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GOVERNOR

March 10, 2014

The Honorable Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State
Office of the Great Seal
Michigan Department of State
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Secretary Johnson:

Please be advised of the following appointments to office:

City of Benton Harbor Receivership Transition Advisory Board

Cary J. Vaughn, DeWitt, Michigan 48820, county of Clinton, representing the State Treasurer, is appointed for a term commencing March 10, 2014, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Bret Witkowski, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, county of Berrien, representing the Director of the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, is appointed for a term commencing March 10, 2014, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Sharon Hunt, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, county of Berrien, representing a member with relevant professional experience, is appointed for a term commencing March 10, 2014, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

Marvin L. Raglon, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, county of Berrien, representing a member with relevant professional experience, is appointed for a term commencing March 10, 2014, and expiring at the pleasure of the Governor.

These appointees shall take and file with the Office of the Great Seal an oath of office before commencing their duties as members of the Receivership Transition Advisory Board.

In addition to the duties assigned to a Receivership Transition Advisory Board by Section 23(5) of Public Act 436 of 2012, the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, the Benton Harbor Receivership Transition Advisory Board shall perform the following duties:

1. Fulfill the Board responsibilities outlined in Emergency Manager Order No. 14-31.
2. Recommend amendments, modifications, repeal, or termination of Emergency Manager Order No. 14-31, or any other Benton Harbor Emergency Manager orders, to the Treasurer of the State of Michigan. Recommended amendments, modifications, repeal, or termination of Emergency Manager Orders must be approved by the Treasurer before any such modification becomes effective.
3. Conduct a formal annual evaluation of the City's operational and financial progress by identifying strengths, weaknesses, benchmarks achieved, and benchmarks not yet achieved, including a list of specific recommendations, potential resources available to assist City officials, and any other constructive feedback that informs City officials, residents, and other stakeholders concerning how the City can promote and ensure its long-term sustainability.

Finally, pursuant to Section 22(4) of the Act, I impose upon the City the following conditions which must be satisfied before it is removed from receivership, unless subsequently waived by me:

1. The implementation of financial best practices as adopted by the financial officials' association.
2. After study by the Mayor and the City Council, and in consultation with the Receivership Transition Advisory Board, the City shall enact changes in the current charter through charter amendments or charter revision that are consistent with applicable model charters and model charter amendments and in the City's best financial interests.
3. The completion by City officials of financial and managerial training to ensure that official responsibilities are properly discharged.

Sincerely,



Rick Snyder
Governor