

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 February 7, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Bordner 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, Dan Carey, Finance Director and Charles Cleaver, Human Resource Director.

AGENDA

Ms. West-Wing stated that a nomination and appointment to the EDC should be added under Nominations/Appointments and a Remonumentation Resolution should be added under Resolutions.

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 Dunlap that the minutes for January 17, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, January 20, January 27 and February 3, 2006.
2. Copy of Letter from Senator Cameron Brown to Gloria Jeff, Director of the Michigan Department of Transportation, Re: U.S. 131 Project.
3. Letter from State Representative Rick Shaffer, Re: Thank you for Resolutions No. 27 (Timely payments from the State) and No. 28 (U.S. 131).
4. Letter from State Department of Corrections, Re: Jail Inspection Report.
5. Resolution from Tuscola County, Re: State of Michigan Tax Incentives.
6. Resolution from Kalamazoo County, Re: U.S. 131.
7. Resolution from St. Clair County, Re: Promoting Smoke-free Worksites.
8. Resolution from Crawford County, Re: Funding dispute with the 46th Circuit Trial Court.
9. Resolution from Hillsdale County, Re: Timely payments from the State.
10. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meeting of November 22 and December 20, 2005.
11. Minutes of the Community Mental Health Services Board meeting of December 13, 2005.
12. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of January 9, 2006.

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

JAIL PROJECT CHANGE ORDER

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of Jail Project Change Order #8 in the amount of \$11,630. She stated that this should be the final payment bringing the total project cost to \$2,842,660. She stated that the Committee has reviewed the 4 items on this change order.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Jail Project Change Order #8 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.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004 AND 2005

Dan Wing, IT Director, introduced staff in attendance Dave Cover and Dustin Bainbridge. He stated that everyone calls them the “3 Ds.” He likes to refer staff to these “3 Ds” – diligent, dedicated and dependable.

Mr. Wing gave a synopsis of 2004 and 2005 activity.

He stated that in 2004 a consultant was hired to do a study on our IT Department and web information. They began to implement the plan in 2005 and are still in the process.

He gave an overview of the equipment and programs that were purchased in the last two years trying to keep as up-to-date as possible. Some items mentioned were the purchase of a new IBM iSeries, County’s primary server, high definition firewall which provides new layers of protection, new email server which blocked 200,000 emails in 9 months which has self updating anti-virus, internet monitoring is being used as a remote scope which saves a lot of time for the IT staff. Training of staff other than IT Staff was done through classes at Glen Oaks Community College with 6 different classes being offered and 120 seats filled. Training for IT Staff is ongoing through self-training CDs which has proven to be cost effective and successful.

Mr. Wing stated that the County Website is evolving with input from the Website Committee. 137 recommendations in the plan have been completed which is all of them except the installation of the intranet which they are working on presently. Different departments have requested information for their own webpage.

Commissioner Shafer stated that as the Commissioner on the Website Committee he enjoys the committee and they let IT know what is wanted on the webpage. He stated that they are doing a good job.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that it was an excellent report and asked if voice-over IP has been studied. Ms. West-Wing stated that it will be looked at this year.

Chairman Bordner thanked Mr. Wing for the report. It has been a large undertaking over the last 2 years and they have covered a lot of territory and he appreciates their diligence.

Mr. Wing thanked the Commission for their ongoing support.

Commissioner Pueschel commented on the good report.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the IT Annual Report for 2004 and 2005 be accepted. Motion carried.

CIRCUIT COURT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

Paul Stutesman, Circuit Judge, gave an overview of Circuit Court activities for 2005. He thanked Kathy Sandusky, Caseflow Manager, sort of acting Court Administrator. He also thanked all the judges, retired and acting and the past Chief Judges.

In addition, he thanked the Commissioners who were on the committee to reorganize some things before he was appointed making a difficult time go more smoothly.

He also thanked Jim Hughes our Regional Administrator from the State Court Administrator’s Office for all of his help.

Judge Stutesman stated that when Mark R. Brown left there was no law clerk so he is doing his own research over the internet and through some services that he paid for himself when he was in private practice. There is also no longer a Court Reporter which was replaced by video equipment which is very efficient. The transcripts are also done more timely as the CDs from the video equipment are sent to vendors and the transcripts are returned in a week.

Friend of the Court, William Thistlethwaite, is now doing referee hearings and an Assistant's position has been created to handle consumer questions and complaints.

In Juvenile Court, Terry Evans has been hired to replace Mitchell Walker.

In the Trial Division, which he handles, Mrs. Sandusky is scheduling civil and criminal trials. The criminal docket is no longer being scheduled by the Prosecuting Attorney. The Civil procedure is more efficient as Mrs. Sandusky now sends a notice of pretrial as soon as an answer is filed.

When he began his duties the 2006 budget process had virtually ended and he hopes to have more input in the process for 2007.

There is a Jury Selection Committee established and they are looking into an automated system.

He has spoken with the people from the Department of Corrections and the pre-sentence investigations process has been changed leading to more efficiencies. There will also be a training with people from the State DOC on February 24th for staff.

All of the judges continue to meet on a bi-weekly basis which is very helpful.

His goal for 2006 is to fine tune procedures under the umbrella of the Circuit Court. Also, he hopes to have Mrs. Sandusky assume more administrative duties in relation to the Friend of the Court and Juvenile Division.

In addition, he intends to develop a policy for Circuit Court Collections hoping to collect on some outstanding accounts.

But, he added, his main goal for 2006 is to get elected.

Judge Welty does the domestic docket and Judge Stutesman may take over the divorces without children.

Commissioner Dobberteen thanked Judge Stutesman and his staff and also for striving to make the department more efficient.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that Judge Stutesman is doing a great job.

Commissioner Baker thanked Judge Stutesman for the changes that have been made.

Commissioner Shafer stated that he appreciates the efficiencies that are being realized and likes to hear that some outstanding debts will be worked on trying to get collection.

Judge Stutesman stated that District Court does a good job of collecting their outstanding monies and Jeannine Hire does a good job in the Juvenile Division.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that Judge Stutesman is doing a good job.

Chairman Bordner stated that there were some very candid discussions during the committee meetings held last year when the reorganizing was being discussed. He appreciates that Judge Stutesman's willingness to be a team player and he believes that the bi-weekly judges' meetings are critical.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Circuit Court Annual Report for 2005 be accepted. Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION FEES – REVISED SCHEDULE

Ms. West-Wing presented a revised schedule for Remonumentation fees as follows:

<u>Standard:</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2006 % Increase</u>
Research	\$190.00	\$210.00	10
Field Investigation	\$450.00	\$475.00	4
Setting Monument	\$340.00	\$360.00	6

Exceptions:

Road/Open Field Traverse	\$.10/FT	\$.11/FT	9
Woodlot/Westland Traverse	\$.17/FT	\$.19/FT	11
Set Monument Box (in gravel or asphalt rdwy.)	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	25
Set Mon. Box in Conc. Rdwy.	\$500.00	\$625.00	20
Rental Equipment for Excavation Std. Mon. on Private Survey	Cost \$500.00	Cost \$510.00	2
Corner Maintenance	\$300.00	\$330.00	9
Global Positioning (GPS)	\$300.00	\$300.00	0
Per Diem for Meetings	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	17

Administration - Co. Rep:

Co-Ord. of Program	\$2,700/YR	\$2,900/YR	7
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It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the proposed Remonumentation fees increases be approved.

Wayne Mostrom, County Surveyor, was present to explain many aspects of the Remonumentation process and why the fees increases were needed.

Responding to a question about the core station that the County has approved, Mr. Mostrom stated that this will be a great help in maintaining the program after the corners are marked.

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.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE VILLAGE OF COLON FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of the curbside recycling letter of understanding between the County and the Village of Colon for the estimated cost of \$14,160 for twelve months starting in April.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the letter of understanding be approved.

Ms. West-Wing stated that the object is to offer this one year free to every community in the County, and to phase out the roll off bins as curbside is started in a community.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that the curbside recycling is a better way to spend this money.

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.

CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN COLON

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of a contract with Republic Waste Services for Curbside Recycling in the Village of Colon according to the previously approved Letter of Understanding.

She stated that the contract is for 1 year and Republic Waste Services will distribute an 18 gallon bin for all residences in the Village and the County will pay \$2.95/bin with pickup on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. The service will begin on April 13, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Contract with Republic Waste Services be approved.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the recycling bin will be removed from the Village of Colon saving between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per year with the expense of the contract at \$14,000 per year so the difference is not that much and they believe that a lot more will be recycled.

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.

PROPOSAL FROM DRUG & LABORATORY DISPOSAL FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Ms. West-Wing recommends approval of a proposal from the Drug and Laboratory Disposal for Household Hazardous Waste Collection. This is a turnkey program where they will set up for one day to collect HHW and dispose of it.

Commissioner Shafer stated that he has talked to staff at MSUE and Rose Risko is coordinating the first HHW day to be scheduled at the fairgrounds along with other Earth Day events in April. In addition, there is a potential for an electronic recycler to be at Earth Day too for recycling which will be cost free.

Commissioner Shafer believes that the HHW program will be a real benefit to the citizens of St. Joseph County.

The cost is \$0.92 per pound. 1-4,999 pounds is \$1,500; 5,000 – 7,999 pounds is \$1,000; 8,000 – 11,999 pounds is \$500 and 12,000 pounds and more is \$0.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the County accept the proposal from Drug and Laboratory Disposal

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.

FELKER DRAIN RESOLUTION

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Drain Commissioner is requesting approval of a resolution pledging the County's full faith and credit for the selling of bonds for the Felker Drain project.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that he believes that the County's share of \$86,000 over a 10 year period is out of line. Plus, the County has to pay one half of the Road Commission's \$9,000 assessment as well.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Felker Drain Resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that he would not support this resolution or any other drain project.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he has recently taken a crash course in drains and it seems that the Drain Commissioner can be arbitrary in assessment decisions. He spoke with Mr. Hassenger who was very nice and very knowledgeable but the assessments that the Drain Commissioner makes against the County do not seem to be based on anything.

The project was initiated by the people in the drainage district and they are the ones that benefit totally. According to the Drain Commissioner the people benefit 60% and the Townships and County 40% and Commissioner Dunlap believes that the people of the district benefit more than 60%. In addition, the County supports the Drain Office to the tune of \$110,000 this year.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that this matter be tabled until the next meeting.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 2 - Commissioners Shafer and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Dobberteen.

Motion defeated.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that he believes that a selling point to getting the drain done is that the Drain Commissioner tells the people of the district that the County would be paying a high percentage of the costs.

Commissioner Shafer stated that he did not disagree with Commissioner Dobberteen but there are 181 drains in the County and a vast majority of them have been neglected over the years. He agrees that it may seem arbitrary but it is a difficult position for the Drain Commissioner as well.

Chairman Bordner stated that he agrees that this may seem arbitrary but the Drain Commissioner is also in a difficult position.

Commissioner Dunlap agrees that drains have been neglected and he also questions the proportions.

Commissioner Dobberteen gave a correlation to taxes that city residents pay and has no sympathy for those that choose to live in the country because it is "cheaper." He strongly opposes this now and in the future.

The aye and nay vote was called on the original motion to adopt the resolution:

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 2 - Commissioners Shafer and Bordner.

Nay votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Motion defeated.

Chairman Bordner stated that he has a limited knowledge of the drain law but believes that this issue will come back to the board.

WHEREAS, this would be a fraudulent use of funds collected under the auspices of Remonumentation and would be a great disservice to the landowners of St. Joseph County and landowners throughout the State of Michigan.

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and the St. Joseph County Register of Deeds adamantly oppose the transfer of the Remonumentation Funds to the State's General Fund until the Remonumentation Program has been completed across the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Leader of the House Craig DeRoche, Leader of the Senate Ken Sikkema, Representative Rick Shaffer, Senator Cameron Brown, the Michigan Association of County Surveyors and the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors.

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

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

Resolution adopted.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Community Mental Health

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that Gaylene Adams be appointed to the Community Mental Health for a term to expire March 31, 2007. Motion carried.

Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that Kenneth Malone be nominated and appointed to the Comprehensive Traffic Safety Program representing the Sturgis City Commission, term to expire November 30, 2006. Motion carried.

