

MINUTES

RULES COMMITTEE

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Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

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

Present: Jack Tany - Chairman, Christopher Boyd, Sheldon Matthews, Denny Harris, Michael Webster
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Gilbert Ramirez II, Dave Gilbert, Koren Thurston, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Jaime Ceja, Suzy Koeplinger, Renee Sharkey, and Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to Order – **Chairman Tany at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome – Roll Call
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**January 20, 2026**)
 - **Moved by Boyd, seconded by Harris, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public Comment – *None*
- V. Agenda
 1. Consideration and discussion of proposed amendments to the Board Rules (*Attached*)
 - Sec. 1.3 Added “The election of Chair and/or Vice-Chair shall be by voice vote, **hand vote, or roll call vote as determined by the Chair.**” (~~1905 LA 653~~)
 - Sec. 2.4 Strike text after July in the last line “~~..and the annual meeting will be held in accordance with State Statute.~~”
 - Sec. 3.1, Order of Business
 - (9) Amendment of Committee Reports:
 - ~~Human Services Committee~~
 - **Courts and Public Safety Committee**
 - ~~County Services Committee~~
 - ~~Budget/Audit Committee~~
 - ~~Labor Relations Committee~~
 - ~~Legislative Committee~~
 - ~~Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee~~
 - **County Services Committee (CSC & HSC combined)**
 - **Finance & Human Resources Committee (Budget/Audit & Labor combined)**
 - Executive Committee
 - Rules Committee
 - Special Committees
 - (14) **Administrator Remarks**
 - (15) Adjournment
 - Commissioner Matthews inquired what will happen to the members of committees that are displaced when the committees combine. Chairman Tany clarified that restructuring will be done in a way that is as fair as possible.
 - It was requested that Intergovernmental Cooperation Committee meet as needed.

- Discussion was held about the intention of having a Committee of the Whole meeting every month. It was recommended that a Committee of the Whole be called by the Chair of the Board, as needed, with the Vice-Chair of the Board being the Chair of this committee.
- **Motion by Boyd, seconded by Webster, to add a new section (9.6) to add language that a “Monthly Work Session” would convene on the second Tuesday of every month, consisting of the full Board of Commissioners. Motion Carried.**

Discussion was held at the previous meeting, and a motion was made to add a “Conflict of Interest” statement in the Board Rules. See options below.

➤ Article V, Conduct of Members

Current Board Rule

Section 5.9 A member who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a specific business transaction or contract with the County, must make the Board cognizant of said interest and it shall be recorded in the Minutes; and further, the business transaction or contract shall not be allowed until approved by two-thirds (2/3rds) (8) of the full membership without the vote of the public servant making the disclosure. (Contracts of Public Servants Public Entities Act, P.A. 1 of 1984, MCL 15.321 et seq.)

Proposed by Administrator

Members of the Board of Commissioners, Elected Officials, Administrator, persons appointed to serve on any board or commissions, and all staff are required to disclose all interests that could result in a conflict. It is the responsibility of such persons to administer the County’s affairs honestly and economically, exercising their best care, skill, and judgment for the benefit of the County. It is the responsibility of the Administrator to make full disclosure of any interest that might result in a conflict on their part, and the Board of Commissioners makes a like requirement of those appointed to various boards and commissioners, staff members with administrative responsibilities, and all County staff, and forbids any material conflict of interest on the part of such persons.

Proposed by Civil Counsel

A member of the county board of commissioners shall not be interested directly or indirectly in any contract or other business transaction with the county, or a board, office, or commission thereof, during the time for which he is elected or appointed, nor for one year thereafter unless the contract or transaction has been approved by 3/4 of the members of the county board of commissioners and so shown on the minutes of the board together with a showing that the board is cognizant of the member's interest. This prohibition is not intended to apply to appointments or employment by the county, or its officers, boards, committees, or other authority, which appointments and employment shall be governed by the provisions of section 30a of this act. (MCL 46.30)

- ***Motion by Webster, seconded by Boyd, to update Section 5.9 to replace current language with proposed language by Civil Counsel, Dave Gilbert. Motion carried.***

2. Approval of all other amendments
 - ***Motion by Webster, seconded by Matthews, to approve all other proposed amendments to the Board Rules. Motion carried.***
 3. Any other matters brought to the committee – None
- VI. Miscellaneous – Commissioner Matthews announced the July 15, 2026 Ice Cream Social. He requested donations from anyone (commissioners and elected officials) who want to be a part of it. There is no set amount for donations this year.
- VII. Adjournment
 - ***Moved by Harris, seconded by Boyd, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:56 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Tany, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk