-25.2

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- ❖ **Approved Res. 2025 – 2** RESOLUTION OF AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 87c OF ACT 206
- ❖ **Approved Res. 2025 – 3** RESOLUTION TO BORROW AGAINST ANTICIPATED DELINQUENT 2024 REAL PROPERTY TAXES

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Chairman Tany made the following appointments:

- ✓ **ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL**  
Sharon Maher to fill a vacancy (Term to expire December 31, 2027)
- ✓ **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE BOARD OF APPEALS**  
Denny Harris – Commissioner (Term to expire January 1, 2027)  
Heidi Wiggins – City of Saginaw (Term to expire January 1, 2026)  
Tom Beagle – County at Large (Term to expire January 1, 2026)  
Wesley Peterman – Township Supervisor (Term to expire January 1, 2027)

## **ELECTIONS**

None

## **CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ❖ Chairman Tany announced the annual Commission on Aging Volunteer Luncheon on May 2, 2025 at Crooked Creek Banquet Center.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced he is on the Region VII Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council and at the recent meeting he was proud to announce that Saginaw County volunteers provided 21,345 hours last year, which is equivalent to the number of hours worked by 11 full-time employees.
- ❖ Chairman Tany acknowledged Commissioner Lisa Coney for being a 2025 Heart of the City Award recipient for her leadership and compassion for community in the Great Lakes Bay area. She will accept the award in June from Michigan Banner newspaper.

## **COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES**

- ❖ Commissioner Slodowski announced April is Autism Awareness Month and presented Cherie Long with a Certificate of Recognition for her achievements, her creation of Heart of the City Development Center, and expressed how valuable Cherie and her services are to the community and to her personally.
- ❖ Commissioner Piotrowski announced the Freeland Walleye Festival is April 24 - 27, 2025, which includes a parade, fishing tournament, car show, corn hole, carnival rides, bingo, vendors, music, beer tent, community-wide garage sales, food, fireworks, comedy show, 5K/10K run & walk and much more!
- ❖ Commissioner Coney announced that May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and she is a guest speaker on Sunday, May 4, 2025 at the annual Children's Mental Health Walk held at the Saginaw Township Soccer Association on McCarty Road from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski announced the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Bringing Back the 80's Festival at Harvey Kern Pavilion in Frankenmuth April 25 – 26, 2025. The festival began in 2005 in memory of Jill Zehnder, who passed away in 1999 at the age of 43 after a brief battle with cancer. This year they expect to surpass \$1,000,000 in funds raised for those who are dealing with the hardships that come with cancer.

Respectfully Submitted,

## **SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

**SUZY KOEPLINGER**  
**DEPUTY CLERK**

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