Veterans' Affairs Board

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by commissioner Shafer that Elmer Black be reappointed to the Veterans' Affairs Board for a 4 year term to expire March 1, 2010. Motion carried.

Economic Development Corporation

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that David Allen be nominated and appointed to the Economic Development Corporation for an At-Large position, term to expire June 1, 2011. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

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

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the Judiciary Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

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

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker reported on the Executive Committee that met on February 3, 2006 mentioning the following items that have not been addressed tonight:

- hours for Rose Risko at MSUE to increase for Veterans' work.
- discussion on filling vacant FOC Clerk position.

Investment Advisory Committee

Ms. West-Wing stated that everyone had received a copy of the minutes of the Investment Advisory Committee which met on January 17, 2006 and she would answer any questions that anyone may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RETIREMENT:

Janice Birkhold, Friend of the Court Clerk, will retire effective April 17, 2006.

NEW HIRE:

Jill Sangalli-Bissett has been hired as Road Patrol Officer at \$18.46/hr. effective February 7, 2006.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Cathy Annis, EDC Project Manager, has been appointed as Acting EDC Director. This is a six-month appointment commencing January 30, 2006 through July 31, 2006 and Ms. Annis will receive a \$1,000/month stipend.

Rose Risko to work up to 10 hours per week to assist with Veterans' Services. (This is in addition to the up to 12 hours per week budgeted for Resource Recovery.) Ms. Risko will be paid at her current rate of pay.

Sally Wickum, District Court Deputy Clerk, was on medical leave from January 23, 2006 to February 1, 2006 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Steve Morris, Corrections Officer, is on family leave commencing February 4, 2006 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Jane Eley, part-time Telecommunicator, increase rate of pay to \$11.00/hr. effective February 7, 2006. Ms. Eley has completed 1040 hours.

Mary Herendeen will change from FOC Enforcement Caseworker to FOC Customer Service Supervisor at \$45,617.00/yr. (Rye system, grade 9, step 3) effective February 7, 2006.

Kathy Sandusky changed from Circuit Court Judicial Secretary to Circuit Court Caseflow Manager retroactive to September 1, 2005 at \$34,112.00/yr for 2005 (Rye system, grade 6, step 3) and \$35,131.00/yr. for 2006.

SEASONAL/TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT:

Warren Martin to work temporary, part-time for Animal Control at \$8.75/hr. for road, \$7.75/hr. for clerical effective February 7, 2006.

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:

One Goodman high efficiency gas furnace for Animal Control	\$ 2,180.00
One Pelco Spectra III dome camera and mount with heater and blower for Sheriff's Department	\$ 3,650.00

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following budget adjustments:

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$30,000.00 from Probate Child Care Appropriation to Probate Child Care Fund.

\$172,829.00 from Park and Recreation Appropriation to Park and Recreation Fund.

2005 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 2,180.00

INCREASE BUILDING AND GROUND'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-265-977.000 (Equipment) \$ 2,180.00

2006 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 3,650.00

INCREASE JAIL & TURNKEY'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-351-977.000 (Equipment) \$ 3,650.00

INCREASE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES:

Line item 101-301-706.340 (Wages – Detective Sgt.) \$ 575.00

Line item 101-301-715.000 (FICA) 45.00

Line item 101-301-718.050 (MERS) 60.00

\$ 680.00

INCREASE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REVENUES:

Line item 101-301-676.060 (Reimbursed wages and fringes) \$ 680.00

INCREASE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND #266 EXPENDITURES:

Line item 266-301-706.350 (Wages – Contractual Deputy) \$ 845.00

Line item 266-301-706.355 (Wages – School Liaison Officer) 1,155.00

Line item 266-301-715.000 (FICA) 150.00

Line item 266-301-718.050 (MERS) 220.00

Line item 266-301-728.000 (Printing) 1,200.00

Line item 266-301-743.020 (Supplies – Patrol) 2,250.00

\$ 5,820.00

INCREASE LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND #266 REVENUES:

Line item 266-301-580.600 (School District Reimbursement) \$ 1,370.00

Line item 266-301-674.000 (General Donations) 4,450.00

\$ 5,820.00

DECREASE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE DENIAL FUND #270:

