

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 March 16, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Michael Dunlap called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

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| Rick Shaffer | Gerald E. Loudenslager |
| Michael D. Dunlap | Robin Baker |
| Jerry Ware | David J. Pueschel |
| John L. Dobberteen | |

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller, Dan Carey, Finance Director and Elishia Arver, Human Resource Director.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the minutes for March 2, 2010 be approved. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the minutes for March 2, 2010 Closed Session be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Update, March 5, 2010.
2. Copy of letter from Tim Carls to Congressman Upton, Re: Tri-township Fire Department's spending of federal grant money.
3. Letter from Mindy Tai, State Systems Radio, Re: BYRNE JAG Grant.
4. Letter from the State Department of Corrections, Re: Report of St. Joseph County Jail inspection conducted on January 6, 2010.
5. Resolution from VanBuren County, Re: State Mandated Services.
6. Resolution from Alger County, Re: Stopping the migration of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes.
7. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of February 17, 2010.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Dennis Bradley who lives on Corey Lake spoke about the Corey Lake Special Assessment Roll Resolution that is on the agenda and requested that the Board assess Camp Eberhart and Camp Wakeshma at \$0 because of the opportunities that they provide to the community.

Dan Tomlinson, Chief of the Three Rivers Fire Department, stated that he was representing the Fire Chief Association and wanted to clarify the radio repeater issue that was discussed at the last Board of Commissioners meeting. He stated that now they are not asking the Board for any funding. He stated that a FEMA grant paid for 80% of the funding and he thought that it was unfortunate that public comment at the last Commission meeting derailed any support for the 20% funding for the repeaters. He said that the firefighters have no hard feelings nor do they harbor any bitterness toward the Board of Commissioners.

He further stated that they have moved forward to purchase the repeaters and that they no longer need any financial support from the Board of Commissioners. They have secured alternate funding.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that he is glad that they cleared the air and he wants the repeaters to work for them.

Commissioner Baker stated that he wants what is best for the police and fire communities and wondered if the law enforcement community would be interested in pursuing the purchase of repeaters.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that in hindsight he wishes that the 911 Policy Board could have had the opportunity to get more information as it is hard to communicate through emails. He thanked Mr. Tomlinson for coming tonight.

Mr. Tomlinson stated that they are not ignoring the needs of law enforcement, but when they are on scene with firefighters, they can certainly have access to their repeaters.

CIRCUIT COURT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

Circuit Judge Paul Stutesman gave an overview of the Circuit Court's Annual Report for 2009. He stated that last August 1st he had been Judge for 5 years. Shortly after he was appointed he also became Chief Judge.

Judge Stutesman stated that Circuit Court handles divorce, felony, civil over \$25,000, property dispute, and other cases. There are 2.5 judges that work in Circuit Court.

As Chief Judge he is responsible for case flow management; supervisors' performance; discipline; coordinating personal vacation; financial reporting; assignments, etc.

Judge Stutesman stated that this has been a learning experience for him and attends as many educational programs that he can. In addition, he serves on a committee that regularly meets with legislative leaders.

In the Collections arena, the Judge stated that Beth Barber from the State Court Administrative Office did an analysis of Circuit Court collections some time ago. Because of this analysis and the recommendations many practices were put into place way before the 1st of January this year when the collections became a responsibility of the Court and Clerk working together.

He stated that we are the only County in the State that has the exact number of judges that we should based on case flow.

In 2009 there was also a new Prosecutor, but the big issue was that a jury could not be selected for the Springer trial. He stated that all of the Counties in the immediate surrounding area offered their facilities to us to draw the jury and have the trial.

Kalamazoo County was recommended and assigned by the SCAO and Judge Stutesman stated that their cooperation was absolutely amazing. He thanked the Prosecuting Attorney and the Defense Attorneys for their diligence and also the Sheriff's Department who transported the jury when deliberations returned to St. Joseph County after 3 weeks of trial/deliberations in Kalamazoo.

The Judge mentioned that we are in a jury pilot program which allows the jury to receive information that is compiled in a notebook and the response from the jurors is that this is extremely helpful in their deliberations.

Judge Stutesman also mentioned that there were several factors in not moving cases as quickly as they would like some of them being the Springer trial; the increase in methamphetamine cases; and the increasing number of pro per litigants. He stated that Judge Welty's Secretary, Lori Rumsey, put together a Divorce Packet about a year and half ago, to assist pro per litigants. Other counties are now following our lead.

He recognized Kathy Griffin, Case Flow Manager, who was present and is responsible for budgeting, negotiating and the grievance procedure. She is Vice-President this year of her State Association. She also completes the mandatory reporting to the Supreme Court.

The other person in the office, Anita Buscher, is the Court Recorder and is under stress constantly.

He has a good working relationship with Judge Shumaker, Terry Evans, Bill Thistlethwaite and Don Happel.

He stated that they will continue to work with the other Judges and the Board of Commissioners.

Responding to a question regarding collections from Commissioner Baker, Judge Stutesman stated that rules have been defined and we hope to see an increase in revenues. He stated that they are seeing some success, but the people that owe are most generally unemployed. He thinks that the system that we have in place is working and that numbers will be reported next year.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that he is glad that he is meeting with legislative leaders and asked if they are working on appealing the Driver Responsibility Law. Judge Stutesman stated that the legislators agree that the law needs to be appealed but they do not do anything about it, probably because of the revenue that it generates.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that Judge Stutesman gave a good report and that he is doing a fantastic job. He congratulated him on the progress that he is making on the State level and told him to keep up the good work.

Judge Stutesman thanked Ms. West-Wing, stating that she knows what she is doing. He said that there is cooperation between the two of them as well as the County in general.

DISTRICT COURT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2009

Chief District Court Judge Jeffery Middleton gave an overview of the 2009 Annual Report for District Court. He introduced District Judge William Welty and Court Administrator Tabitha Wedge who were in attendance. He stated that Mrs. Wedge makes the Judges look good!

Judge Middleton stated that we can all count our blessings here as all 4 Judges get along and they meet with the Commissioners Judiciary Committee and others on a regular basis and talk about meaningful things. That is a rarity state-wide.

2009 was a stressful year for the employees. There are financial issues and staff is doing more with less. He is very proud of the District Court staff.

In 2009 they lost Magistrate Don Happel to the Juvenile Court; Alice DeJongh, Probation Officer/Magistrate resigned to move out of State; Henry VanGemert, Sr. Probation Officer resigned and moved up north. He thanked the Board for giving them approval to appoint Probation Officer, Robert Sabatini, as Sr. Probation Officer; and to also hire 2 new Probation Officers.

Their statistics for 2009 are about the same as 2008, but their traffic citations were down. The methamphetamine cases are changing the playing field. They can make the drug in one pot now.

District Court continues to balance revenues that they return to the County with expenditures but they are always looking for ways to increase revenues.

Judge Middleton stated that unemployment is not good in the County and probably 40% of those unemployed are in the Court system.

He stated that in all of the years that he and Judge Welty have worked together they have never had a cross word between them. He further stated that the 4 Judges meet on a regular basis and they will continue to try to do more with less.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that it was a good report.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that it is nice to hear that all of the Courts and Judges work together with everyone else.

Judge Middleton stated that he is on a Committee at the State level about the Driver Responsibility legislation and will be speaking at a traffic symposium. The law needs to be changed, but the State is counting on the revenue that this law generates. He believes that it is grossly unfair to poor people.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Circuit Court Annual Report for 2009 and the District Court Annual Report for 2009 be accepted. Motion carried.

