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Emergency manager updates lineups of 10 panels

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BENTON HARBOR - Benton Harbor's emergency manager has made what he says are annual updates to 10 of the city's committee, boards and commissions.

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In an order dated Tuesday, Emergency Manager Joseph Harris removed, appointed or reappointed members to the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, the Cemetery Board, the Twin City Area Transportation Authority, the Downtown Development Authority, the Golf Course Oversight Panel, the Benton Harbor Housing Commission, the Benton Harbor Public Library Board, the Planning Commission, the Public Safety/Recreation Committee and the Board of Review.

Harris said Wednesday the city has to make appointments and reappointments to the committees annually but had not done that in the past.

Several of the appointments were to seats that had been left vacant, Harris said.

Harris said former Mayor Charles Yarbrough was removed from his positions on the Benton Harbor Housing Commission and the Twin City Area Transportation Authority because he had been serving as an ex-officio member, despite no longer being on the City Commission.

Commissioner Juanita Henry was removed from the Twin City Area Transportation Authority, and Commissioner David Shaw was removed from the Golf Course Oversight Panel and the Public Safety/Recreation Committee.

Mayor James Hightower and Commissioner Sharon Henderson were appointed to the Downtown Development Authority. Hightower was also appointed to the Golf Course Oversight Panel and the Planning Commission.

Harris appointed himself to the Twin City Area Transportation Authority, the Golf Course Oversight Panel, the Planning Commission and the Public Safety/Recreation Committee.

The order can be found at bentonharborcity.com.

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