

AGENDA
COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
111 S. Michigan Ave., Room 200, Saginaw MI 48602
Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Members: Christopher Boyd - Chair, Sheldon Matthews – Vice-Chair, Mark Piotrowski, Rich Spitzer, Jack Tany

Others: Administrator, Finance Director, Civil Counsel, Board Staff, *Media*

- I. Call to order
- II. Welcome/Roll-call
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***October 7, 2025 – Attached***)
- IV. Public comment
 - *Speakers limited to 3 minutes*
- V. Agenda
 1. **Rachel Horton, Director, SCACCRC**, re:
 - **1-20-3** Update on Animal Care & Control operations (*Receive & File*)
 2. **Tracey Slodowski, Chair of Animal Control Advisory Council**, re:
 - **1-20-4** Requesting approval of amendments to the Animal Control Advisory Council's Bylaws (*Board Report*)
 3. Any other matters to come before the committee
- VI. Miscellaneous
- VII. Adjournment

MINUTES
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DRAFT

Present: Christopher Boyd - Chair, Sheldon Matthews – Vice-Chair, Mark Piotrowski, Rich Spitzer, Jack Tany

Others: Mary Catherine Hannah, Koren Thurston, Dave Gilbert, Christopher Manriquez, Mary McLaughlin, Jaime Ceja, Eric Snidersich, Dr. Noel Wagner, Steve Fenner, Renee Sharkey, and Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to order – **Chair Boyd at 4:02 p.m.**
- II. Welcome/Roll-call
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**August 5, 2025**) [*Sept. meeting cancelled*]
 - ***Moved by Piotrowski, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public comment – **None**
- V. Agenda

1. **Christopher Manriquez, Operations Manager; Eric Snidersich, Vice President of Operations, Mobile Medical Response, & Dr. Noel Wagner, Saginaw-Tuscola Medical Control Authority Medical Director, re:**
 - **10-21-1** MMR Submitting its Tri-Annual Report on response times and other related information pursuant to the Ambulance Service Agreement
 - Christopher Manriquez, Eric Snidersich, and Dr. Wagner enthusiastically announced that on August 26, 2025, blood was given on an ambulance for the first time ever and it happened here in Saginaw County. Due to specialty refrigerators installed on supervisor units, the hospital's blood (O+) is now available on scene, so the patient is able to receive it sooner. By administering blood this way, the amount of blood used in the hospital is reduced by 30% on average. A collaboration with MyMichigan Medical and Covenant HealthCare enables unused blood to be returned to the hospital. There is 1 supervisor unit on duty 24/7. The responding crew begins the process so the blood can be used when the supervisor arrives. There is discussion about adding blood to additional ambulances and the possible addition of plasma. EMS continues to improve processes based on evidence of effectiveness. By using trauma data and the efficacy of the military getting blood to the soldier rather than bring the soldier to the blood, when the FDA approved MMR as distributors, the process was implemented. At the time of this meeting, blood product from an ambulance had been used 4 times.
 - Commissioners were invited to MEDCOM Open House Thursday, November 6th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. to tour the updated space and meet the team. Light refreshments will be provided. RSVPs are requested by October 22nd.
 - It was discussed that ambulances can be seen parked in various places because they are spaced out to provide coverage in a larger area while waiting for a call.
(Receive & File)

2. **Undersheriff Gomez, Sheriff's Office**, re: Update on current jail project and fundraiser

- Undersheriff Gomez informed the committee that one of their own, a female deputy, has been diagnosed with cancer. Breast cancer awareness products were purchased, and Sheriff Department staff can purchase and wear the products for \$5 a week for all of October and November in support of and to raise money for an American Cancer Society donation in the deputy's name. Commissioners asked the prices of the products and if Undersheriff Gomez would order more so they can purchase them; Chair Boyd requested a pink knit cap like the ones worn by road patrol deputies (\$6).
- A basketball hoop will be installed in the recreation area to offer a resource for incarcerated juveniles. The Corrections Officer will be one member of the one-on-one team.
- Undersheriff Gomez discussed bed space and disclosed that the "Feds" have not used the number of beds that were anticipated. They have not been contacted about any raids in Saginaw. The Sheriff Department has always assisted but has not partnered with the Feds by making deputies their agents. Incarceration numbers are down but steady at 6 beds. Presently, there are 4 out-of-county inmates being housed at \$300/day. Juvenile bed space is making up for the shortage and Saginaw County juveniles will always be taken in before out-of-county inmates.

