



COUNTY OF BAY

515 Center Avenue, Bay City, Michigan 48708

PRESS RELEASE

TO: ALL MEDIA

FROM: TREASURER APPOINTMENT PANEL

DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2019

RE: SELECTION OF THE NEW BAY COUNTY TREASURER

The Bay County Treasurer Appointment Panel appointed Shawna Walraven of Essexville, Michigan to the position of Bay County Treasurer on Friday February 8, 2019. The Committee, comprised of Probate Judge Jan Miner, County Clerk Cynthia Luczak and Prosecuting Attorney Nancy Borushko, is authorized by statute to fill the vacancy resulting from the retirement of former Bay County Treasurer Richard Brzezinski. The appointment is for the remainder of the current term ending December 31, 2020. Ms. Walraven must run for election on the County Wide ballot to retain her seat for any subsequent term.

The Panel received 29 applications and interviewed five candidates. The interviews were completed over three days and finalized on Thursday February 7, 2019. Each candidate possessed strong skills and the committee was pleased with the quality and number of applicants.

It is the Panel's desire to see the remaining candidates continue to remain active in the community and encourage them to continue to seek public service.

Ms. Walraven earned a Bachelor's of Science, Finance from DePaul University and a Juris Doctorate with a concentration in Taxation from St. Louis University School of Law. In addition, Ms. Walraven earned a Certified Public Manager certification from Saginaw Valley State University. Ms. Walraven has served as Bay County Assistant Corporation Counsel since 2014, working with various aspects of the Treasurer's office including the Land Bank, property foreclosure process and the Retirement Board. Throughout her career, she has proven her ability to create innovative solutions to various situations and build a consensus among colleagues. Ms. Walraven resides in Essexville with her husband Brett and two children Zander and Harper. The Panel members are excited to work with Ms. Walraven in her new position which has an anticipated start date of February 11, 2019.

Bay County welcomes Shawna Walraven as the new Bay County Treasurer.

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