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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS NOVEMBER 18, 2025 SESSION

The November Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 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, John L. Kaczynski, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, and Michael A. Webster - **11**

TOTAL: - **11**

OTHERS: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Patti Johnson, Bill Stanuszek, Nicole Lee, Jody Becker, Steve Hensley, Undersheriff Gomez, Darcie Totten, Mary McLaughlin, Todd Borders, Tom Miller Jr., Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks, and others

-  Chairman Tany asked for a moment of silence for Marshall Thomas, former Saginaw High coach, teacher, counselor and administrator.
-  Commissioner Slodowski gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ Minutes of the October 21, 2025 Committee of the Whole and the October 21, 2025 Regular Board Session were approved.

AUDIENCES

None

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame “Class of 2025” as it celebrates the induction of its 23rd class of outstanding athletes/teams:
 - Mike McFadden
 - Lakisha Freeman Parker
 - Don Durrett
 - Greg Meter
 - Anthony Roberson
 - Katrina (Grantham) Masters
 - Dick Garber
 - Carrollton Girls Basketball Team (1992)
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Rev. Dr. Roy L. Manning Sr. and First Lady Beatrice Manning on retirement from Corinthian Missionary Baptist Church after 33 years of service
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Mary Farnham, Legal Coordinator in the Friend of the Court, upon her retirement after 24+ years
- ❖ Certificate In Memoriam to the friends and family of Charles Mae Green, 1941 - 2025

FOIA APPEAL

- ✓ The Board upheld the denial of Amy Machado’s FOIA appeal and upheld the cost of the response.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved Saginaw County Convention & Visitors Bureau FY 2026 Budget
- Approved disbursement to Saginaw Future of \$52,500 in performance-based funding and for exceeding all previously set goals pursuant to the County of Saginaw and Saginaw Future Inc. Services Agreement
- Approved vendor transactions for October 2025 in the amount of \$28,187,221.31
- Approved to increase the Sheriff's Office FY26 Budget by \$126,420 to cover services of a Medical Assistant through Vital Core Health Strategies
- Approved the Sheriff's Office request to increase the Jail Public Improvement Fund by \$17,880 to install a basketball backboard and rim in each rec room of the Jail
- Approved for 10th Circuit Court Family Division elimination of an Office Assistant I position PCN that is budgeted in the 101 account and creation of an Intensive Juvenile Probation Officer – Floater position PCN that will be budgeted in the 29266200 account
- Approved for 10th Circuit Court Family Division an increase to the 29266200 budget in the amount of \$386,570 to add two (2) community provider contracts to assist children with support, treatment, and impact for juveniles
- Approved Commissioner Compensation Reports 11-18-25.1 & 11-18-25.2

RESOLUTIONS

None

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Chairman Tany appointed **Kristie Wolbert** to the **Community Corrections Advisory Board** to replace Sandra Lindsey in the Service Area, with a term to expire 12/31/28
- ✓ Chairman Tany reappointed **Randy Knepper** to the **Mosquito Abatement Commission** with a term to expire 1/01/29

ELECTIONS

None

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Tany attended the East Side Soup Kitchen Fundraiser on Thursday, October 23rd, and was happy to report that Commissioners Spitzer and Piotrowski were in attendance, along with Sheriff Federspiel, two former commissioners (both chairmen), and a retired Saginaw County Judge. He thanked them for giving back to the community. He stated the county was well represented.
- ❖ Chairman Tany attended the Headwaters Recreation Area ribbon cutting on October 24th. Commissioners Webster and Kaczynski were in attendance, along with Administrator Hannah. Brian Keenan-Lechel, our Parks & Recreation Director, did a really nice job putting everything together.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced he and Commissioner Piotrowski attended the STAR Recovery Court Graduation. He observed that the demographics of people going through the program are changing. Graduates are younger and more females are in the program now. He urged commissioners to attend, if their calendar permits, to observe the commencements. He warned that these graduations can be quite emotional. He, along with Commissioners Piotrowski and Matthews, attended another Recovery Court Graduation in Judge Borrello's courtroom on November 10th.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that Kochville Township holds a monthly coffee hour at the Kochville Township Veterans Hall on 3265 Kochville Road. They have a featured speaker each month and on November 12th Mosquito Control Director Bill Stanuszek was the speaker. Chairman Tany stated Director Stanuszek did a tremendous job and if any organizations in the commissioner's districts are seeking a speaker, he encouraged them to provide Bill's contact information.

- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that even though there were no certificates, or proclamations presented tonight, he reminded commissioners that a couple months ago he requested all commissioners copy him in their requests to Suzy Koepplinger, Board Coordinator, and Renee Sharkey, Assistant Board Coordinator, when asking them to complete these certificates. Since the time of his request, only Commissioner Kaczynski has copied him to keep him in the loop. The Board Office processes several certificates and Chairman Tany wants to be made aware of them since his signature is applied to all of them. He stated he is in the public every day and wants to be aware of what people thank him for.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that on Thursday, December 4th, the 7th annual Harry Hawkins Award presentation will be at the Saginaw Club, 219 N. Washington Ave., with social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m. and award presentation at 7:00 p.m. This is Saginaw's award modeled after the Heisman Trophy. It is awarded to the top senior football player in Saginaw County. The award is broken down based upon three factors: senior year football accomplishments 50%, grade point average (GPA) 25%, and community service 25%. Each of the three finalists will receive scholarship money. The highest winner is awarded \$4,000 and the two runners-up receive \$2,000 each. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by calling the Saginaw Club at (989)754-8404. This years finalists include two student athletes from Freeland High School and one from Nouvel Catholic Central High School.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Lisa Coney thanked Sheldon Matthews for contributing to provide meals for youth commissioners. They will meet two times a month this year. Last year the League of Women Voters paid for \$500 worth of food expenses for the youth commissioners. She thanked County Clerk Vanessa Guerra for assisting Alpha Kappa Alpha with its school voter registration drives, and for speaking at the Saginaw Middle School Hispanic Heritage Celebration. She announced that tomorrow is Youth Day at the Saginaw County Governmental Center from 12:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
- ❖ Vice Chair Gerald Little announced the ribbon cutting tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. for the newly remodeled Saginaw County Commission on Aging Marie E. Davis Senior Center.
- ❖ Commissioner Mark Piotrowski gave acknowledgement to Chairman Tany for donating a football jersey for an auction that raised over \$3,500 for the East Side Soup Kitchen.

ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

- ❖ Administrator Hannah acknowledged Maintenance Director, Tony DePelsMaeker's, coordination of the ARPA HVAC project. Three old air handlers were removed from the roof, and two new ones were installed. As a precaution, the 4th floor was evacuated as it was unknown, due to the weight of the units, if the roof would hold them.
- ❖ She announced that at the quarterly Security Committee meetings they are working on revisions to the security policy that will be brought to the Board within the next month. Up until now there have been no good protocols.
- ❖ She announced that the Wayfinding work is underway. The committee is working with Walker Consultants and an RPF is in process for a County Master Plan. She requested commissioners let her know if there is anything they would like added to the Master Plan.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah announced that Animal Care & Control has great news in that they have 15 empty kennels and have not had to turn any animals away due to lack of space.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah announced that H.W. Browne Airport has a hangar that is approaching its 100-year anniversary and is need of extensive repairs. Airplanes were manufactured there at one time. She is working exploring the possibility of declaring it a historical site with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**JACK B. TANY
CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA
COUNTY CLERK**

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