(Informational-no action)

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

VI. Miscellaneous – **None**

VII. Adjournment – **Matthews moved, seconded by Piotrowski, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 4:39 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Boyd, Committee Chair
Renee Sharkey, Committee Clerk

****Saginaw County Animal Care & Control**

Department Updates & Recent Wins**

1-20-3

Recent Wins & Celebrations

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Expanded Business Hours

To better serve the public and improve access to services, SCACC has expanded business hours:

- **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:** 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
- **Saturday:** 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- **Wednesday:** Closed to the public for training, deep cleaning, and operational work

These hours improve access for working families and increase opportunities for adoptions, reunifications, and community support.

Shelter Capacity & Adoption Momentum

We have seen consistent, measurable improvements in shelter capacity and animal movement:

- **November 3:** 27 open kennels
- **November 10:** 22 open kennels
- **November 17:** 21 open kennels
- **November 24 – Present:**
 - Consistently **15–20 open kennels across aisles**
 - Animals are being adopted out quickly and regularly

We are currently managing **expected municipal bottlenecks**, including:

- Stray hold requirements

- Medical pauses
- Court and legal cases

While these factors can temporarily slow intake, staff continue refining workflows so **intake and outcomes move at the same pace**, maintaining compliance while preventing overcrowding.

Department Updates

Organizational Restructuring (Started October 2025)

In October, SCACC began a strategic organizational restructuring to better align staffing with the services we provide.

- Shifted from a flat structure to one with **stronger middle management**
- Improved supervision, accountability, and consistency
- Better alignment between field operations, shelter care, medical, and community programs

This restructuring has been **very successful** and has already resulted in:

- Clearer lines of responsibility
 - Improved communication across shifts
 - More consistent decision-making
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Upcoming Staffing

We will soon be hiring:

- **One Animal Control Officer**
- **One Animal Control Officer Supervisor**

These positions will:

- Increase field response capacity

- Strengthen supervision, training, and consistency
- Improve coordination between enforcement, shelter operations, and community support

This directly supports public safety and prevention efforts.

Best Friends Embed Project (No Cost to the County)

SCACC has been accepted into an **Embed Project** with **Best Friends Animal Society**.

Best Friends has evaluated our shelter multiple times over the years and identified SCACC as having strong potential for long-term, sustainable improvement. Based on those assessments, they selected us for this highly competitive program.

What This Means

- 1–2 Best Friends professionals will work **onsite for approximately six months**
- Hands-on collaboration focused on systems, training, and consistency
- **No cost to SCACC or the County**
 - Best Friends covers relocation, wages, and program costs

Focus Areas

- Owner-requested euthanasia protocols
- Managed intake standardization
- Daily medical and behavior rounds
- Pathway planning at intake
- Shelter medicine workflows and scheduling

Best Friends has expressed strong confidence in SCACC and views this project as an opportunity to help position our shelter as a **model for Michigan** in animal control and community-based programming.

Michigan State University Partnership – Shelter Medicine & Spay/Neuter

SCACC is also moving forward with a partnership with **Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine**.

Partnership Highlights

- MSU will bring a **mobile spay/neuter bus** to Saginaw
- Veterinary students will perform supervised surgeries on shelter animals
- Students gain early, hands-on exposure to:
 - Shelter medicine
 - High-quality spay/neuter
 - Municipal animal control operations

This partnership benefits animals, students, and the community while strengthening SCACC's role as a **training and regional resource hub**.

