

Organizational Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commissioners' Room, Courthouse in Centreville, Michigan on January 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

County Clerk Lindsay Oswald, acting as Chairman, called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

County Clerk Lindsay Oswald called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Dennis Allen	Daniel R. Czajkowski
Allen J. Balog	Ken Malone
	Kathy Pangle

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator; Angie Steinman, Finance Director

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Chair Oswald stated that nominations were in order for Chairman.

Commissioner Pangle nominated Commissioner Allen.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast for Commissioner Allen for Chairman. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Chairman Allen assumed the Chair.

Commissioner Czajkowski nominated Commissioner Pangle.

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to nominate Commissioner Pangle for Vice-Chair. Motion carried 4-1 upon a roll call vote with Commissioner Balog dissenting.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes for December 17, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolutions from Bay County, Re: Support of Four-year Terms for County Commissioners and Request Great Lakes Shoreline be Declared Disaster Area.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the communications be placed on file. Motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENT

John Lindsey, Road Commission Director, provided an update for 2020 budget and projects.

Marcy Ann Emmendorfer, 65504 M-66, Sturgis, commented on a township kennel ordinance.

Lisa Stroup commented, 65504 M-66, Sturgis, commented on the Sturgis Township kennel ordinance.

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the kennel ordinance.

Kelli Coykendall, 25019 Featherstone Road of Sturgis, commented on a township kennel ordinance.

Rebecca Shank, 385 S. Washington of Constantine, commented on oak wilt.

State Representative Aaron Miller provided an update for the State legislature.

CONSENT LETTER FOR BETHANY CHRISTIAN SERVICES

Bethany Christian Services Program Manager Jane Trejo presented information regarding the refugee foster program including the process of how candidates make it to the county. She noted the federal funds that would be brought to the county with the placement of a child in a foster home located in the county.

Discussion included concern about potential strain on county resources. Ms. Trejo offered to gather information from other agencies in the county and noted a January 21 deadline. Ms. Doehring asked commissioners to direct requests for specific information be directed to her. Further discussion included the ability to limit the number of children being assisted in the county and the requirement to renew every year.

Chairman Allen polled the board asking if additional information would change the vote. Commissioners Malone, Pangle, and Czajkowski noted the ability to limit the number of refugees and ability to review annually would affect their vote.

SET 2020 BOARD MEETING DATES

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve schedule as presented. Motion carried.

SET 2020 EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the schedule as presented. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT – TERESA DOEHRING

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the employment agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE APROPRIATION
RESOLUTION 1-2020

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County appropriates monies for St. Joseph County Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County has budgeted \$257,268.00 for Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of St. Joseph County for 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Treasurer of St. Joseph County be respectfully directed to make quarterly transfers of \$64,317.00 in 2020 to Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services of St. Joseph County around the first of the month for the months of January, April, July, and October 2020.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to adopt the resolution. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY APPROPRIATION
RESOLUTION 2-2020

Ms. Doehring presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County is a member of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (CHA); and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County is committed to supporting programs that provide access to appropriate health care services for low-income residents of St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County has budgeted \$307,700.00 in 2020 to finance a portion of the Community Health Agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 St. Joseph County and the Community Health Agency entered into a building lease agreement for 1110 Hill Street, Three Rivers, for an annual rent of \$1.00 per year payable by January 15th; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to reduce the appropriation by \$1.00 to represent the yearly rent payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Treasurer is respectfully directed to make quarterly transfers at the direction of the CHA. The CHA will determine the amounts and the timing for each quarterly transfer.

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Malone to adopt the resolution. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were no appointments.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doebling had nothing further.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Budget Amendments

There were none.

Bills

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Malone stated that the Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Malone stated that the Committee had met and discussed bonding for the courts building.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that the Committee had not met.

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Commissioner Pangle commented on the Housing Taskforce meeting.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen noted an upcoming meeting.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Balog commented on animal control ordinances being considered by the townships.

Commissioner Pangle thanked commissioners for support as vice-chair.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:36 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until January 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman