

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commissioners' Room, Courthouse at the Village of Centreville, Michigan on January 16, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Pueschel.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Clerk, Pattie S. Bender, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Eric Shafer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
Michael D. Dunlap	Robin Baker
Monte Bordner	David J. Pueschel
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller, Charles Cleaver, Human Resources Director and Dan Carey, Finance Director.

#### AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the minutes for January 2, 2007 be approved. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, January 4 and January 12, 2007.
2. Letter from the County Planning Commission, Re: Resignation of Paul Scheetz.
3. Copy of letter from McCarthy Smith Law Group to the Road Commission, Re: Tree damage to property on East Fish Lake Road.
4. Copy of letter from Tim Carls to Senator Carl Levin, Re: 2007 County Budget.
5. Letter from the State Emergency Telephone Service Committee, Re: Distribution of wireless E9-1-1 funds.
6. Copy of letter from Andrew Goldberger to Michigan Department of Treasury, Re: Request for wireless E9-1-1 funds.
7. Minutes of the Community Action Agency Board meeting of November 27, 2006.
8. Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's Newsletter - Winter 2006-2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the communications be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

##### Michigan State University Exension

Maury Kaercher, MSUE Director, stated that Sara Springsteen, 4-H Program Educator, has submitted her resignation effective January 26th. There will be an open house for her at MSUE from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on January 24th. The job has been posted and they hope to hire someone in the near future.

Mr. Kaercher stated that Michigan State University and Purdue University in Indiana have partnered to fund a new position. This is a collaborative effort and will be shared equally. There will be no additional County funds involved.

He introduced Lyndon Kelley who will be filling the position of Irrigation Educator. Mr. Kelley said that he first came to St. Joseph County in December of 1987 and after 12 years took a Regional position in the groundwater stewardship program. He has also received his Master's Degree since that time in Extension Agriculture Education.

In this new position he stated that an Advisory Committee will be established in Michigan and in Indiana to study water consumption and usage. The thrust of the new position will be to study the effective use of ground water and irrigation management practices.

Commissioner Bordner stated that he is pleased that this collaborative position has been established and he is glad that Mr. Kelley is back in St. Joseph County.

Commissioner Pueschel is confident that Mr. Kelley will educate the public so that they understand irrigation methods.

Mr. Kelley stated that the Committee will discuss specific issues that have economic importance.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that it was great to have him back.

#### Dental Clinic

Matt Chambers, CEO at Three Rivers Health, was present to encourage the Board to approve the resolution before them concerning the establishment of a Dental Clinic with Health Care. He stated that this first started with the hospital trying to focus on the teen pregnancies that have plagued St. Joseph County. We have the highest ratio of teenage pregnancies in the entire State and those numbers are not declining. In Detroit a Rural Health Clinic was established and their teen pregnancy rate has dropped dramatically.

They would like the Clinic built near the Three Rivers High School for better access to the students. They will not be handing out condoms but rather teaching kids skills to improve their health so that they have a healthy future. The students served will mainly be the under insured or the uninsured. The clinic will be for anyone's use, students and adults.

Mr. Chambers stated that the risk to the County by passing the resolution is virtually non-existent. The bank will be liable because of the loan and the long term lease agreement.

Roger Rathburn, Superintendent of Three Rivers Community Schools, spoke in favor of the issue as well. He stated that it is much more than a health clinic. It will be a one-stop place to meet multiple needs. This will be a dental clinic, health clinic, staff from Community Mental Health will be located there and they hope to have an Optometrist located there too.

Mr. Rathburn stated that it is incredible that over 50% of the student population in St. Joseph County receive free or reduced fee lunches. He stated that the entire School Board of Three Rivers is 100% behind this clinic being built.

#### DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT – DENTAL CLINIC

The following resolution was presented:

#### RESOLUTION APPROVING BRANCH, HILLSDALE, ST. JOSEPH DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING PROJECT

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3-2007

#### RECITALS

1. The County is one of the constituent counties of the Branch, Hillsdale, St. Joseph District Health Department (the "District Health Department"), a "district health department" formed by the constituent counties of Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph under Section 2415 of Act 368, P.A. 1978, as amended, for the purpose of providing essential health services to residents of those counties.

