

Section 1115 Demonstration Extension Application

Healthy Michigan Plan
Project No. 11-W-00245/5

Attachment #2 Public Notice

Public Notice

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Behavioral and Physical Health and Aging Services Administration

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MDHHS seeks the continuation of the following waivers of state plan requirements contained in §1902 of the Social Security Act, subject to the Special Terms & Conditions for the HMP §1115 Demonstration:

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Public Hearing, Review of Documents, and Comment Submission

A public hearing for this demonstration extension application is scheduled as part of the Medical Care Advisory Council Meeting from 1:00pm to 3:30pm on Wednesday August 24, 2022.

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REPORT

State's emergency response gets mixed marks

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“State government did not effectively employ unified command,” it found, as not enough people were trained in Michigan’s emergency response system.

Regarding the preliminary finding, Tidal Basin told MLive: “Several data points, including ones associated with Unified Command, are still being received and analyzed.”

Michigan’s deputy director of emergency management, state police Capt. Kevin Sweeney, countered the criticism of unified command problems. He said his team is working on responding to Tidal Basin’s draft so it “adequately summarizes” Michigan’s response.

“The draft report included incomplete sections that did not account for final processes that were ultimately put into place, such as a chain of command,” Sweeney said.

There was “a very strong unified chain of command” across state departments, he added, “to make the best decisions guided by the data and science that was known at the time.”

The draft report also found, “Vertical coordination between state and local officials can be improved, as the timing of state policy and its impact on local implementation emerged as a source of tension.”

THE STRUGGLES

- Other areas for improvement:
- Michigan’s existing influenza pandemic response plan “did not sufficiently address a pandemic with the severity, geographic reach and duration of COVID-19.”
- The state had “limited remote work policies,” which did not live up to the new challenge of managing so many remote workers.
- Underinvestment in state government technology initially prevented “efficient data analysis to inform policy and response decisions.”
- A state spending freeze early in the pandemic, plus challenges in getting emergency funds to state agencies, “complicated response efforts.”
- In communications, “siloe decision-making” delayed some messages.

Sweeney said his division “will continue to update our emergency preparedness processes” to be ready for future crises.

The draft report recommends Michigan improve coordination across departments and implement policies to reflect new workplace dynamics. Other personnel, equipment and software investments are suggested to improve in-person, hybrid and virtual operations.

The report, which notes it is “unbiased” and “informational,” was commissioned last October. It also notes 84% of participating departments and agencies have or plan to do their own pandemic after-action report.

OTHER ANALYSIS

Michigan State Police had to enforce public health orders, and the draft report notes: “Some enforcement measures were unpopular” among citizens.

But it applauded the state police’s emergency man-



A bicyclist crosses the a street in Kalamazoo on March 25, 2020, the second day of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order. Disaster preparedness firm Tidal Basin is analyzing the state’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. MLive.com files

agement and homeland security division for providing COVID-19 updates to the public and tracking and allocating shipments of personal protective equipment, masks, face shields and other items used against biological hazards.

The draft notes Michigan’s emergency operations center usually manages events that last for weeks or months, and other incidents that happened during the pandemic — such as “dam failures, extreme weather and civil unrest” — caused the emergency management and homeland security division to divert resources. The division was still “prepared” to handle the non-pandemic responses.

The Department of Health and Human Services, which the draft report calls the “nexus” of Michigan’s response, was pushed “to the limit” to meet the needs of the once-in-a-generation health crisis.

The governor’s office was recognized for expanding its staff to meet the pandemic’s demands, promoting Michigan’s vaccination campaign and starting a task force to address racial health care disparities.

Whitmer’s office also enabled rapid decisions by instituting a unique incident command structure, known as “P-leads,” the draft report says.

The Department of State was recognized for keeping up

its licensing program, including assisting private employers with commercial driver’s licenses and expediting state government vehicle needs to support the COVID-19 response.

Other agencies and departments analyzed include education, labor, aging, veterans’ affairs, environment, agriculture and transportation.

ELECTION 2022

Trump rallies for his preferred candidates

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The Trump-endorsed trio is running to defeat the Democrats in their respective offices.

Dixon spent her time on stage with Trump noting that a reporter had asked her if she was a “mean girl,” then satirized a line from the early-2000s comedy of the same name, saying, “stop trying to make reelection happen, Gretchen.”

“We’re not going to let our kids be radicalized, we’re not going to let our kids be sexualized,” Dixon said. “We’re not going to let our law enforcement be demonized, and we’re not going to tell our businesses they can’t expand.”

Dixon told reporters she had spoken with Trump briefly before he went on stage and he met her four daughters.

Trump painted a portrait of a nation on the precipice of economic ruin and cultural desecration at the hands of Democrats. The final stretch of his nearly two-hour address was a eulogy — with musical backing — for a country that once was, which, according to Trump, has disappeared since he left office.

“It never would have happened with me as your commander-in-chief,” Trump said. “And for four long years, it never did happen.”

Violent crimes like murders and aggravated assaults are up in Michigan since Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel took office in 2019, and Trump said DePerno will crack down.

“He’s tough and smart and he’s going to bring this state back,” Trump said.

When invited on stage, DePerno said he — like Trump — is being “investigated by the radical left” as they “weaponize their offices and attack Republicans.” A special prosecutor is currently mulling charges after Nessel’s office alleged DePerno is “one of the prime instigators” in a “conspiracy” to tamper with vote tabulators.

He applauded Trump on Saturday for appointing conservative Supreme Court justices that overturned Roe v. Wade, and he said Nessel is a “coward” for not doing enough on drug trafficking and refusing to debate him.

“I will fight for you,” DePerno said. “I will fight against the radical left. I will fight for parental rights in this state. I will fight for election integrity. And I will bring crime down across the state and make your community safe again.”

Karamo took the stage after DePerno and rejected being called a “conspiracy theorist” for believing that widespread fraud taints Michigan elections and cost Trump the win in 2020. Trump, in fact, did not win, as hundreds of audits and a Republican-led state Senate report have confirmed.

“The vote counter in our country is, in my opinion, far more important than the candidate,” Trump said of Karamo’s candidacy.

Her critics “are waging war on our sovereignty,” Karamo said before criticizing Proposal 2, a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would expand voting rights and access. She instead wants to tighten Michigan’s election laws, such as ensuring stricter ID



Former President Donald Trump speaks at the Save America Rally at Macomb Community College Center on Saturday. Ryan Sun, MLive.com

laws.

“We will have a sweeping and decisive victory in November and take those three psychopaths out of Lansing,” Karamo said.

Polling, however, suggests Trump’s Michigan trio needs all the help it can get. Dixon, DePerno and Karamo face 16-point, nine-point and 14-point deficits, respectively, according to an EPIC-MRA poll conducted in mid-September.

Other speakers Saturday included Michigan congressional candidates John James, Paul Junge and Lisa McClain, plus Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene. Trump also recognized GOP state Reps. Matt Maddock and Steve Carra in the crowd.

Trump focused most of the night criticizing Democrats nationwide, recalling the accomplishments of his presidency and complaining of “persecution” by the Jan. 6 committee, New York’s attorney general and more.

He also complained about increasing inflation, high gas prices and border security. And he said “radical Democrats” threaten gun rights, religious liberty and free speech and will “indoctrinate” kids.

Macomb County was an important swing area that switched from Obama to Trump in 2016 and then stood by the president in 2020. But Trump continued to spread false claims about a “rigged and stolen election” in Michigan and nationwide nearly 700 days after losing to Joe Biden.

He even falsely claimed James won his U.S. Senate race by “quite a bit” despite losing by more than 92,000 votes.

Trump also continues to flirt heavily with the idea of running for president in 2024. Saturday in Warren he said, “We might just have to do it again,” regarding winning another election. Trump added: “Oh, I think you’re going to be happy.”

“But first we have to win a historic victory for the Republican Party this November,” he said.

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ELECTION 2022

Musician, librarian competing for District 8 county board seat

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KALAMAZOO COUNTY — Democrat Stephanie Willoughby and Republican Wendy Mazer are facing off for a seat on the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners.

The winner of the Nov. 8 election will secure a two-year term on the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners.

District 8 includes Schoolcraft Township precincts 1 and 4; Texas Township precincts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Township of Prairie Ronde and villages of Schoolcraft and Vicksburg.

Willoughby, 46, is a youth services librarian. She is a board trustee for Vicksburg Community Schools. She has served and led committees while a director of Children's Ministries.

Mazer, 64, is a freelance musician and oboe teacher. She is in her third term as a Texas Township trustee (10 years). She has served as a trustee on the Portage Public Schools Board of Education.

MLive/Kalamazoo Gazette partnered with the non-partisan League of Women Voters of Michigan to provide candidate information for readers. Each candidate was asked to outline their stances on a variety of public policy issues listed below.

All responses in the voter guide were submitted directly by the candidate and have not been edited except for cuts for space; spelling and grammar were not corrected. See the responses in full at Vote411.org. Publication of candidate statements and opinions is solely in the interest of public service and should not be considered as an endorsement. The League never supports or opposes any candidates or political parties.

What specifically will you do as a Commissioner to improve the quality of life for residents of your District? How will your talents and skills enable you to succeed in these efforts?

Willoughby: I have a heart for service and always want to support those that are struggling. My campaign motto is "listen, learn, advocate."

Throughout my career whether it was in children's ministry or now as a librarian I have always worked hard to support those in need and try to find real solutions. I look forward to connecting with leadership and the residents in Kalamazoo County to discover how we can make life better, safer and healthier in our community.

Mazer: Support our law enforcement and juvenile home in the fight against violent crime.

Stay focused on local issues that we have influence over.

Support operations of our county parks.

The experience I have as an elected trustee on the Texas Township Board where I worked cooperatively

VOTER GUIDE ONLINE

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Democrat Stephanie Willoughby.



Republican Wendy Mazer.

with others on common goals to improve the quality of life in our community.

What policies and programs will you promote to enhance citizen equity and engagement in the well-being of our communities and the democratic process?

Willoughby: It can be especially challenging to transform systems that have been in place for a very long time. But we know change is necessary because many people still face discrimination, live in poverty and do not have the basics they need to be healthy. We need to engage community members who are the most affected. Real conversations will help develop trust between the commission and residents. Programs through the KCHCS, Talking is Teaching and OutFront are great examples of institutions that are listening to their stakeholders as well as those experts in the field to provide the best resources to the community.

Mazer: We need to be accessible to citizens. Communicate with the public the issues that commission is dealing with and listen to the citizens.

What are the two most significant environmental concerns in the County? What should the County do to address each of them?

Willoughby: I believe our two greatest concerns are water and air quality. Reading a variety of articles and reports it sounds to me we need to listen to our residents' concerns as well as utilize testing from outside organizations to make sure they are fair and balanced. Investments must be made for clean water and clean air. Every resident from infancy through adulthood should have access to clean water in their home.

Mazer: Flooding and Crime. The County can support the Federal and State laws on environmental issues and work together with the Townships on solutions. Support our law enforcement.

KALAMAZOO

Man found not guilty in double homicide

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Relief swept over the face of 19-year-old defendant Tikario McMillon on Friday as the jury returned verdicts of not guilty in the 2020 double killing of Katoya McPherson, 33, and Floyd Brahser Jr., 36.

McMillon, who has been in jail awaiting the outcome of his case since May 2021, was charged with the open murder of both individuals and also was facing two felony firearms charges. He was found not guilty on all four counts, Friday in Kalamazoo County Circuit Court.

After the jury failed to reach a verdict in March during a previous trial charging McMillon in the case, the teenager went before the court a second time this week on the same charges.

Between the time in which the two trials were held, McMillon's brother, D-Angelo Davis, was tried and found guilty of first degree murder in the killings of both McPherson and Brahser. The 26-year-old Davis was sentenced Aug. 5 to life in prison by Kalamazoo County Circuit Judge Paul Bridenstine, who also presided over both of McMillon's jury trials in the case.

There was no physical evidence, or motive, that tied McMillon to the crime, defense attorney Caleb Grimes argued during closing arguments Wednesday. Instead, he said, the prosecutor's office relied on testimony from McMillon's sister, Tonisha Taylor-McMillon, who had been given a plea agreement to testify.

Taylor-McMillon admitted to driving a vehicle she said had both Davis and McMillon in it to McPherson and Brahser's apartment in Kalamazoo Township — where the killings took place on Dec. 28, 2020. She testified at all three trials her two brothers were involved in.

She previously pleaded guilty to one felony count of accessory after the fact to a felony, in exchange for her testimony.

"This is a unique case," Grimes said after the verdict was given. "I think the family dynamic made it really difficult for everybody. Nobody wants to come in and testify against family, but nobody wants to spend their life in prison and I think the jury saw through that. She was doing whatever she needed to do to get home. That's understandable, and unfortunate, but that's the situation we're in and what we had to deal with."

Grimes said he was hopeful the jury — which began deliberations Wednesday — would do the right thing, and grateful that they did.

"I'm incredibly relieved, incredibly happy for Tikario," he said.

