

# MINUTES

## BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

**Thursday, February 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, Denny Harris, Andrew Klaczkiwicz, Darcie Totten, Connie Sullivan, Patricia Johnson, Renee Sharkey, Catherine Hicks

- I. Call to Order – ***Chair Boyd at 4:02 p.m.***
- II. Welcome – Roll Call
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (***January 15, 2026***)
  - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried.***
- IV. Public Comment – **None**
- V. Agenda
  1. Koren Thurston, Finance Director, re:
    - **2-17-7** Approval of Vendor Transactions, Jan. 1 – 31, 2026 - \$13,512,121.05
    - ***Moved by Webster, seconded by Tany, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
  
    - **2-17-8** Submitting the Monthly Financial Statement for January 2026 (***Received & Filed***)
  2. Connie Sullivan, Accounting Supervisor, Health Department, re:
    - **2-17-9** Requesting approval to accept \$422,355 in additional grant funds from MDHHS (labeled ELC Regional Lab) for FY26 and to amend the budget accordingly.
    - Connie Sullivan confirmed that the equipment purchased with the grant will be moved to the new location when the Health Department relocates.
    - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
  
    - Requesting approval to establish and add the following fees to the Health Department’s fee schedule:
      - Driver’s License Testing Fee – \$50
      - Blood Lead Testing Fee – Medicaid Reimbursement Rate
    - Connie Sullivan reported that the Medicaid reimbursement rate is presently \$10.03. The Health Department would like to be able to raise their Blood Lead Testing Fee as the Medicaid rate goes up without having to get Board approval.
    - ***Moved by Tany, seconded by Slodowski, to approve. Motion carried. (Board Report)***
  3. Discussion of commissioner compensation and reinstating access to County benefits previously provided to Commissioners

- Discussion was held; Commissioner Boyd conducted an informal survey in which (10) ten commissioners responded. The Budget/Audit Committee Chair did not wish to receive health and life insurance benefits. The Finance Director provided a very rough estimate of the cost of providing health insurance and life insurance to the Board members. It was confirmed that commissioners would not have to wait until open enrollment because they would not have been eligible for health insurance up to this point, which is considered a change in circumstance. There was also discussion regarding the impact that offering county insurance would have on a commissioners' ability to access the marketplace for health insurance. Further discussion will be held at the Strategic Planning meeting on February 9, 2026.

4. Any other matters to come before the committee – Commissioner Slodowski introduced a family promoting the Intentional Collaborative Community Connection IC3 Program. They stressed the need for safe, affordable and inclusive housing for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and announced an open house meeting at Frankenmuth Credit Union in Frankenmuth on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They are seeking county, business and community support.

VI. Miscellaneous – **None**

VII. Adjournment

- ***Moved by Webster, seconded by Tany, to adjourn; time being 4:44 p.m.***

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