2. Three Rivers Area Hospital Authority (the "Hospital") is a community-owned, non-profit regional medical center and health care organization located in St. Joseph County, Michigan. The Hospital is controlled by the Three Rivers Area Hospital Authority, which was created by a vote of the people of the City of Three Rivers and the Townships of Constantine, Fabius, Lockport, and Park on November 7, 1979. It is also recognized as a tax exempt public charity under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

3. The Hospital and the District Health Department have an urgent need for an up to 8,300 square foot medical, dental and office facility for the provision of health care and human services to be rendered by the Hospital and the District Health Department and other governmental units and qualified tax exempt charitable organizations for related purposes (the "Improvements").

4. Land owned by the Three Rivers Community Schools Board of Education (the "School District") is to be acquired (as more specifically described herein) by NHF Sub St. Joseph, a Michigan nonprofit corporation (the "Issuer"), and described in EXHIBIT A hereto, and has been identified as a desirable site (the "Site") for the construction of the Project, and the Issuer has indicated its willingness to utilize the Site for purposes of the Project (the Improvements and Site are hereafter referred to as the Project), subject to certain reversionary rights of the County.

5. It is proposed that:

(i) The Site will be purchased by the County from the School District and will in turn convey the Site to the Issuer for the term of the Bonds described below;

(ii) The Issuer will issue tax-exempt obligations on behalf of the County in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which will be used for the acquisition and development of the Project or to reimburse the Issuer for funds expended in connection with the acquisition and development of the Project;

(iii) The Issuer will lease the Project to the Hospital and the Hospital will sublease approximately 2,000 square feet of the Project to the District Health Department and other health and human services organizations, both governmental and charitable, each for a term of up to twenty (20) years, the lease payments being fixed in amounts sufficient for the Issuer to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as such amounts become due, together with the Issuer's reasonable administrative expenses; and,

(iv) The Bonds will not constitute a debt or general obligation of the County, or constitute a charge against the general credit or taxing power of the County, but will be payable solely from lease payments received by the Issuer, as lessor of the Project, from the Hospital and the District Health Department.

### RESOLUTIONS

The Board of County Commissioners adopts the following resolutions:

1. The health care and human services provided by the Hospital and the District Health Department and other governmental or charitable organizations in need of medical, dental, and office facilities constitute an essential public purpose of benefit to the health and welfare of the residents of the County.

2. The Board approves the nonprofit purposes and activities of the Issuer, set forth in its Articles of Incorporation attached hereto as EXHIBIT D, including the development of the Project and the lease of the Project to the Hospital, the District Health Department, and other health and human services organizations for related purposes for a term of up to twenty (20) years. The Issuer is incorporated by private, charitable public health interests, is not an agent or instrumentality of the County, and shall operate independently of any control by the County.

3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the acquisition of the Site from the School District and further authorizes the Chairperson of the Board and the County Clerk to execute a deed for the Site to the Issuer for the term of the Bonds, and to execute a Subordination Agreement subordinating the reversion rights of the County to the claims of the holder of the Bonds (the "Bondholder") until the indebtedness represented by the Bonds issued on behalf of the of the County for the acquisition and construction of the Project are paid in full.

5. The Board of County Commissioners approves of the issuance of tax-exempt obligations of the Issuer on behalf of the County in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,100,000, for the purpose of financing the acquisition and development of the Project, which Bonds shall be issued no later than one (1) year from the date hereof, upon substantially the terms set forth in EXHIBIT C hereto. The County's approval of the issuance by the Issuer of the Bonds is only to the extent required in order for such debt obligations to be deemed to be issued "on behalf of" the County for purposes of Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and, for no other purposes. The Bonds and the interest thereon shall be non-recourse obligations of the Issuer payable solely from the lease payments from the Hospital and other health and human services organizations occupying the Project as tenants and secured by a mortgage on the Project and an assignment of such lease payments. The Bonds shall never constitute general obligations of the County within the meaning of any constitutional, statutory or charter provision or limitation and shall never constitute or give rise to a debt or liability of the County or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of the County. The County disclaims any financial responsibility for repayment of the Bonds, which are to be primarily secured by lease payments made by the Hospital to the Issuer.