"Knowing that Tikario gets to go home today and live the rest of his life, there's no better feeling. That's why I do this job, for days like this."

Grimes credited the work of his assistants Morgan Miller and Nicholas Krause on the case.

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Sparta Township Public Notice Accuracy Test
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1:00 pm - 975 Ottawa Ave NW - Use Variance - P-BZA-2022-0005

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Notice City of Hudsonville Planning Commission
Take notice that the Hudsonville Planning Commission whose chambers are in the Hudsonville City Hall, 3275 Central Blvd., Hudsonville, Michigan and whose telephone number is 616.669.0200, will meet on:
Wednesday October 19th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Formal Final PUD
To consider the following:
MD Architects of 6470 Shadeland Ave, Suite A, Indianapolis, IN 46220 has submitted a Final Planned Unit Development Application in accordance with Article 15 Section 15.11 D of the City of Hudsonville Downtown Zoning Ordinance for a 3,574 s.f. ground floor area, 2-story addition for Jelsema Veterinary Hospital.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE 17TH CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT NOTICE OF HEARING TO AMEND LAKE LEVEL ORDER - DEAN LAKE
To Whom It May Concern:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition dated August 31, 2022 was filed with the Circuit Court for the County of Kent to, in summary, amend the lake level order for Dean Lake to raise the normal level of Dean Lake and to confirm the boundaries of a lake level special assessment district to fund lake level infrastructure necessary to maintain the court-ordered normal level for Dean Lake.

CITY OF GRANDVILLE CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS SEPTEMBER 26, 2022
PRESIDING: Mayor Steve Maas
PRESENT: Council Members Randy Gelderloos, Joshua Meringa, Justin Noordhoek, Tim Steenstra, Paul Troost, and Mayor Steve Maas
ABSENT: Council Member J.R. VanderWall
Motion to excuse Council Member J.R. VanderWall - approved
INVOCATION: Pastor Zach Rasmussen, The Rock Church Council Member
Agenda of the Regular Meeting of September 26, 2022 - approved as amended
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 12, 2022 - approved as amended
FY 2022-2023 Bills totaling \$495,252.13 - payment authorized

OTTAWA COUNTY Hudsonville city manager selected as deputy administrator

Michael Kransz mkransz@mlive.com
The city manager of Hudsonville has been selected as Ottawa County's new deputy administrator. Hudsonville City Manager Patrick Waterman was among 47 people who applied for the second-in-command position of Michigan's fastest-growing county. His contract was approved last week by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners, and he will begin as deputy administrator Nov. 21. Waterman will make \$158,000 a year in the deputy county administrator role. "I am very excited to begin this next chapter of my career," Waterman said. "I have a tremendous amount of admiration and respect for Ottawa County. Their reputation as a model of efficiency, collaboration and innovation is recognized statewide, traits that can only be attributed to the county's exceptional leadership and capable team of dedicated employees."

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Notice of Public Hearing City of Walker Planning Commission
The City of Walker Planning Commission will hold a public hearing beginning at 6:30 PM on 10/19/2022, in the Commission Chambers at Walker City Hall, located at 4243 Remembrance Road NW, Walker, Michigan 49354.
Address: 3410 4 MILE RD NW
Parcel Number: 41-13-05-200-002
Applicant: MIKE KOLAREVIC
Request: PROPOSED: 155,930 S.F. BTS DISTRIBUTION CENTER, 120 PARKING SPACES, 12 LOADING DOCKS.
Zoning District: AA , MP

CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS A PUBLIC AUCTION OF IMPOUNDED VEHICLES
Will be held on Monday, 10/17/2022 at 10:00 am at the Vehicle Storage Facility located at 1300 Market Ave SW. For further assistance call (616) 456-4665. VEHICLES TO BE OFFERED ARE LISTED BELOW AND A MINIMUM BID OF \$200 WITH A 10% BUYER'S PREMIUM IS REQUIRED. ALL SALES FINAL ALL VEHICLES AS SOLD AS IS. NO WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE. For individuals with disabilities, please call 616-456-4665 prior to the auction for assistance. Not all vehicles may be available.

ELECTION 2022

Trump rallies for his preferred candidates

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The Trump-endorsed trio is running to defeat the Democrats in their respective offices.

Dixon spent her time on stage with Trump noting that a reporter had asked her if she was a "mean girl," then satirized a line from the early-2000s comedy of the same name, saying, "stop trying to make reelection happen, Gretchen."

