

MINUTES

BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Christopher Boyd – Chair, Tracey Slodowski – Vice-Chair, Michael Webster, Jack Tany
Absent: John Kaczynski
Others: Vanessa Guerra, Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Darcie Totten, Kelly Suppes, Jaime Ceja, Shiela Little, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks and others

- I. Call to Order – ***Chair Boyd at 4:02 p.m.***
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***February 5, 2026***)
 - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Comment – None
 - Commissioner Webster was acknowledged as a “celebrity” regarding his appearance in the State of the City address, where he was captured in a photo showing excellent form in a pickleball game.
- V. Agenda
 1. Koren Thurston, Finance Director, re:
 - **3-17-9** Approval of Vendor Transactions, Feb. 1 – 28, 2026 - \$9,224,136.23
 - ***Moved by Slodowski, seconded by Webster, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
 - **3-17-10** Submitting the Monthly Financial Statement for February 2026
 - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Webster, to approve. Motion carried. (Receive & file)***
 - Chair Boyd started a discussion about millages. He said the 911 Board will not be requesting an increase in the next 2 years. Millage money can be used for radio replacement, to create a cushion to prevent service interruptions and for capital expenses. They rely on a fund balance for purchasing equipment and for replacement of costly equipment. Fees are used for daily general operations. The comment was made that there are millages up for renewal within the next 3-4 years. Administrator Hannah noted that in the next 3-4 years, due to HealthSource (hospital debt) dropping off and the fact that pensions are also dropping off, there should be some financial relief.
 2. Christina Harrington, Health Officer, Health Department, re:
 - **3-17-11** Presentation by Dr. Shiela Little, CEO of Shaping Solutions LLC, to update the committee on her funded project called Project HOPE, per the requirements of the contract between the County of Saginaw and Shaping Solutions LLC
 - Presentation was given by Dr. Little regarding Project HOPE. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for this service in Saginaw County. They asked about the sustainability of the program. Dr. Little is looking for grants, partnerships with nonprofit organizations, and other funding. The focus of the program is prevention and stopping people from relapsing. It was questioned whether prevention or treatment is the better investment. Year-over-year data was also requested and that health data, law enforcement data, and mental health data, pertaining to opioid issues, be measured and that all these groups be treated.

Chair Boyd stated that to be effective in treatment, since these areas overlap, it's important not to exclude any of them.

- Dr. Little requested \$38,452 in additional funds. Administrator Hannah directed her to send the request to BeWell and the Health Department can return to the Board with the request.

3. Any other matters to come before the committee – None

VI. Miscellaneous

- Administrator Hannah informed the committee that the audit is going much smoother this year than last year, and a report will be ready before the Board Session.

VII. Adjournment

- ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Webster, to adjourn; time being 4:54 p.m.***

Respectfully Submitted,
Christopher Boyd, Committee Chair
Vanessa Guerra, County Clerk