

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 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John Dobberteen, called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

Allen Balog	Rick Shaffer
Robin Baker	John Dobberteen

Absent: Donald Eaton

Also present were Joni Smith, Finance Director and Elishia Arver, Human Resources Director.

#### AGENDA

Chairman Dobberteen stated that he would like to add to the agenda the cancelling of the Work Session scheduled for March 26th.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer supported by Commissioner Balog that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the minutes for March 5, 2013 be approved. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Bob Griffioen, Island Hills Golf Club and Precision Speed Equipment, Re: In support of St. Joseph County's proposed marketing campaign.
2. Letter from Andy Mears, Island Hills Golf Club, Re: In support of St. Joseph County's proposed marketing campaign.
3. Letter from Lou Scohy, Island Hills Condominium Association, Re: In support of St. Joseph County's proposed marketing campaign.
4. Letter from John Wiedlea, Sturgis Improvement Association, Re: In support of St. Joseph County's proposed marketing campaign.
5. Letter from Don Fox, White Pigeon, Re: In support of St. Joseph County's proposed marketing campaign and new senior centers.
6. Letter from Park Township, Re: Notice of public hearing to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption to Peterson Spring-CIMA.
7. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption to Summit Polymers and Mayer Tool & Die.
8. Notice of Foster Care/Adoption Open House on April 13 at the Holiday Inn Express in Three Rivers.
9. Letter from Enbridge, Re: Construction to begin on Phase 2 replacement of line 6B.
10. Resolution from Gratiot County, Re: Appealing to the Legislature to revoke ACT 88 of 1913 (PA 88).
11. Resolution from Van Buren County, Re: Urging Governor Snyder and Michigan Legislators to make the necessary investments to repair our roads and bridges.
12. Resolution from Delta County, Re: Preservation of the Second Amendment.
13. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of February 20, 2013.
14. Newsletter from Port of Battle Creek, Foreign-Trade Zone 43 – Spring 2013.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Rita Reed, 681 E. Main Street, Apt. 19, Centreville spoke about the incident regarding an abused dog in the City of Three Rivers. She said that the Code Enforcement Officer did not do his job and she also received no help from the Three Rivers Police Department or the Sheriff's Department. There is now a new Code Enforcement Officer and she asked if he would be required to do his job. She also asked if the pet owner will be prosecuted and would he ever be able to own pets again.

Robert Holt, 30440 Lafayette, Sturgis stated that he has asked in the past if the Commissioners would talk to him regarding the Senior Citizens Center in Sturgis and is asking again.

Lois Ware, 402 Gateway Village, Apt. A, Sturgis also asked about the Sturgis Senior Citizens Center and would like the Commissioners to talk with them and answer some questions.

Tim Carls, 63044 Klinger Lake Road, Centreville stated that apparently he missed a hot meeting last time and wondered when the County became a profitable machine to bring people into the County. He recommended that Commissioner Eaton's pay be docked because of his comments at the last meeting.

2012-13 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT

Mrs. Arver stated that this grant is for assistance in funding hazardous materials emergency response plans to first responders (fire, law enforcement, emergency medical services, etc.) The grant is for \$1,920 with a \$480 County match.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Balog that the 2012-13 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant Agreement be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 4 - Commissioners Balog, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried.

2010 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GRANT AMENDMENT

Mrs. Arver stated that originally this grant paid for 37.9% of the wages of the program manager's cost but because some other entities did not take advantage of this grant we can now be funded at 42.02% for an additional amount of \$2,548.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the 2010 Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant Amendment be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 4 - Commissioners Balog, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried.

2011 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING GRANT AMENDMENT

Mrs. Arver stated that originally this grant paid for 36.8% of the wages of the program manager's cost but because some other entities did not take advantage of this grant we can now be funded at 49.2% for an additional amount of \$6,193.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Balog that the 2011 Emergency Preparedness Planning Grant Amendment be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 4 - Commissioners Balog, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH VAN BUREN COUNTY  
2012 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT

Mrs. Arver stated that this Agreement between St. Joseph and VanBuren Counties provides for VanBuren County to be our fiduciary for this Grant.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Intergovernmental Funding Agreement with VanBuren County to be the fiduciary for the 2012 Homeland Security Grant be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 4 - Commissioners Balog, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried.