"We're not going to let our kids be radicalized, we're not going to let our kids be sexualized," Dixon said. "We're not going to let our law enforcement be demonized, and we're not going to tell our businesses they can't expand."

Dixon told reporters she had spoken with Trump briefly before he went on stage and he met her four daughters.

Trump painted a portrait of a nation on the precipice of economic ruin and cultural desecration at the hands of Democrats. The final stretch of his nearly two-hour address was a eulogy — with musical backing — for a country that once was, which, according to Trump, has disappeared since he left office.

"It never would have happened with me as your commander-in-chief," Trump said. "And for four long years, it never did happen."

Violent crimes like murders and aggravated assaults are up in Michigan since Democratic Attorney General Dana Nessel took office in 2019, and Trump said DePerno will crack down.

"He's tough and smart and he's going to bring this state back," Trump said.

When invited on stage, DePerno said he — like Trump — is being "investigated by the radical left" as they "weaponize their offices and attack Republicans." A special prosecutor is currently mulling charges after Nessel's office alleged DePerno is "one of the prime instigators" in a "conspiracy" to tamper with vote tabulators.

He applauded Trump on Saturday for appointing conservative Supreme Court justices that overturned Roe v. Wade, and he said Nessel is a "coward" for not doing enough on drug trafficking and refusing to



Former President Donald Trump speaks at the Save America Rally at Macomb Community College Center on Saturday. Ryan Sun, MLive.com

debate him.

"I will fight for you," DePerno said. "I will fight against the radical left. I will fight for parental rights in this state. I will fight for election integrity. And I will bring crime down across the state and make your community safe again."

Karamo took the stage after DePerno and rejected being called a "conspiracy theorist" for believing that widespread fraud taints Michigan elections and cost Trump the win in 2020. Trump, in fact, did not win, as hundreds of audits and a Republican-led state Senate report have confirmed.

"The vote counter in our country is, in my opinion, far more important than the candidate," Trump said of Karamo's candidacy.

Her critics "are waging war on our sovereignty," Karamo said before criticizing Proposal 2, a constitutional amendment on the November ballot that would expand voting rights and access. She instead wants to tighten Michigan's election laws, such as ensuring stricter ID laws.

"We will have a sweeping and decisive victory in November and take those three psychopaths out of Lansing," Karamo said.

Polling, however, suggests Trump's Michigan trio needs all the help it can get. Dixon, DePerno and Karamo face 16-point, nine-point and 14-point deficits, respectively, according to an EPIC-MRA poll conducted in mid-September.

Other speakers Saturday included Michigan congressional candidates John James, Paul Junge and Lisa McClain, plus Georgia Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene. Trump also recognized GOP state Reps. Matt Maddock and Steve Carra in the crowd.

Trump focused most of the night criticizing Democrats nationwide, recalling the accomplishments of his presidency and complaining of "persecution" by the Jan. 6 committee, New York's attorney general and more.

He also complained about increasing inflation, high gas prices and border security. And he said "radical Democrats" threaten gun rights, religious liberty and free speech and will "indoctrinate" kids.

Macomb County was an important swing area that switched from Obama to Trump in 2016 and then stood by the president in 2020. But Trump continued to spread false claims about a "rigged and stolen election" in Michigan and nationwide nearly 700 days after losing to Joe Biden.

He even falsely claimed James won his U.S. Senate race by "quite a bit" despite losing by more than 92,000 votes.

Trump also continues to flirt heavily with the idea of running for president in 2024. Saturday in Warren he said, "We might just have to do it again," regarding winning another election. Trump added: "Oh, I think you're going to be happy."

"But first we have to win a historic victory for the Republican Party this November," he said.

EDUCATION

Charter school accountability called into question

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are subject to public disclosure because charter schools are funded with public money, they don't necessarily say much about exactly how that money is being spent, how much is going toward instruction and how much toward profit.

"For years, every time we said we don't think the transparency is the same, we always get the charter school lobby coming back at us and saying, 'No, no, no, we file everything exactly the same, just like the traditionals ...,'" said Ulbrich, a Democrat. "This was an opportunity to kind of say, 'Let's put reality on the table here.'"

She doesn't blame the lack of transparency on charter schools.

"It's the Legislature's fault, because we have very poor laws in this state," she said, "and the point really is we need to recommend changes to the law so that charter schools are operating under the same transparency rules as everybody else."

That isn't to say charter school leaders agree they need to be more transparent.