2010 REMONUMENTATION FEE SCHEDULE

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of the revised remonumentation fee schedule for 2010:

<u>Standard:</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Research	\$240.00	\$240.00	0%
Field Investigation, Set Monument. Witness Corner, Present and Record L.C.R.C.	\$940.00	\$940.00	0%
 <u>Exceptions:</u>			
Road/Open Field Traverse	\$0.13/FT	\$0.13/FT	0%
Woodlot/Westland Traverse	\$0.21/FT	\$0.21/FT	0%
Set Monument Box (in gravel or asphalt rdwy.)	\$100.00	\$110.00	10%
Set Mon. Box in Conc. Rdwy.	\$700.00	\$700.00	0%
Rental Equipment for Excavation	Cost	Cost	
Std. Mon. on Private Survey	\$510.00	\$510.00	0%
Corner Maintenance	\$385.00	\$395.00	3%
Global Positioning (GPS)	\$300.00	\$300.00	0%
Per Diem for Meetings	\$120.00	\$120.00	0%
Administration - County Grant Adm.	\$1,600.00	\$1,650.00	3%
Administration - County Rep./Surveyor	\$3,600	\$3,650	3%

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the revised remonumentation fees be approved.

The aye vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Pueschel, Ware and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH MOSTROM AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Ms. West-Wing stated that the contracts are historically the same.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the remonumentation contract with Mostrom and Associates, Inc. be approved.

The aye vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Pueschel, Ware and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

ADDENDUM TO CONTRACT WITH MOSTROM AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

Ms. West-Wing stated that because Mostrom and Associates, Inc. have more than 1 surveyor participating in the County's Remonumentation Program that this addendum needs to be approved so that all are covered.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Addendum to the Remonumentation Contract with Mostrom and Associates, Inc. be approved.

The aye vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Pueschel, Ware and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH CARR AND ASSOCIATES LAND SURVEYING

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Remonumentation Contract with Carr and Associates Land Surveying be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH DAVID GARIEPY

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Remonumentation Contract with David Gariepy be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH GLOBAL LAND SURVEYING, LLC

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the Remonumentation Contract with Global Land Surveying, LLC be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION MULTI-PURPOSE BLOCK GRANT

Undersheriff Mark Lillywhite requested support from the Board of Commissioners for an Energy Efficiency & Conservation Multi-Purpose Block Grant that they are calling "Kilowatts for Cops." This grant covers solar water - \$88,000; solar electric - \$140,000; washers and dryers at the jail - \$20,000; Cade Lake solar water and Rawson Energy Audit; for a grand total of \$267,153. It also requires the County to contribute \$5,000 which was not budgeted, plus \$6,194 in in-kind contributions.

Mr. Lillywhite explained that the County Grant Writer, Marcia Saunders, applied for the grant and that we were successful which should save the County energy costs. A consultant will be hired to weed through the process and the consultant's fees should be reimbursable.

When asked if the County was committed to the grant if approved tonight, Mr. Lillywhite stated that we can still back out of the grant especially after the Request for Proposals has been sent and bids are returned. If they are too high we can back out. Right now it is hard to determine the cost for everything that is needed. He did say that there would be little maintenance on the system.

As part of the grant solar panels will be installed on the roof of the jail and they are supposed to last between 15 and 20 years. They are going to borrow flow meters now, in order to find out how much hot water is used by the jail.

Commissioner Dobberteen is opposed to the project because of possible unforeseen expenses like if the system would break down.

Mr. Lillywhite stated that the new system would not replace what they have now, it will supplement the system.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Multi-Purpose Block Grant be accepted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

BYRNE JAG GRANT

Portable Radios for Jail/Courts Building Security

Mark Lillywhite stated that they have received the Byrne JAG Grant which is a multi-jurisdictional grant to purchase portable radios for the Jail/Courts Building Security. 19 radios will be purchased with 6 of them going to Villages in the County and the remaining 13 will be for the Jail/Courts Building Security. The County's match is 10% or \$1,127 for 13 radios. Motorola radios will be purchased and currently if at least 18 are purchased there is a rebate of \$100 per radio, which makes reimbursement to the County the 10% match that is required.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Byrne JAG Grant be accepted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION FEES SET

Ms. West-Wing stated that there are usually 2 Household Hazardous Waste Collections per year and last year the budget was exceeded by approximately \$3,500.

