

MINUTES

COUNTY SERVICES COMMITTEE

111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Webster – Chair, Dennis Harris – Vice-Chair, John Kaczynski, Gerald Little, Jack Tany
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Jamie Furbush, Liz Gooch, Denise Joseph, Jaime Ceja, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Jody Becker, Darcie Totten, Brian Wendling, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks and others

- I. Call to order – ***Chair Webster at 4:00 p.m.***
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***September 3, 2025***)
 - ***Moved by Commissioner Little, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Comment – **None**
- V. Agenda
 1. **Jamie Furbush, President/CEO, Frankenmuth CVB**, re:
 - **10-21-2** Submitting its FY 2026 Budget for approval by the Board of Commissioners
 - An overview of the 2026 Frankenmuth CVB Budget was given. Jamie Furbush announced the opening of a new restaurant in Frankenmuth, gave an update on the Sports Complex, and stated the new Hilton Home should be open by the end of the month.
 - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Kaczynski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
 2. **Brian Wendling, Public Works Director**, re:
 - **10-21-3** Submitting for approval a Resolution pledging full faith and credit of the county for the issuance of bonds for the Richland Sewage Disposal System Improvements in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$3,700,000
 - Brian Wendling advised the cost is well within reason noting that there is a considerable cost to mechanical products now and expected supply chain limitations. The project is expected to take 1 ½ years to complete. He reported that the Wickes Park issues have not been resolved but there has been progress.
 - ***Moved by Little, seconded by Harris, to approve. Motion carried. (Res. 2025-17)***
 3. **Brian Keenan-Lechel, Parks & Recreation Director**, re:
 - **10-21-4** Requesting approval to pursue an adjacent land acquisition in Bridgeport Township bordering Price Nature Center, parcel #09-11-5-30-2001-001
 - Brian Keenan-Lechel informed the committee that the land for sale is 13+ acres on Moore Rd. If purchased, the park's rustic campground can be expanded, wooded acres will be added to the park, and it could provide opportunities for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on a trail that could be expanded by one-half mile. The property is not land locked and he disclosed there is not an immediate need for the land but the chance to purchase land adjacent to parks doesn't happen often. The property has been for sale for two weeks. The committee advised that he could bring a proposed Purchase Agreement to the Board of Commissioners on October 21st. There is sufficient Parks & Recreation fund balance for an offer.
 - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Kaczynski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***

4. **Denise Joseph, Equalization Director, and Liz Gooch, Deputy Director,** re:

- **10-21-5** Requesting approval of the 2025 Saginaw County Apportionment Report, along with the Certified Tax Rates
- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Kaczynski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***

5. **INFORMATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS**

- **10-21-6 CITY OF SAGINAW** providing notice of a public hearing held Monday, September 8, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Andersen Enrichment Center on the application of Metro Multi Property Management on its application for an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act (OPRA) Certificate for property at 301 N. Hamilton St. with an estimated expenditure of \$3,504,000
- **Moved by Little, seconded by Kaczynski, to receive and file. Motion carried. (Receive and File)**

6. Any other matters to come before the committee – **None**

VI. Miscellaneous – **None**

VII. Adjournment

- ***Moved by Harris, seconded by Little, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:28 P.M.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael Webster, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, Committee Clerk