"I think we've demonstrated that we are," said Daniel Quisenberry, president of the Michigan Association of Public School Academies.

He noted that, if half or more of a charter school's budget is under contract, the school is required to give an itemized account of how it's spent. By way of example, he sent finance reports from both Excel Charter Academy, a charter school in Grand Rapids, and Kentwood Public Schools.

In both cases, expenditures are broken out into line items, but the Kentwood Schools' report goes into more detail, specifying how much was spent on instruction and administration and pupil support, for instance, where the charter school's report has broader categories such as salaries, employee benefits and purchased services.

Even when charter schools are managed by a private entity, Quisenberry said, "that information is available, because information is provided from that private entity to the public board and becomes public."

Gary Miron said that's not always the case.

He is a professor of educational leadership, research and technology at Western Michigan University who has been studying charter schools for 25 years. It was his partly unsuccessful efforts to get information from charter schools that inspired the Board of Education to send FOIA requests.

He said that, 10 or 20 years ago, charter schools' contracts with education management companies typically included significant levels of financial detail, such as how much was going toward instruction, how much toward administration.

"Now, the boards don't get that level of transparency," he said, because education management companies are often the ones starting charter schools and "they go in search of a board."

The fact that Michigan allows for-profit companies to manage charter schools makes it different from most other states, said Joshua Cowen, a professor of education policy at Michigan State University who studies school choice and public sector accountability.

"Very, very few other states have for-profit entities," he said, "and many actually, absolutely prohibit it."

He called it a "problematic" mode "because it's taking the public money and there's no oversight mechanism at all."

But board member Tom McMillan compared the arrangements that charter school have with education management companies to the arrangement a traditional district might have with a roofing company.

"You can't FOIA the roofer to find out how much they pay the CEO or pay in supplies and things like that, right?" said McMillan, a Republican, at the Sept. 13 Board meeting where the results of the FOIA effort were presented.

The point, he added, "is we know what the local school district received. They received roofing."

The state Board of Education doesn't have the power to change the reporting requirements for charter schools.

But Democrats in the Legislature introduced a 22-bill package called the School Freedom, Accountability, Choice and Transparency Act in March. It would, among other things, require for-profit companies managing charter school to provide audited financial statements and make them subject to FOIA. It also would require charter school boards to ensure they're paying fair market rates on the buildings they lease.

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S-22-19 & SUP-22-06 - Linda Shephard is requesting a special use permit and site plan approval to convert a portion of the existing building at 6235 Gratiot Road into a restaurant.

Address: 6235 Gratiot Road, Saginaw, MI 48638

Tax Roll Number: 23-12-4-30-4015-000

Legal Description:

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The application, the Saginaw Township Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map are available for public inspection in the Community Development Department office during regular office hours. For further information, please contact the Community Development Department, Saginaw Township Hall, 791-9865.

Those wishing to provide comment may speak during the public comment section of the meeting. Alternatively or additionally, the public may submit comment digitally via email to bschutt@saginawtownship.net, or by written letter to the Community Development Department at 4980 Shattuck Road, Saginaw, MI 48603. Comments must be submitted by 10:00am on October 19, 2022.

Saginaw Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services to any individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this public meeting. Persons interested in such services must contact the Saginaw Township Manager's office at 4980 Shattuck Road, P.O. Box 6400, Saginaw, Michigan 48608-6400, (989) 791-9800 at least four (4) working days prior to the meeting. In the case of a special meeting where advanced notice for accommodations is not possible, every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the disabled.

Ben Gombar, Chairman Barry Nelson, Secretary

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SAGINAW TOWNSHIP

Reports of gunman at Five Below untrue

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Reports of a potentially armed man inside a Saginaw Township big box store elicited a heavy police presence, though it turns out no gun was involved.

At 12:07 p.m. Wednesday, numerous police officers responded to Five Below, 3435 Tittabawassee Road, after employees reported an armed man entered the business. As of 2 p.m., the store's entrance was cordoned off with crime scene tape as five marked Saginaw Township police vehicles and one Saginaw County Sheriff's vehicle were parked in the lot.

Officers determined the incident began with an argument between two men in the parking lot, said Saginaw Township Police Lt. Rick Herren. One of the men went into Five Below to get away from the other man, who followed him into the store.

This second man to the store an employee he had just been robbed by the first man, Herren said. The employee interpreted this meant the first man had been armed with a gun and called 911.

"There was never a gun involved," Herren said.

Police located the two men and arrested them both on drug charges unrelated to the incident.