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SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS DECEMBER 16, 2025 SESSION

The December Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan convened at 5:06 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16, 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, 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
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ABSENT: Christopher S. Boyd – **1**

TOTAL: – **11**

OTHERS: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Kelly Suppes, Jaime Ceja, Carissa Diffin, Undersheriff Gomez, Darcie Totten, Edward Connolly, Mavrick Rivard, Kyle Harris, Tommie Jackson, William Collver, Travis Woodward, Erick Morrisette, Brian William Keenan-Lechel, Jayme Myre, Christina Harrington, Millicent Mary Elizabeth Stephens (Dot) Young, David Young, Tricia Konley, Steve Young, Keaundra Barnes, Nicole Lee, Janis Young, Robert Young, Suzy Koeppinger, 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 November 18, 2025 Regular Board Session were approved.

AUDIENCES

- Commissioners Piotrowski and Webster presented Dot Young with a Certificate of Recognition in honor of her 100th Birthday.
- Undersheriff Gomez introduced recent graduates of the Police Academy and new part-time Corrections Officers

LAUDATORY RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Charlene Coleman, Account Specialist III in Friend of the Court, upon her retirement after 26+ years
- ❖ Certificate In Memoriam to the friends and family of Marshall Thomas – Coach T, 1947 – 2025
- ❖ Certificate of Recognition to Dot Young in honor of her 100th Birthday

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- Approved amendment to the 2026 County Budget up to \$5,000 upon approval of the 2026 Saginaw Area Storm Water Authority Budget Resolution
- Approved vendor transactions for November 2025 in the amount of \$15,621,493.78.
- Approved Finance Director's 2024 Cost Allocation Plan, 2026 IT Rate Calculation, and necessary amendments to FY26 Budget
- Approved a request from the Opioid Settlement Committee for a contractual agreement with Saginaw Gateway to Recovery to disperse up to \$500,000 from the county's opioid settlement fund

- Approved the sale of Saginaw County Health Department's mobile RV to the Saginaw County Community Food Club & Kitchen for \$25,000
- Approved the FY 2027 Budget Calendar
- Approved a FY 2026 budget amendment appropriating an additional \$5,196,877.76 from the ARPA fund, designated as Revenue Replacement, and increasing the General Fund budget by the same amount
- Approved a Collective Bargaining Agreement between County of Saginaw and COAM - Sergeants
- Approved Commissioner Compensation Reports 12-16-25.1 and 12-16-25.2

RESOLUTIONS

- ❖ **Approved Res. 2025 – 19** RESOLUTION APPROVING APPORTIONMENT OF OPERATIONAL COSTS AND ACCEPTING FOR FILE THE FISCAL 2026 BUDGET OF THE SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY
- ❖ **Approved Res. 2025 – 20** RESOLUTION APPOINTING TRUSTEE AND ALTERNATE TRUSTEE TO SAGINAW AREA STORM WATER AUTHORITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APPOINTMENTS

- ✓ Chairman Tany appointed Commissioners John Kaczynski, Gerald Little, and Sheldon Matthews to the **Airport Committee** with a term to expire 12/31/26
- ✓ Chairman Tany appointed Demetrios Scott, Kelli Scorsone, and Dr. Bailey Mielke to the **Animal Control Advisory Council** with terms to expire 12/31/28
- ✓ Chairman Tany appointed Christina Dillard and Leon Turnwald to the **Brownfield Redevelopment Authority** with terms to expire 12/31/28
- ✓ Chairman Tany appointed Commissioner Mark Piotrowski, Al Kaufman, H.W. Browne Airport Manager and Jeff Turner, H.W. Browne Advisory Board to the **Tri-City Area Joint Zoning Board** with terms to expire 12/31/27

ELECTIONS

- ✓ Judith Lincoln, Dr. Jeff Collier, Bethany Charlton and Marcia Thomas were reappointed to the **Board of Health** with terms to expire December 31, 2028
- ✓ Miguel Gomez and Timothy D. Novak Sr. were reappointed to **Healthsource Saginaw** with terms to expire December 31, 2028
- ✓ Darwin Baranski and Delena Spates-Allen were reappointed to **Parks & Recreation** with terms to expire January 1, 2029

CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that the day after the November Board Meeting the Commission on Aging held its ribbon cutting at the Marie E. Davis Senior Center. Along with himself and Vice-Chair Little, commissioners Webster, Matthews and Piotrowski were in attendance as well as several employees. Administrator Hannah, Bill Stanuszek, Mary McLaughlin, and Kelly Suppes were there supporting Jessica Sargent and the Commission on Aging. Chairman Tany said that during Jessica's remarks, she gave a shout out to Maintenance Director, Tony DePelsMaeker and his crew, which was nice.
- ❖ Chairman Tany reported that the very next day, November 20th, was the dedication of the new warming house at Hoyt Park, which was a Memorial Cup Legacy Project of the Saginaw Spirit. He and Administrator Hannah were there along with Treasurer Novak and Parks Director, Brian Keenan-Lechel, who had a speaking part in the program.

- ❖ Chairman Tany announced that on Wednesday, December 3rd, he attended the Saginaw County Township Association's Holiday meeting in Frankenmuth. Commissioner Spitzer, Clerk Guerra, Deputy Clerk Bostwick and the Honorable Judge McGraw were also in attendance. He thanked them for representing Saginaw County.
- ❖ Chairman Tany thanked those who served as judges for the Commissioner's Cup, our Employee of the Year Award. He and Administrator Hannah, Commissioners Webster and Slodowski, the Honorable Judge Gafkay, Treasurer Novak, and Jaime Ceja chose the winners.
- ❖ Chairman Tany and Commissioner Webster were at the most recent STAR Court graduation on December 11th. He stated that he goes to support the graduates, The Honorable Judge Trice, and the program. He acknowledged Judge Trice for the time, effort and passion he puts into the STAR program and stated that attending is his way of thanking him.
- ❖ Chairman Tany announced he has been pushing for a display case to be installed in the atrium at the Dow Event Center to display the 3 different awards Saginaw County won for the Memorial Cup. The hockey jersey that the Saginaw Spirit gave, our updated logo, and a plate with the commissioner's names and the Administrator's name will be displayed. The Building Authority saw value in it and voted to approve it. Chairman Tany guaranteed that it will be our display case, not the Saginaw Spirit's display case.

COMMISSIONER AUDIENCES

- ❖ Commissioner Kaczynski announced that this is his first full year on the Board, and he has really enjoyed the experience. He congratulated Chairman Tany on a successful Christmas party last Friday and hopes we can do this for years to come.
- ❖ Commissioner Webster quoted Judge Trice, "Success is a journey, not the destination." Commissioner Webster spoke to the board about the eloquence with which Judge Trice spoke to graduates and recommended others go to the graduations to hear him.
- ❖ Commissioner Little thanked everyone for their involvement in the employee holiday party.
- ❖ Commissioner Coney announced that 30 backpacks were donated by the NAACP that will be filled with supplies and donated to students in need.
- ❖ Commissioner Spitzer attended the Saginaw Township Business Association on Thursday, December 11th. He appreciated that in lieu of admission cost, canned goods were collected to donate to the East Side Soup Kitchen. He acknowledged the McDonald Auto Group for raising \$5,000.

ADMINISTRATOR REMARKS

- ❖ Administrator Hannah recommended commissioners read the New York Times Athletic magazine article *Three days with the Saginaw Spirit, where being different is the name of the game* written by Scott Wheeler.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah announced that the State House is pulling back Works funding. Funds have already been spent with the expectation that they would be reimbursed. She urged commissioners to reach out and get information from Michigan Association of Counties (MAC).
- ❖ Administrator Hannah shared the good news that Best Friends Animal Society, a national organization, is placing two fellows at Saginaw County Animal Care & Control and the cost will be paid for by Best Friends.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah informed the Board that discussions are on going about how to best use the space in the lower level of the courthouse. Only half of the space that was once used is still being used for storage.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah stated that audit work will begin shortly and she will update the Board next month.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah said the last CBA negotiations with Sheriff Deputies began this week.
- ❖ Administrator Hannah let the Board know that she is excited about the new Deputy Administrator Position and she has had great candidates apply. She disclosed the Benefits and Retirement Administrator position is being filled as well.

- ❖ Administrator Hannah advised that once she has the cost allocation of the regional Medical Examiner's office, she will bring it to the Budget/Audit committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

SAGINAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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