

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 April 7, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dobberteen 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:

Allen J. Balog	Rick Shaffer
Robin Baker	Donald Eaton
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present: Pat Yoder, Administrator/Controller and Joni Smith, Finance Director.

#### AGENDA

Mr. Yoder asked that authorization to move forward to a settlement of a FOIA issue at the Sheriff's Department be added to the agenda.

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and supported by Commissioner Baker that the minutes for March 17, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Resolution from Bay County, Re: Measles Vaccination.
2. Resolution from Ottawa County, Re: Support of Proposal 1.
3. Minutes of the Community Action Board meeting of February 23, 2015.
4. Minutes of the Animal Control Advisory Board meeting of November 19, 2014.

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

#### CITIZEN COMMENT

Loralee Knepper, M-60, Mendon stated that she had read that there may be a dog park within Meyer-Broadway Park and she encouraged this concept to move forward. She has been to one in Kalamazoo and it is very successful.

#### 2015 EQUALIZATION REPORT

Tony Meyaard, Equalization Director, stated that there will be no factors in any unit this year. There is an overall increase of \$108,665,000 which is 4.3% over 2014. The Taxable Value is up \$53,700,000 or 2.82% which is higher than he had projected.

They caught a mistake during the audit and there was a 10 million dollar mistake in one township regarding the Enbridge pipeline and they were allowed to correct those figures.

The highest increase was in Flowerfield Township with 15.31% and the only decrease was in Leonidas Township which was .02%.

Commissioner Eaton asked if he had comparison figures of St. Joseph County compared to other counties in the State.

Mr. Meyaard responded by saying that there is a group of Southwest Michigan Equalization Directors and all Counties have increased in a similar percentage.

Commissioner Eaton asked Mr. Meyaard if he could give a 3 year projection for St. Joseph County for planning purposes. Mr. Meyaard stated that he would work on this idea. He did say that personal property taxes are gradually going away according to several different formulas in fairly recent amendments to laws and by 2023 all will be gone except for utilities.

The following report was presented:

PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY - TOTALS

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS		PERSONAL PROPERTY VALUATIONS		TOTAL REAL PLUS PERSONAL PROPERTY	
	ASSESS. VALUE	EQUALIZED VALUE	ASSESSED VALUE	EQUALIZED VAUE	ASSESSED VALUE	EQUALIZED VALUE
BURR OAK	\$98,362,600	\$98,362,600	\$6,336,500	\$6,336,500	\$104,699,100	\$104,699,100
COLON	\$143,985,500	\$143,985,500	\$8,894,300	\$8,894,300	\$152,879,800	\$152,879,800
CONSTANTINE	\$137,733,100	\$137,733,100	\$24,553,300	\$24,553,300	\$162,286,400	\$162,286,400
FABIUS	\$210,578,750	\$210,578,750	\$15,590,000	\$15,590,000	\$226,168,750	\$226,168,750
FAWN RIVER	\$57,345,100	\$57,345,100	\$886,400	\$886,400	\$58,231,500	\$58,231,500
FLORENCE	\$85,067,600	\$85,067,600	\$4,235,000	\$4,235,000	\$89,302,600	\$89,302,600
FLOWERFIELD	\$84,014,630	\$84,014,630	\$16,300,173	\$16,300,173	\$100,314,803	\$100,314,803
LEONIDAS	\$74,547,200	\$74,547,200	\$7,738,400	\$7,738,400	\$82,285,600	\$82,285,600
LOCKPORT	\$130,526,900	\$130,526,900	\$3,161,700	\$3,161,700	\$133,688,600	\$133,688,600
MENDON	\$111,065,900	\$111,065,900	\$30,867,500	\$30,867,500	\$141,933,400	\$141,933,400
MOTTVILLE	\$70,104,700	\$70,104,700	\$11,546,100	\$11,546,100	\$81,650,800	\$81,650,800
NOTTAWA	\$161,833,500	\$161,833,500	\$4,786,600	\$4,786,600	\$166,620,100	\$166,620,100
PARK	\$145,566,100	\$145,566,100	\$29,213,600	\$29,213,600	\$174,779,700	\$174,779,700
SHERMAN	\$163,929,636	\$163,929,636	\$5,370,500	\$5,370,500	\$169,300,136	\$169,300,136
STURGIS	\$69,492,800	\$69,492,800	\$2,873,300	\$2,873,300	\$72,366,100	\$72,366,100
WHITE PIGEON	\$198,346,900	\$198,346,900	\$36,046,800	\$36,046,800	\$234,393,700	\$234,393,700
THREE RIVERS	\$151,553,900	\$151,553,900	\$78,532,700	\$78,532,700	\$230,086,600	\$230,086,600
STURGIS CITY	\$197,266,000	\$197,266,000	\$61,617,300	\$61,617,300	\$258,883,300	\$258,883,300
	\$2,291,320,816	\$2,291,320,816	\$348,550,173	\$348,550,173	\$2,639,870,989	\$2,639,870,989