Managed Intake & Community Impact

SCACC has implemented a **managed intake system** to ensure animals enter the shelter safely, intentionally, and in alignment with capacity.

- Prioritizes public safety, cruelty cases, and animals in immediate danger
- Prevents crisis-level overcrowding
- Supports faster movement to adoption, rescue, or reunification

This approach has been **significantly successful**, allowing us to:

- Reduce length of stay
- Improve outcomes
- Offer resources and alternatives to community members when appropriate

Managed intake balances **enforcement with prevention**, supporting both public safety and animal welfare.

COURTS & PUBLIC SAFETY

Tracey Slodowski, Chair
Kelli Scorsone, Vice-Chair
Demetrios Scott, Secretary

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1-20-4

January 6, 2026

Christopher S. Boyd, Chair
Courts & Public Safety Committee

Re: Amendments to ACC Advisory Council Bylaws

On behalf of the Animal Control Advisory Council, I am submitting the attached amendments to our Bylaws for review and approval of the Courts & Public Safety Committee at its January 13, 2026 meeting. If approved, please then submit to the full board session in January.

Best regards,
Tracey Slodowski

Tracey Slodowski, Chair
Saginaw County Animal Control Advisory Council

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Attachment enclosed

BYLAWS

SAGINAW COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADVISORY COUNCIL

ARTICLE I - OFFICES

SECTION 1.1 Title of Council. The title of the Council shall be the Animal Control Advisory Council, hereinafter referred to as "Council," which is a Council appointed by the Board of Commissioners, Saginaw County, Michigan, with offices located at 111 South Michigan Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan, 48602.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

SECTION 2.1 General Purpose and Goals. The primary function of the Council is that of an advisory board to the Saginaw County Animal Control Department and the Saginaw County Commissioners, in matters concerning the animals of this community. It is the goal of this Council to foster healthy, constructive relationships between the public, the Animal Control Department, veterinarians, private animal welfare groups, individuals involved in agriculture, and any other individual or group who interact with animals on a regular basis.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

SECTION 3.1 Place of Meetings. All meetings of the Council shall be held at the Saginaw County Animal Care & Control Resource Center, 5615 Bay Road, Saginaw, MI 48604, the fourth Tuesday of the month at 4:00PM except by majority vote at a Council meeting, members may change the location of the meetings from time to time.

SECTION 3.2 Annual Meetings. The annual meeting of the Council for the election of the officers and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the Council shall be held in the month of January, each year, commencing with January, 1993 or such other date as may be set by the Council members.

SECTION 3.3 Special Meetings. A special meeting of the Council for any purpose or purposes, unless otherwise prescribed herein, may be called at any time by the Chair and shall be called by the Chair or by the Secretary upon the written request of a majority of the Council members. Business transacted at any such special meeting shall be limited to the purposes stated in the notice thereof.

SECTION 3.4 Regular Meetings. ~~Ten~~ Regular meetings in a twelve month calendar year of the Council shall be held monthly January through December with the exception of July for the purpose of conducting the business posted on the agenda, and other business as Council member's request.

SECTION 3.5 Notice of Meetings. Except as otherwise provided herein, notice of each meeting of the Council, whether annual, regular or special, shall be given not less than twenty four hours nor more than twenty five days before the day on which the meeting is to be held to each Council member via email or if no email address exists, addressed to their post office address furnished to the Secretary for such purpose.

Every such notice shall state the time and place of the meeting and, in the case of special meetings, the purpose or purposes of such special meeting. Notice of any adjourned meeting shall be required to be given, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws. All meetings shall comply with the Open Meetings Act, Act 267 of 1976.

SECTION 3.6 Quorum. At any meeting of the Council, six members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3.7 Organization. At each meeting the Secretary or, in his/her absence, an appointee of the Chair shall act as Secretary of the meeting.

