

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held via Zoom on January 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dennis Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

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

Daniel R. Czajkowski	Ken Malone
Jared Hoffmaster	Kathy Pangle
	Dennis Allen

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

AGENDA

Commissioner Pangle asked that allocation of funds for Covered Bridge Healthcare be added.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

Chair Allen requested that executive meeting dates be considered.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the minutes for January 5, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

CITIZENS' COMMENT

There were none.

MSU-E ANNUAL REPORT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

MSU-E AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve memorandum of agreement for Extension services. Motion carried.

VETERAN SERVICES FUND GRANT

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the grant application. Motion carried.

HIRING FREEZE EXCEPTIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the exception to the hiring freeze for the deputy juvenile register. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the exception to the hiring freeze for the juvenile casework supervisor/referee. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the exception to the hiring freeze for the family division caseworker. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION TO COVERED BRIDGE HEALTHCARE

Discussion included COVID vaccination response and a \$10,000 appropriation to the Covered Bridge Healthcare for a vaccination program.

EXECUTIVE MEETING DATES

No action was taken.

RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE FLEXIBLE BENEFITS INSURANCE FUND
RESOLUTION 3-2021

WHEREAS, the County of St. Joseph is a local unit of government in Michigan and must use the Uniform Chart of Accounts which provides a systematic arrangement and means for the uniform accumulation, recording, and reporting of financial information and transactions for all local units of government in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan has updated the Uniform Chart of Accounts and therefore our current use of the Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund does not agree with the Uniform Chart of Accounts; and

WHEREAS, our auditing firm Gabridge & Company has recommended that we dissolve the Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund and allocate those dollars to the various funds affected; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County must comply with the State of Michigan’s Uniform Chart of Accounts and dissolve the Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph does hereby dissolve the Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund #677.

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

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doehring had nothing further to report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Per Diem and Expenses

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve per diem and expenses as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Chairman Allen 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.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that the Committee had met, and minutes were available.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen commented on vaccinations.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Hoffmaster commented vaccinations.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the committee assignments as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on vaccinations.

Commissioner Malone commented on a memorial service.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:58 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until February 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman