

MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, February 11, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.
111 S. Michigan Ave., Rm. 200, Saginaw, MI 48602

Present: Jack Tany – Chairman, Gerald Little, Tracey Slodowski, Christopher Boyd, Michael Webster
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Jaime Ceja, Undersheriff Gomez, Nicole Lee, Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to Order---**Chairman Tany at 4:07 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**December 4, 2024 Minutes**)
---**Moved by Boyd, seconded by Little, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public Comment
 - Undersheriff Gomez addressed the Committee and requested that they not close County buildings due to an impending snowstorm. He cited complications that he anticipates if the buildings are closed.
- V. Agenda
 1. To consider a proposed resolution in support of filling the vacant 35th District Senate Seat following the departure of Kristen McDonald Rivet who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives
---**Discussion was held. Constituents are taxed with no representation. A Special Election has not been built into the budget. The financial cost for Saginaw County to have the election is not reimbursable. Clerk Guerra advised that it is more efficient to stick with already scheduled election dates to not confuse voters and to not run two elections at the same time. Voters must receive a 45-day notice prior to the election, and it will take time to print the ballots and prepare beforehand.**
---**Moved by Boyd, seconded by Webster, to postpone the resolution for one month. Motion to postpone carried with a roll call vote as follows:**
Yes: Tany, Little, Boyd, Webster
No: Slodowski
 2. Any other matters to come before the committee
 - Amtrack requested a resolution/letter of support for expanding the tracks on the west side of Michigan.
---**Discussion was held about the potential financial benefit if the railway would eventually extend to Saginaw County. Amtrack is a private, for profit, entity regulated by the Federal Railroad Administration and the requestor holds no political office.**
---**Motion to adopt resolution in support of Amtrack from Flint to Mackinaw City. Moved by Webster, seconded by Slodowski. Motion carried. (Resolution)**
 - The City of Saginaw Manager's office is looking for space to hold City Council meetings from 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. two Mondays a month while their building undergoes an HVAC upgrade beginning in May.

---Discussion was held. There needs to be a deputy on duty and Board Office staff present during these meeting times. Parking would be an issue, and the county is about to begin its own HVAC project. The Board Coordinator will contact the City Manager's Office and advise them of alternate locations.

VI. Miscellaneous

---Boyd announced having access to the VIP section at The DOW for the SVSU vs. WMU hockey game at 2:00 p.m. this Saturday the 15th followed by the Saginaw Spirit game. This event is coordinated by SVSU Hockey, Fordney Club, Saginaw Spirit and Saginaw County Commission. It is SVSU's last game of the season. Admission is \$10 and covers the cost for both games.

---Vice-Chair Little inquired about the status of the parking gates. They have remained open because they are broken, and people were getting stuck in the parking lot as a result. The gates were purchased through a Canadian company. The control boards need to be replaced but reaching the company has been difficult. The parts cost \$4,000 each and the gated lots haven't generated much revenue since the meters were removed and parking stopped being enforced through parking tickets. Employees fill the public parking spaces now making it difficult for the public to find parking. The "Wayfinding Study" has started.

VII. Adjournment---***Moved by Little, seconded by Boyd, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:47 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Jack Tany, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, Committee Clerk