SECTION 3.8 Voting. Except as otherwise required by these Bylaws, each Council member is entitled to vote on any matter at a meeting of the Council on all issues voted upon at such meetings. The vote shall be decided by a majority of the votes cast by the members present.

SECTION 3.9 Conduct of Members. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be observed in conduct of the meeting of the Council, unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL

SECTION 4.1 Number and Term. The number of members shall be a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 11 but may from time to time be changed by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners. Members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners and shall hold office for a period of three years. After fulfilling a term, a member may be reappointed or replaced by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 4.2 Resignation. Any member of the Council may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the Chair of the Saginaw County Animal Control Advisory Council. The resignation of any member shall take effect at the time specified therein; and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 4.3 Removal. At any meeting of the Council, the members may, by a vote of a two-thirds majority of a quorum, recommend to the Chair of the Board of Commissioners that a member be removed from the Council, for just cause stated in the recommendation. The final decision on whether to implement a removal shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Board of Commissioners.

SECTION 4.4 Vacancies. Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, vacancies in the membership of the Council shall be filled by the Chair of the Board of Commissioners. The Chair of the Board of Commissioners may consider a recommendation reached through a majority vote of the Council. Any midterm vacancies will be filled for the remainder of the term.

SECTION 4.5 Compensation. There shall be no compensation for serving on the Saginaw County Animal Control Advisory Council.

SECTION 4.6 Committees. The Chair of the Council may designate two or more members to constitute a subcommittee which may study specific issues and make recommendations to the full Council to consider.

SECTION 4.7 Neglect of Duties: If any Council member has ~~missed~~ three ~~unexcused absences from~~ regularly scheduled Council meetings in a calendar year, the Advisory Council Chairperson shall notify the County Board of Commissioners in writing of this fact and request that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners institute removal of membership.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION 5.1 Number and Election. The officers of the Council shall be elected by a simple majority of the Council members and shall be a Chair, Vice Chair and a Secretary. The Council may also elect one Assistant Secretary.

SECTION 5.2 Term of Office. The officers shall be elected by the membership of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council. Each officer shall hold office until the next annual election of officers, ~~or until he/she shall resign, or until he/she shall have been removed as provided for in these Bylaws.~~

SECTION 5.3 Removal. Any officer may be removed, with cause, by the vote of a two-thirds majority of the whole Council. The removal shall only serve to replace that officer however and shall not constitute removal from membership of the Council.

SECTION 5.4 Resignation. Any officer may resign at any time giving notice in writing to the Council through the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein; and unless specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

SECTION 5.5 Vacancies. A vacancy in any office shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term by the Council.

SECTION 5.6 The Chair. The Chair shall preside over all meetings, determine agendas, and perform such other duties as necessary.

SECTION 5.7 Vice-Chair. The Vice-Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in his/her absence.

SECTION 5.8 The Secretary. The Secretary shall record or cause to be recorded all the proceedings of the meetings of the Council and shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept all records for the Council.

ARTICLE VI-AMENDMENTS

SECTION 6.1 These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted, at any meeting of the Council, after all members have received through email or regular mailing, the proposed changes to the Bylaws at least ten days in advance of the meeting they are to be considered. Changes to the Bylaws require six votes. The Bylaws shall first be approved by Council and then forwarded to the Board of Commissioners for final approval.

Adopted by the Animal Control Advisory Committee	June 3.19 92
Adopted by the Courts & Public Safety Committee	June 4. 1992
Adopted by the Board of Commissioners	June 16. 1992
Adopted by the Animal Control Advisory Committee	July 24. 2013
Adopted by the Courts & Public Safety Committee	August 7. 2013
Adopted by the Board of Commissioners	August 20, 2013
Adopted by the Animal Control Advisory Committee	March 19, 2014
Adopted by the Animal Control Advisory Council	January 17, 2024
Adopted by the Courts & Public Safety Committee	February 6, 2024