6. Upon retirement of the indebtedness represented by the Bonds, the County shall accept title to the Project and the property financed by the Bonds (including any additions to such property) from the Issuer pursuant to the County's rights of reversion set forth on EXHIBIT B hereto.

7. The County hereby designates the Bonds in the maximum principal amount of \$1,100,000 as "qualified tax-exempt obligations" for calendar year 2007 purposes of the deduction of interest expense by financial institutions under Section 265 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Such designation is based upon the reasonable expectation that the aggregate principal amount of the Bonds and all other tax-exempt obligations (other than private activity bonds as defined in Section 141 of the Code) which will be issued during calendar year 2007 by the County (including obligations of all other entities which issue obligations on behalf of the County and all subordinate entities of the County) will not in the aggregate exceed \$10,000,000.

8. All resolutions or parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and they are hereby rescinded

Steve Todd, Health Officer at the Community Health Agency stated that this is a unique opportunity for a community this size. The funding will be contracted with a non-profit agency. The Health Department also plans to have dental clinics in Coldwater, Hillsdale and very possibly Sturgis.

The building will be 8,300 square feet with 2,000 square feet for the dental clinic. There is often a 30 day lapse in payments that are received from Medicaid which will be heavily involved, but the delays in payment can be funded with the Health Department's fund balance without a problem.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he has received several comments from his constituency and they are all negative. He said that we cannot compare St. Joseph County with Detroit as the demographics are different. He also has seen no business plan and he believes that the whole idea is convoluted.

Mr. Todd stated that the Northern Health Foundation with whom they will be working has been used by them before and they are currently managing 10 dental clinics.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that Jerry Chase from the Northern Health Foundation has some self-interest in this project being completed. He said that the feeling in Three Rivers is that all of the clinical services that will be offered at this clinic are offered 5 minutes away and the hospital is assuming those financial responsibilities.

Mr. Chambers stated that Rural Health Clinics are reimbursed on the cost of services. They operate on a non-profit basis and cost of the lease is passed on to the State. This is a unique situation in that we would be the first to combine dental, medical, mental and vision services in one location.

There have been 55 successful clinics in Michigan and they have every reason to believe that this should be successful and have an impact on the well-being of kids in St. Joseph County.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that these clinics are important but he wants these services located in Centreville.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

Commissioner Bordner stated that he is aware of the needs assessments and believes that by having the clinic close to the school campus that it provides a comfort level for the students. He can see the savings in the future especially if teenage pregnancies are reduced.

Commissioner Shafer stated that a fair number of people have talked to him and reactions have been positive and negative.

On the positive side he is tired of seeing southwest Michigan, St. Joseph County and Three Rivers having such high statistics on teenage pregnancies. By having more services in one location the costs are shared.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that he is in favor of this as he believes that the need is there. He does not need to see a business plan because of all the successful clinics through the Northern Health Foundation that are already in place.

Commissioner Dobberteen said that he hoped that there are no environmental issues and that all the "T's" are crossed and all the "I's" dotted.

Mr. Chambers stated that he has been all over the State on a Governor's Task Force on which he has been serving and St. Joseph County is known everywhere for all the collaboration that we do here.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that he is comfortable now with this proposal as opposed to when it was first proposed.

Commissioner Dunlap asked about the mechanics of the clinic.

Mr. Chambers responded by saying that at the beginning of the year all parents will be asked to approve of their kids using the clinic. There will be a nurse in the school that will triage the student to make the determination if they need to go to the health clinic.

Mr. Rathburn stated that in other clinics 95% of the parents opted into the program at the first of the year and by the end of the year participation was 100%.

Most high school students will walk to the clinic, the junior high students will be escorted and the elementary students will be transported.

There are 1,500 students in the junior and senior high schools.

Mr. Chambers said that there will be a separate student entrance so they are not seen by other patients that may be in the waiting room. Heavy use of the clinic will be 8-12 kids a day. The rest of the use will come from the community.