EQUALIZED VALUATIONS - REAL

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL
						REAL PROPERTY
BURR OAK	\$47,850,100	\$1,028,100	\$861,500	\$48,622,900		\$98,362,600
COLON	\$49,183,100	\$4,142,100	\$2,173,000	\$88,487,300		\$143,985,500
CONSTANTINE	\$43,260,700	\$4,258,100	\$20,814,500	\$69,399,800		\$137,733,100
FABIUS	\$21,115,900	\$4,943,600	\$3,078,300	\$181,440,950		\$210,578,750
FAWN RIVER	\$25,422,100	\$1,508,500	\$0	\$30,414,500		\$57,345,100
FLORENCE	\$63,219,400	\$0	\$111,700	\$21,736,500		\$85,067,600
FLOWERFIELD	\$34,437,080	\$1,336,200	\$76,100	\$48,165,250		\$84,014,630
LEONIDAS	\$53,194,900	\$844,900	\$0	\$20,507,400		\$74,547,200
LOCKPORT	\$35,421,300	\$4,822,800	\$910,000	\$89,372,800		\$130,526,900
MENDON	\$51,379,200	\$3,246,800	\$3,990,300	\$52,449,600		\$111,065,900
MOTTVILLE	\$29,645,100	\$1,939,100	\$11,011,200	\$27,509,300		\$70,104,700
NOTTAWA	\$54,923,100	\$7,625,400	\$414,700	\$98,870,300		\$161,833,500
PARK	\$47,447,800	\$6,267,300	\$5,012,600	\$86,838,400		\$145,566,100
SHERMAN	\$34,843,000	\$1,527,700	\$156,400	\$127,402,536		\$163,929,636
STURGIS	\$27,104,500	\$9,841,700	\$1,393,600	\$30,495,800	\$657,200	\$69,492,800
WHITE PIGEON	\$33,584,200	\$9,317,200	\$7,533,000	\$147,912,500		\$198,346,900

EQUALIZED VALUATIONS - REAL

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
THREE RIVERS	\$0	\$59,783,300	\$21,652,300	\$70,118,300		\$151,553,900
STURGIS CITY	\$491,700	\$39,746,900	\$43,667,300	\$113,360,100		\$197,266,000
	\$652,523,180	\$162,179,700	\$122,856,500	\$1,353,104,236	\$657,200	\$2,291,320,816

ASSESSED VALUATIONS - REAL

	AGRICULTURAL	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	DEVELOPMENTAL	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
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COLON	\$49,183,100	\$4,142,100	\$2,173,000	\$88,487,300		\$143,985,500
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	\$652,523,180	\$162,179,700	\$122,856,500	\$1,353,104,236	\$657,200	\$2,291,320,816

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and supported by Commissioner Baker that the 2015 Equalization Report be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Report adopted.

2015 REMONUMENTATION FEE SCHEDULE

Andrew Hartwick, G.I.S. Director, recommended approval of the following 2015 Remonumentation Fee Schedule remarking that some items increased slightly:

<u>Standard:</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Research	\$250.00	\$260.00	4%
Field Investigation & Presentation		\$800.00	
Monumentation	\$980.00	\$300.00	11%
<u>Exceptions:</u>			
Set Monument Box (in gravel or asphalt roadway)	\$135.00	\$150.00	10%
Set Mon. Box in Conc. Roadway	\$725.00	\$750.00	3%
Rental Equipment for Excavation Std. Mon. on Private Survey	Cost \$520.00	Cost \$520.00	0%

Corner Maintenance	\$400.00	\$400.00	0%
Control Station Recovery	\$500.00	\$500.00	0%
Per Diem for Meetings	\$160.00	\$165.00	3%
Administration - County Grant Adm.	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	0%
Administration - Co. Rep./Surveyor	\$3,800.00	\$3,900.00	3%

NOTES:

1. Monumentation from 2014 has been split into “Field Investigation” and “Monumentation & Recordation” in order to make a partial payment for a corner if it is not completed in the current grant year. This line item now includes providing coordinates for each corner.
2. The proposed increases represent an approximate 9% increase for the overall 2015 program but includes coordinates for all corners completed.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Eaton that the 2015 Remonumentation Fee Schedule be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH MOSTROM AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Eaton that the Remonumentation Contract with Mostrom and Associates, Inc., be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH CARR AND ASSOCIATES LAND SURVEYING

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

REMONUMENTATION CONTRACT WITH KESLER LAND SURVEYING, LLC

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Remonumentation Contract with Kesler Land Surveying, LLC be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

NOTTAWA PARK CAMPGROUND ATTENDANT

Mr. Yoder stated that Jaymes MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director, is recommending that Denise Franklin be the seasonal Nottawa Park Campground Attendant.