The following are the recommendations from the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee:

- County residents will be allowed up to 100 pounds per collection at no charge.
- \$1.00 per pound for everything over 100 pounds will be collected.
- Donations will be accepted.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the fees as recommended by the SWMPC be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

COVERED BRIDGE DAYS REQUEST

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Covered Bridge Day's Committee is requesting use of County Courthouse property from June 25, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. through Saturday, June 26, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Covered Bridge Days Committee be granted use of the Courthouse property on June 25 and 26, 2010. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH MAXIMUS, INC., FOR COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Ms. West-Wing stated that she is recommending approval of an Agreement with Maximus, Inc., to conduct a cost allocation plan for Friend of the Court and Child Care Plan. The purpose is to recover funds from the State and Federal government as reimbursable costs to the County. This is a renewal of previous contracts and the cost of \$12,900 per year is the same. In addition, this agreement will include the Child Care Plan to see if any further costs that we have can be reimbursed by the State. This will be done with no added cost.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Agreement with Maximus, Inc., for cost allocation plans for the Friend of the Court and the Child Care Plan be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BALLOT LANGUAGE

Ms. West-Wing presented the following Transportation Authority ballot language as submitted by the Prosecuting Attorney:

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one year upon all property within the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, be increased by the County and authorized to levy .33 of a mill, that being 33.00 cents, (.33), on each one thousand

dollars, (\$1,000.00) of the taxable valuation of real property for a period of four years, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, inclusive, for the sole purpose of operation millage for the St. Joseph County Transportation Authority for the continuation of transportation services? It is estimated that if this tax levy were spread in 2010 it would generate \$617,787.11 in additional revenue.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Transportation Authority Millage Renewal ballot language be approved for placement on the August 3, 2010 ballot and if passed to be levied in 2011.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH KALAMAZOO COUNTY FOR
ADMINISTRATION OF MICHIGAN WORKS!

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kalamazoo County for the Administration of the Michigan Works! System and Activities of the Kalamazoo-St. Joseph Workforce Development Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Intergovernmental Agreement with Kalamazoo County for Administration of Michigan Works! be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR
CADE LAKE PARK EXPANSION PROJECT

Ms. West-Wing presented an amendment to the Land Acquisition Project Agreement for the Cade Lake Park Expansion Project. The agreement was approved by the Board in December for 40 acres. The area was surveyed and there are actually 45 acres. This amendment modifies the acreage to 45 at no additional cost. A grant has been approved from the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$79,500 with the remaining \$30,000 being paid by the County.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that he has always been in support of the Cade Lake Park project and thinks that it is a hidden jewel. The County has made dramatic improvements to the Park, but he wished that there had been more in-depth information on this additional property. He was hoping that this would landlock the lake but it does not, therefore he will be voting no on the motion to approve the agreement to be consistent with his previous vote to approve the original agreement.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that he had walked the property and there is a lot of high ground in the expanded property. He further stated that this is the first time that we have applied for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant and received it and if we do not accept it, it would be an insult. He said that we cannot back out now or we probably would not be considered for another grant if applied for in the future.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Amendment to Land Acquisition Project Agreement for the Cade Lake Park Expansion Project be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 1 - Commissioner Shaffer.

Motion carried.

COREY LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL

Commissioner Loudenslager presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 6-2010
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
COREY LAKE
LAKE LEVEL RESOLUTION
PURSUANT TO MCL 324.30701 et seq

WHEREAS, a normal lake level for Corey Lake was established under the Inland Lake Level Act, formerly Act 146 of the Public Acts of 1961 on August 5, 1974, at a maximum level of 874 feet above sea level; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2009, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court established and confirmed the boundaries of a special assessment district for the lake level of Corey Lake; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner serves as the delegated authority on behalf of St. Joseph County and, along with the Cass County Water Resources Commissioner, who serves as the delegated authority on behalf of Cass County, has prepared a computation of costs pursuant to MCL 324.30712 and a special assessment roll pursuant to MCL 324.30714, for the purpose of assessing costs for establishing the lake level special assessment district and maintaining the lake level of Corey Lake; and

WHEREAS, upon proper notice, a hearing was held to review the costs and the special assessment roll pursuant to MCL 324.30714(3), and after such hearing the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner and the Cass County Water Resources Commissioner approved the costs and the special assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the costs and the special assessment roll.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board hereby approves the project costs and special assessment roll developed by the Drain Commissioner; and
2. The Board hereby directs the Drain Commissioner to levy special assessments for the costs of the project consistent with Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 327.30701, *et seq.*, after the expiration of the appeal period.

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

Commissioner Baker asked if the camps were part of the assessment roll.

Ms. West-Wing said yes they were.

Commissioner Pueschel asked how we could take them off.

Jeff Wenzel, Drain Commissioner, stated that he gave a benefit to the parcels on the lake that the camps own. He gave the camps a break and if they were completely removed from the special assessment roll it would not be fair to other property owners.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there was no report.

Judiciary

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that the next Judiciary Committee Meeting would be held on April 14th at noon.

Physical Resources

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

Executive Committee

Commissioner Pueschel stated that everyone has a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on March 12, 2010 and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Michael Mellen, Central Dispatch Intern, resigned effective March 2, 2010.

Shirley Beachey, COA In-home Services Aide, revise resignation date to March 4, 2010. (Resignation was approved by Board of Commissioners on March 2, 2010.)

DISMISSAL:

Cindy Gordon, part-time Corrections Officer, has been dismissed effective March 15, 2010.

NEW HIRE:

Cody Back has been hired as part-time Corrections Officer at \$15.30/hr. effective March 23, 2010.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

INCREASE REVENUES COUNTY SURVEY & REMONUMENTATION FUND #247:

Line item 247-225-578.000 (State Grant) \$ 14,762.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES COUNTY SURVEY & REMONUMENTATION FUND #247:

Line item 247-225-848.000 (Peer Group) \$ 760.00

Line item 247-225-848.010 (Research Corners) 850.00

Line item 247-225-848.011 (Monument Corners) 12,042.00

Line item 247-225-848.021 (Supplies – Monument Corners) 10.00

Line item 247-225-848.033 (Control Station Recovery) 1,000.00

Line item 247-225-848.041 (Administration) 100.00

\$ 14,762.00

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$30,000.00 from County Road Bridge Appropriation to County Road Bridge Fund.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 2 half days 2/17 & 2/25/10 & 1 full day 3/3/10	\$ 195.00
John Dobberteen - 5 half days 2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 3/4 & 3/9/10 & 1 full day 3/15/10	345.00
Michael Dunlap - 4 half days 2/17, 2/25, 3/9 & 3/12/10	200.00
Gerald Loudenslager - 2 half days 3/8 & 3/15/10 & 2 full days 2/17 & 3/3/10	290.00
David Pueschel - 4 half days 2/25, 2/26, 3/12 & 3/15/10	200.00
Rick Shaffer - 4 half days 2/26, 3/3, 3/9 & 3/12/10	200.00
Jerry Ware - 2 half days 3/3 & 3/8/10	<u>100.00</u>
	\$1,530.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 64.00
John Dobberteen	97.00
Michael Dunlap	65.00
Gerald Loudenslager	201.50
David Pueschel	18.50
Rick Shaffer	37.00
Jerry Ware	<u>15.00</u>
	\$ 498.00

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

Financial Statement

	Revenues	Expenditures
February	\$ 1,080,395	\$ 960,537
Year to Date	2,172,470	2,183,077
 Period Fund Balance	 \$119,858.00	
Year to Date	\$ (10,607.00)	
 Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	 16.67%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	14.88%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	14.96%	

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the financial statement be accepted. Motion carried.

Independent Contractor's Agreement

Mr. Carey recommended approval of an Independent Contractor's Agreement between the Economic Development Corporation and Amanda Fassett for website work. It will be for approximately 285 hours plus 10 cents a copy up to a total of \$3,000 and will expire October 1, 2010.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the agreement be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager congratulated the Centreville FFA Team on their 1st Place Award in the State Parliamentary Procedure competition and wished them well on the national competition.

He also stated that Nottawa Township will hopefully have a public access on Lake Templene by Memorial Day. The first public hearing was held last night.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that the HSC has a new community card which lists all of the human services agencies in the County.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until April 6, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Michael D. Dunlap, Chairman