He further stated that they are over capacity in the other clinics so there was a definite need for this clinic. He also stated that unfortunately the people that are seen in Rural Clinics often have a large no-show rate. By combining services into one clinic they can most likely fill these cancellations with patients that are already there for other services.

Commissioner Dunlap asked if they were duplicating services that maybe the Health Department already provides.

Mr. Chambers stated that our County is underserved and this will be an attraction to those that need the services.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 1 - Commissioner Dunlap

Resolution adopted.

MMRMA GRANT APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE OF THERMAL IMAGERY SYSTEM

Sheriff Matt Lori requested approval of a grant application of \$10,500 through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority, which they have offered, for a Thermal Imagery System for the Sheriff’s Department.

He stated that the total amount for the system is \$21,000.00. The matching funds will be raised through community fund raising efforts.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the grant application be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANTS – TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT AND EQUIPMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that a Traffic Enforcement Grant in the amount of \$30,000 and an Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant in the amount of \$5,000 to purchase traffic safety equipment both be accepted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

2006 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT  
INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUND AGREEMENT WITH VAN BUREN COUNTY

Homeland Security funding will now run through Region 5 (Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Kalamazoo, VanBuren and St. Joseph Counties) and VanBuren has agreed to serve as the fiduciary.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that an agreement with VanBuren to act as fiduciary for the homeland security funding be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

U.S. 131 - COMMISSION PREFERRED ROUTE

Chairman Baker asked for input from the Commissioners regarding the preferred U.S. 131 route.

There is a meeting tomorrow and Chairman Baker and Commissioners Shafer and Dunlap will take this information to the other entities that are involved as they are all in their districts.

After discussion it was the consensus that this be a 4-lane limited access highway from just north of Wilbur Road to the state line.

AMEND HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT  
(REMOVE RECYCLING BINS)

The number of recycling bins in St. Joseph County are being reduced and will eventually be eliminated therefore an amended Host Community Agreement with Waste Management needs to be approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the Amendment to the Host Community Agreement with Waste Management be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Not Voting: 1 - Commissioner Shafer

Commissioner Shafer explained that he abstained because of a conflict of interest.

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Commission on Aging

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Executive Committee is recommending that a Committee be appointed to review applicants for appointments to those Boards and Commissions that receive funds from a voted millage or an appropriation from the County.

Commissioner Shafer stated that he has no problem with the idea of a committee being appointed to review applicants but believes that it should be for all Boards and Commissions.

Commissioner Loudenslager concurred with Commissioner Shafer. He further stated that we have capable Boards and they make their recommendations to the Board of Commissioners for appointment.

Commissioner Shafer again stated that all Boards/Commissions have to be treated the same.

Chairman Baker appointed to the Review Committee for the Commission on Aging, Commissioners Shafer, Bordner and Loudenslager.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Review Committee be approved. Motion carried. There were dissenting votes cast.

Economic Development Corporation

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that Daryl Threadgill be nominated and appointed to the Economic Development Corporation.

Again, Commissioner Shafer stated that if the Review Committee is appointed to review applicants for one Board then they have to do it for all of them.

Commissioner Bordner stated that the EDC appointments have to represent specific areas. This happens to be an At-Large appointment.

The question was called and it carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Law Enforcement

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Law Enforcement Committee had not met.

### Judiciary

Commissioner Dunlap stated that the Judiciary Committee had not met.

### Physical Resources

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Physical Resources Committee had not met.

### Executive Committee

Commissioner Bordner stated that the Executive Committee met on January 12th, the minutes have been distributed and he will answer any questions that anyone may have.

### Solid Waste Management Planning Committee

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee met last week and curbside recycling will start soon and the bins in both cities will be removed. Commissioner Shafer stated that the bins have already been removed.

### Website

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Website Committee met today and the Boards and Commissions have all been put on the webpage along with which ones have vacancies. The Committee also talked about putting pictures on the web. It was the consensus that individual pictures of Commissioners be put onto the webpage. If Elected Officials want their pictures posted on their webpage they have that option.

## PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

### NEW POSITION:

Establish the position of Deputy County Clerk/Election Specialist as a pay grade 6 under the Soltysiak system.