Line item 270-225-707.000 (Wages – Part time) \$ 300.00

INCREASE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE DENIAL FUND #270:

Line item 270-225-931.020 (Computer Maintenance/Service Contract) \$ 300.00

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

BILLS

Mr. Carey presented the following bills for payment:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Appropriations	\$ 65,918.00	\$
County Commission	12,222.68	5,522.40
Circuit Court	17,016.55	12,742.96
District Court	694.83	68,108.60
Friend of the Court	4,289.85	35,707.35
Probate Court	762.35	18,474.27
Juvenile Branch	14,261.67	43,411.35
Appeals Court	850.03	
Public Defender	400,000.00	
Administration	315.00	9,639.56
Finance Department	1,399.68	11,839.79
County Clerk	827.00	22,701.87
Equalization Department	4,303.13	17,088.84
Human Resources		6,801.54
Geographic Information Systems		6,984.96
Prosecutor's Office	5,657.05	41,140.04
Central Services	11,926.39	5,458.97
Register of Deeds	1,372.80	11,402.22
County Treasurer	220.00	13,636.04
Cooperative Extension	912.23	8,593.72
Information Technology	1,658.39	11,036.94
Buildings & Grounds	1,904.31	14,964.35
Courts Building Security	813.00	5,106.58
Drain Commission	2,036.80	5,128.50
Sheriff Department	20,926.27	127,187.16
Sheriff Reserves	1,261.55	572.70
Jail & Turnkey	2,510.88	129,249.79
Emergency Services	699.52	20,920.24
Animal Control	236.48	8,962.09
Board of Public Works		593.41
Medical Examiners	4,025.00	
Child Care - Probate	7,716.65	51.14
Utilities & General Services	<u>34,834.07</u>	_____
Total	\$621,572.16	\$663,027.38
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
County Road Commission	\$ 497,495.95	\$
Parks & Recreation	836.03	6,796.90
Emergency 911 Service	47,766.32	56,936.80
Central Dispatch - Wireless	237.10	4,080.01
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	640.50	2,047.32
Friend of the Court		1,368.91
Family Counseling	577.50	
Cade Lake Park	735.09	
Waste Management Fund		
County Commission	65,350.14	
Resource Recovery Program		613.49

<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Traffic Safety Program Fund	\$ 22.19	\$
Economic Development Fund	1,708.66	8,178.80
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	427.00	734.93
Victims' Rights Advocate Fund		3,149.03
Community Corrections Advisory Board	6,211.67	2,921.69
Community Corrections Program	2,897.95	473.66
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	1,928.04	
Law Enforcement Fund	1,234.69	21,363.48
Secondary Road Patrol		12,155.85
Homeland Security Grant Fund	2,924.00	
Law Library Fund	920.25	
Principal Residence Denial Fund	3.00	744.12
Commission on Aging	46,179.74	42,792.57
Community Development Block Grant	499.20	
Department of Human Services	42,241.62	
Child Care - Probate Court	22,746.64	
Child Care - Department of Human Services	23,811.37	3,191.28
Veterans' Trust Fund	1,679.67	
Facilities Maintenance Fund	9,750.00	
Forfeiture and Disclosure Fund	22,776.26	
Tax Payment Fund	16,714.46	
Inmate Store	233.88	
Three Rivers Community Center	2,922.27	825.56
Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund	297,766.50	
Total	\$ 1,119,237.69	\$ 168,374.40
Grand Total	\$ 1,740,809.85	\$ 831,401.78
General Fund Operating Expenditures		
Pre-Authorized	\$504,260.37	
Accounts Payable	<u>117,311.79</u>	
	\$ 621,572.16	
General Fund Payroll Expenditures	\$ 663,027.38	
Other Funds Operating Expenditures		
Pre-authorized	\$846,977.36	
Accounts Payable	<u>272,260.33</u>	
	\$ 1,119,237.69	
Other Funds Payroll Expenditures	\$ <u>168,374.40</u>	
Total Recorded for the Month	\$ 2,572,211.63	

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the bills be approved for payment. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner recommended the following committee assignments for 2006:

2006 COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

CHAPLAIN - Pueschel
PARLIAMENTARIAN - Dobberteen
RESOLUTIONS - Shafer

STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Local Emergency Planning Committee - Loudenslager
Federal Emergency Management Act - Bordner, Baker
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 - Baker
U.S. 131 Corridor Master Plan - Baker, Shafer
Farmland and Open Space Preservation - Pueschel
Website Development Committee - Shafer
Update Board Rules Committee - Dobberteen (Chair), Bordner, Shafer
Homeland Security Planning Committee - Bordner

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 - Bordner
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

2006 COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

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

Commissioner Dunlap

Judiciary Committee
Physical Resources
Human Services Commission
Investment Advisory Committee
Community Health Agency
Parks and Recreation

Commissioner Dobberteen

Executive
Law Enforcement (Chair)
Human Services Commission
County Solid Waste
S.M.A.R.T. Committee
Regional Solid Waste
Mental Health
Transportation Authority
Update Board Rules Committee (Chair)
Physical Resources

Commissioner Pueschel

Law Enforcement
MSU Extension
Community Health Agency
Mental Health
Soil Conservation
Groundwater Stewardship
Farmland and Open Space Preservation

Commissioner Bordner

Executive Committee (Chair)
Human Services Commission
Resource Conservation and Development
Retirement Board
E-911 Central Dispatch
Community Action Agency
Federal Emergency Management
Substance Abuse Advisory Council
Economic Development Corporation
Update Board Rules Committee
Homeland Security Planning Committee

Commissioner Shafer

Physical Resources (Chair)
Planning Commission
Commission on Aging
Parks and Recreation
U.S. 131 Corridor Master Plan
Regional Solid Waste
Update Board Rules Committee
Website Development Committee

Commissioner Baker

Judiciary Committee (Chair)
Workforce Development Board
County Road Commission
Comprehensive Traffic Safety Committee
U.S. 131 Area Development Association
U.S. 131 Corridor Master Plan
Community Health Agency
Executive Committee
Federal Emergency Management
Mental Health
Retirement Board

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Committee Appointments be approved. Motion carried.

Community Health Agency

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that Robin Baker, Michael Dunlap and David Pueschel be nominated and appointed to the Community Health Agency for a 1 year term expiring December 31, 2006. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that Michael Dunlap be nominated and appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a 3 year term to expire January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

Retirement Board

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that Robin Baker be nominated and appointed to the Retirement Board to fill an unexpired term expiring January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that Monte Bordner be nominated and appointed to the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council for a 3 year term expiring January 1, 2009. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tim Carls, 63044 Klinger Lake Road, Centreville stated that he had sent a letter to Senator Cameron Brown which Mr. Brown referred to the Constantine Township Supervisor. He thanked Chairman Bordner for lending him the book on new Commissioner training and after reading it, it is clear to him that the Board of Commissioners have control over the Road Commission. He also asked that Chairman Bordner not be paid for attending a recently held MDOT meeting in Portage.

Mr. Carls stated that the snow removal is a bad situation and suggests that a new Commissioner be appointed to the Road Commission or else get a new engineer there and look for new Road Commissioners.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Road Commission has had funding problems and suggests that they could sell tree trunks for revenue.

Chairman Bordner stated that the Board of Commissioners has a liaison to the Road Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager commended the Sheriff's staff and the Administrator and staff for receiving an excellent jail survey.

Commissioner Dunlap asked Ms. West-Wing to take him to every department and that was done. He has noticed that the County's pay is competitive in the County, the employees seem to like it here and they are appreciated. We have a good cash balance and a good level of services and wishes that the State and Federal Governments were the same.

He further stated that the citizens of St. Joseph County can be proud as the Board, the Administrator and the employees do a good job here.

Commissioner Baker congratulated the Sturgis Police Department, St. Joseph County Task Force and the Prosecuting Attorney for apprehending an abductor that committed a crime against a 10 year old boy last summer.

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Retirement Board met today and elected Andy Goldberger as Chairman. Also, she would like to meet with the Physical Resources Committee after the meeting today to set up a meeting date and time.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until February 21, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Monte Bordner, Chairman