

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
**Board of Commissioners**  
OF SAGINAW COUNTY, MICHIGAN



JANUARY SESSION 2026



**F**irst Day of the January Session of the Board of Commissioners of Saginaw County, Michigan, held Tuesday, January 6, 2026. The Board met pursuant to call of the County Clerk at 5:02 p.m.

Clerk Guerra took roll, and a quorum was present as follows:

**PRESENT:** Christopher S. Boyd, Lisa R. Coney, Denny M. Harris, Gerald D. Little, Sheldon Matthews, Mark S. Piotrowski, Tracey L. Slodowski, Richard A. Spitzer, Jack B. Tany, Michael A. Webster - **10**

**ABSENT:** John Kaczynski - **1**

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

**OTHERS:** Mary Catherine Hannah, Vanessa Guerra, Dave Gilbert, Bill Smith, Sam Tany, Katie Tany, Joe Tany, Brian Keenan-Lechel, Kelly Suppes, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Mary McLaughlin, Suzy Koepplinger, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks and others

➤ Commissioner Coney opened the meeting with a prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

God, may this new year open before us like a sunrise—full of light, possibility, and the chance to begin again. Give us the courage to release what weighed us down, the grace to forgive—others and ourselves, and the wisdom to carry forward the lessons we’ve learned. Bless our homes, our families, and our neighbors. Strengthen the bonds between us so no one in our community feels alone. Help us to see the good in one another, to speak with kindness, and to act with compassion. When challenges come, give us resilience. When opportunities appear, give us boldness. When we are tired, give us rest. And when we are grateful, remind us to say thank you. May we be generous with our time, gentle with our words, and faithful to what is right and just. Guide our steps in the year ahead—toward healing, toward hope, and toward the best versions of ourselves. May peace fill our hearts, love guide our actions, and joy surprise us often. Amen.



## CLERK'S CALL OF SESSION

### Public Notice of Board Sessions

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

### Public Notice of Board Sessions

The Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its Organizational Session on  
**Tuesday, January 6, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to Article I of the 2025 Board Rules, the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners will convene for its organizational meeting to elect the Vice Chair for the ensuing year. Requests for Public Comment (Audiences) must be made to the Board of Commissioners Office at (989) 790-5267 or by email to boc@saginawcounty.com prior to 12:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. Please include your phone number and topic.

This meeting is being held consistent with P.A. 267 of 1976 (MCL 15.263) to consider the January 6, 2026 Board Agendas.

If you are disabled and need accommodation to provide you with an opportunity to participate, please call the Board of Commissioners at 989.790.5267.

Respectfully submitted,

Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk

Dec. 26, 2025

Posted 12-26-25 by SEK

***By the Chair: That the Notice of Meeting from the County Clerk be received and filed if there are no objections. The Chair hears none; it is so ordered.***

- Chairman Tany disclosed a significant error in MLive's reporting concerning the 2025 vice chairman of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners. He expressed the importance of accurate reporting and stated he was insulted for Vice-Chair Little. Chairman Tany invited commissioners to refer members of the media to him if they prefer not to speak to them.

## ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chairman Tany opened nominations for vice-chairman. Commissioner Boyd placed in nomination the name of the present (2025) vice-chairman, Gerald Little. The Chair called for further nominations and there were none. ***By Commissioner Coney, seconded by Commissioner Slodowski; that nominations are closed, and a unanimous ballot is cast for Commissioner Little as Vice Chair of the Board for the ensuing year and the motion carried.*** Chairman Tany announced Gerald Little, with unanimous votes cast, as Vice-Chair of the Board of Commissioners for the ensuing year.

## APPROVAL OF 2026 BOARD RULES

Chairman Tany asked for a motion to adopt the current 2025 Rules of the Board of Commissioners, with the meeting schedule for 2026, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees. ***Matthews moved, seconded by Coney, to approve the 2026 Rules of the Board. Motion carried.***



## APPROVAL OF 2026 COMMITTEE AND BOARD SCHEDULE

Chairman Tany asked for a motion to adopt the 2026 Committee and Board Session Schedule of the Board of Commissioners, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees.

***Matthews moved, seconded by Coney, to approve the 2026 Committee and Board Session Schedule of the Board of Commissioners, pending review by the Primary Standing Committees. Motion carried.***

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE CHAIR

- Chairman Tany asked that Commissioner John Kaczynski be kept in thoughts and prayers as his absence was due to medical testing.
- Chairman Tany announced that Rules Committee is scheduled to meet at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Second Day's Board Session at 5:00 p.m. on January 20, 2026. Reorganization of committees will be on the Rules Committee Agenda.

## AUDIENCES

- Civil Counsel, Dave Gilbert, announced a Toast to the Chair party would be held at the Trillium Banquet Center immediately after the meeting adjourns.

***By Commissioner Coney, seconded by Vice-Chair Little: That the Board adjourn. Motion carried. Thereupon the Board adjourned at 5:10 p.m.***

**JACK B. TANY  
CHAIRMAN**

**VANESSA GUERRA  
COUNTY CLERK**

Prepared by: Renee Sharkey, Deputy Clerk