### MISCELLANEOUS:

Phyllis Lung will change from Deputy County Clerk to Deputy County Clerk/Election Specialist at \$16.61/hr. (Soltysiak system, grade 6, step 6) effective January 16, 2007.

Increase rate of pay for the following part-time employees:

Midge Bender from \$8.75 to \$9.00/hr, effective January 2, 2007

Bernice Metzger from \$8.75 to \$9.00/hr, effective January 2, 2007

Billie LeClaire from \$7.50 to \$8.00/hr, effective January 2, 2007

Change the hire date for Jennifer L. Kurtz, Road Patrol Officer, from January 2 to January 4, 2007.

### RESIGNATION:

Sara Springsteen, Extension 4-H Youth Educator, has resigned effective January 26, 2007.

### NEW HIRE:

Steven Simon has been hired as Part-time Court Security at \$12.44/hr. effective February 6, 2007.

TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Brooke Lewandowski has been hired as temporary, part-time for Animal Control at \$7.75/hr. effective January 16, 2007.

Debra Richardson has been hired as temporary, part-time for Animal Control at \$7.75/hr. effective January 16, 2007.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the personnel report be approved. Motion carried.

REQUISITIONS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

Replace roof on the Gazebo (includes removal of old roofing, install ice and water shield, install metal edge starter, install metal shingles and install ridge cap) \$ 2,200.00

Repair metal roof on Annex II (includes reseal all open seams, plastic roof cement and roof tape around all openings, install one ply of 3 lb. density aluminum fibered roofing coating) \$ 4,200.00

Install second door into District Court Judge's chambers (work to be done in-house) \$ 2,100.00

Replace existing carpet with ceramic tile in the road officers' report room at Sheriff's Department \$ 2,500.00

Replace present cameras and recording equipment in Courts Building (includes video recorder, 17" flat monitor, rack mount kit, UPS, 1 color dome camera, 4 regular style color cameras, 4 camera lens, installation, shipping, mileage, etc.) \$ 10,700.00

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the requisition report be approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

INCREASE REVENUES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND #274:

Line item 274-826-502.000 (Community Development Block Grant)	\$190,500.00
Line item 274-826-502.010 (CDBG Emergency Repairs)	35,000.00
Line item 274-826-502.030 (CDBG Project Management)	<u>49,500.00</u>
	\$275,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUND #274:

Line item 274-826-701.000 (Payroll Control)	\$ 48,875.00
Line item 274-826-727.000 (Office Supplies)	100.00
Line item 274-826-728.000 (Printing)	150.00
Line item 274-826-729.000 (Postage)	50.00
Line item 274-826-850.000 (Telephone)	75.00
Line item 274-826-860.000 (Travel Expense)	150.00
Line item 274-826-900.000 (Advertising)	100.00
Line item 274-826-936.000 (Building Contractors Services)	188,750.00
Line item 274-826-936.010 (Building Contractors Emergency Repairs)	35,000.00
Line item 274-826-936.130 (Inspection Fees Contractor)	<u>1,750.00</u>
	\$275,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the budget adjustment be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 6 half days 12/20, 12/21, 12/27/06 & 1/8, 1/10 & 1/12/07 & 1 full day 1/3/07	\$ 395.00
Monte Bordner - 6 half days 12/20, 12/22/06 & 1/3, 1/9 x 2 & 1/12/07	490.00
John Dobberteen - 10 half days 12/20 x 2, 12/22/06 & 1/2, 1/4, 1/9 x 2, 1/10, 1/11 & 1/12/07 1 full day 12/21/06	545.00
Michael Dunlap - 5 half days 12/20, 12/21/06 & 1/3, 1/8 & 1/9/07	250.00
David Pueschel - 2 half days 12/20/06 & 1/8/07 & 1 full day 1/3/07	195.00
Eric Shafer - 5 half days 12/20/06 & 1/2, 1/3, 1/8 & 1/16/07	<u>250.00</u>
	\$2,125.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 111.91
Monte Bordner	180.77
John Dobberteen	43.98
Michael Dunlap	36.06
David Pueschel	<u>46.41</u>
	\$ 419.13

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the per diem and expenses be approved for payment. Motion carried.