TEL NET (PHONE) SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mrs. Arver stated that this agreement is for 3 years and provides telephone services for the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the TelNet Service Agreement in the amount of \$1,250 per month be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 4 - Commissioners Balog, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Eaton.

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Jury Board

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that Dennis Bradley be nominated and appointed to the Jury Board for a term to expire April 30, 2019. Motion carried.

Transportation Authority Board

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that Allen Balog, Charles Thompson, Bruce Zakrzewski, Connie Stoppenbach, Kelli Tackett, Aaron Cullifer and Joseph Haas be nominated and appointed to the Transportation Authority Board for 2 year terms that will expire April 1, 2015. Motion carried.

Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Balog that Gaylene Adams, Dori Leo, Veronica Atkins and Rebecca Black be nominated and appointed to the Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services for terms to expire March 31, 2016. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Baker stated that the committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Balog stated that the committee had not met.

Executive Committee

Chairman Dobberteen stated that the Executive Committee had not met.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mrs. Arver presented the following report:

NEW HIRE:

Joel T. Schroeder has been hired as COA Marketing Outreach Coordinator at \$30,967.00/yr. (COA, grade 11, minimum) effective March 11, 2013.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Mrs. Arver presented the following report:

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$14,000.00 from General Fund Appropriation to Soil Conservation Fund.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Smith presented the following report:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 10 half days 2/20 x 2, 2/21 x 2, 2/28, 3/1, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6 & 3/7/13 & 1 full day 2/26/13	\$ 595.00
Allen Balog - 12 half days 2/20 x 2, 2/21 x 2, 2/28 x 2, 3/1, 3/4, 3/7, 3/12, 3/14 & 3/18/12 & 1 full day 3/19/13	695.00
John Dobberteen - 13 half days 2/26 x 2, 3/1, 3/4, 3/5 x 2, 3/7, 3/13 x 2, 3/14, 3/15 & 3/18/13 x 2 2 full days 2/25 & 3/19/13	<u>840.00</u>
	\$2,130.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 297.76
Allen Balog	281.20
John Dobberteen	<u>358.21</u>
	\$ 937.17

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the per diems and expenses be approved for payment. Motion carried.

Financial Statement

	Revenues	Expenditures
February	\$ 1,057,653	\$ 1,209,974
Year to Date	2,444,492	2,735,051
Rev over Exp (Exp over Rev)	(\$152,321)	
Year to Date	(\$290,559)	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.		16.67%
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date		16.13%
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date		18.05%

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen suggested that the work session scheduled for March 26th be cancelled until Pat Yoder begins his employment with the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the Work Session scheduled for March 26th be cancelled. Motion carried.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Lois Ware spoke again stating that they would like to talk to the Commissioners regarding the Sturgis Senior Center.

Robert Holt stated that they are not getting answers from the Commission on Aging and they want to talk to the Commissioners.

Rebecca Shank, 12302 Corey Lake Road, Three Rivers asked for the 3 minute time limit on citizens comments to be waived. She spoke about all of her positions, accomplishments and experiences throughout the last many decades as well as her experience as a child growing up on Klinger Lake working at her father's marina. She believes that more can be accomplished when people work together.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Balog stated that the Commission on Aging meets tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. in Three Rivers at the Community Center and invited Mrs. Ware and Mr. Holt to that meeting.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that he receives many telephone calls, letters and emails and is pleased when constituents contact him. He thanked Rita Reed for coming tonight as he encouraged her to make her comments to the Board.

He also thanked Lorilee Knepper for volunteering to be the Secretary of the Animal Advisory Group.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Balog that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourns until April 2, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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John Dobberteen, Chairman