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT

Mr. Carey presented for approval an Independent Contractor's Agreement for Eugene Alli as the Homeland Security Regional Planner.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Independent Contractor's Agreement with Eugene Alli be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Baker presented the following committee appointments:

- CHAPLAIN - Pueschel
- PARLIAMENTARIAN - Dobberteen
- RESOLUTIONS - Shafer

STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Executive Committee - Baker (Chair), Bordner, Shafer
- Law Enforcement - Dobberteen (Chair), Loudenslager, Pueschel
- Judiciary - Loudenslager (Chair), Baker, Dunlap
- Physical Resources - Shafer (Chair), Dobberteen, Dunlap

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Local Emergency Planning Committee - Loudenslager  
Federal Emergency Management Act - Baker, Dobberteen  
S.M.A.R.T. Committee - Dobberteen (All Commissioners Welcome)  
Regional Solid Waste - Dobberteen, Shafer  
Colon Lake Board - Loudenslager  
Fish Lake Board - Loudenslager  
U.S. 131 Area Development Association - Dunlap  
U.S. 131 Corridor Master Plan - Baker, Shafer  
Farmland and Open Space Preservation - Pueschel  
Website Development Committee - Shafer  
Update Board Rules Committee - Dobberteen, Dunlap, Shafer  
Homeland Security Planning Committee - Baker  
Local Planning Team - Homeland Security Grant Program - Baker  
County Agricultural Preservation Board - Pueschel (created 2-21-06)

COMMISSION LIAISONS:

Soil Conservation - Pueschel  
Road Commission - Baker  
Resource Conservation and Development - Bordner  
Department of Human Services - Loudenslager  
Criminal Justice - Loudenslager  
MSU Extension - Pueschel

BOARDS AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Community Health Agency - Baker, Dunlap, Pueschel  
Parks and Recreation - Dunlap, Shafer  
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council - Loudenslager  
Board of Public Works - Loudenslager  
Retirement - Baker, Bordner  
Planning Commission - Shafer  
Mental Health - Baker, Dobberteen, Pueschel  
County Solid Waste - Dobberteen  
Community Corrections - Loudenslager  
Economic Development Corp. - Bordner  
E-911 Central Dispatch - Dunlap  
Commission on Aging - Shafer  
Human Services Commission - Bordner, Dobberteen, Dunlap  
Investment Advisory Committee - Dunlap  
Groundwater Stewardship - Pueschel  
Comprehensive Traffic Safety Commission - Baker  
Community Action Agency - Bordner  
Substance Abuse Advisory Council - Bordner  
Transportation Authority Board - Dobberteen  
Workforce Development Board - Baker

Commissioner Loudenslager

Board of Public Works  
Law Enforcement  
Criminal Justice  
Community Corrections  
Department of Human Services  
Colon Lake Board  
Fish Lake Board  
Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council  
Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Judiciary Committee (Chair)

Commissioner Bordner

Executive Committee  
Human Services Commission  
Resource Conservation and Development  
Retirement Board  
Community Action Agency  
Economic Development Corporation  
Substance Abuse Advisory Council

Commissioner Dunlap  
Judiciary Committee  
Physical Resources  
Human Services Commission  
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Law Enforcement (Chair)  
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Commissioner Shafer  
Physical Resources (Chair)  
Planning Commission  
Commission on Aging  
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Judiciary Committee  
Mental Health  
Federal Emergency Management  
Homeland Security Planning Committee  
Local Planning Team – Homeland Security Grant

In addition, Chairman Baker appointed Commissioners Dunlap, Shafer and Dobberteen to a Board Policy and Procedure Review Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that all the Committee Appointments be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### Community Health Agency

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that Robin Baker, Michael Dunlap and David Pueschel be nominated and appointed to the Community Health Agency Board for a 1 year term expiring December 31, 2007. Motion carried.

#### CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of contract negotiations.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

The Board resumed business in open session.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUE

Chairman Baker presented Commissioner Bordner with a plaque in recognition of the past 2 years that he served as Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that the Allegan County Board of Commissioners are moving towards paperless meetings and are planning to get laptops for each Commissioner.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until February 6, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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Robin Baker, Chairman