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Agreement with Denise Franklin to be the seasonal Nottawa Park Campground Attendant be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

RAWSON'S KING MILL PARK OCCUPANCY AND CARETAKER AGREEMENT

Mr. Yoder stated that Mr. MacDonald is also recommending that Matt Kauffman be the caretaker at Rawson's King Mill Park and will reside in the Dolly Reed House with his aunt and uncle.

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Agreement with Matt Kauffman to be the caretaker at Rawson's King Mill Park be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

FOIA

Mr. Yoder requested permission to move forward regarding a violation of the Freedom of Information Act.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that Mr. Yoder is authorized to move forward with MMRMA negotiating towards a settlement of a FOIA violation at the Sheriff's Department.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 7 - 2015  
DESIGNATION OF  
REMONUMENTATION GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Hartwick stated that he was the current Remonumentation Grant Administrator and since he is resigning is recommending that Ken Syers, Jr., who will replace him as G.I.S. Director, be appointed as the Remonumentation Grant Administrator.

Commissioner Shaffer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Andrew Hartwick was appointed as the Grant Administrator of the St. Joseph County Remonumentation Program during his employment as GIS Director; and

WHEREAS, Ken Syers, Jr. began employment as the GIS Director for St. Joseph County on April 7; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Ken Syers, Jr. serve as the Grant Administrator of the Remonumentation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Ken Syers, Jr. as Grant Administrator of the Remonumentation Program replacing Andrew Hartwick effective April 7, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Eaton that the resolution be adopted and second reading waived.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

### NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

#### Commission on Aging

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and supported by Commissioner Baker that Al Heivilin be nominated and appointed to the Commission on Aging to fill an unexpired term expiring June 30, 2015. Motion carried.

#### Remonumentation Peer Review Group Member Appointment

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that David Mostrom, James Boynton, Robert Carr, David Gariepy, Dale Kesler, Douglas Mostrom and Terry Woldring be nominated and appointed to the Remonumentation Peer Review Group from April 7, 2015 to December 31, 2015. Motion carried.

### PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Yoder presented the following report:

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Lindsay Oswald, Grant Writer, has been appointed as County Clerk/ROD at \$71,135.00/yr. effective July 1, 2015 to fill the unexpired term of Pattie S. Bender who is retiring.

#### NEW HIRE:

Jodie Schnetzler has been hired as part-time Clerical for Sheriff's Department at \$14.09/hr. (Nottley system, grade 2, step 1) effective March 19, 2015.

Kenneth Syers Jr. has been hired as GIS Director at \$50,932.47/yr. (Nottley system, grade 10, step 2) effective April 7, 2015.

#### TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Charles Bishop has been hired as part-time seasonal Marine Patrol at \$16.08/hr. effective May 22, 2015.

Gary Hawkins has been hired as part-time seasonal Marine Patrol at \$16.08/hr. effective May 22, 2015.

Michele Kelley has been hired as seasonal Cade Lake Park Supervisor at \$9.98/hr. effective April 28, 2015.

Denise Franklin has been hired as seasonal Nottawa Park Supervisor at \$9.98/hr. effective April 28, 2015.

Andrew Whitmyer has been hired as seasonal Park Maintenance at \$8.25/hr. effective June 1, 2015.

Nichole Eichorn has been hired as seasonal Cade Lake Park Office at \$8.25/hr. effective April 28, 2015.

Jonathan Mejeur has been hired as seasonal Nottawa Park Contact Station at \$8.50/hr. effective May 19, 2015.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Mrs. Smith presented the following reports:

Budget Adjustments

GENERAL FUND - VETERANS SERVICES DEPARTMENT:

Increase Operating Transfers In (101-682-699.000)	\$ 45,782.00
Increase Wages - Dept Head/Director (101-682-705.010)	\$ 49,939.00
Decrease Wages - Secretary (101-682-706.250)	(25,886.00)
Increase FICA (101-682-715.000)	1,840.00
Increase Health Insurance (101-682-716.000)	3,995.00
Increase Dental Insurance (101-682-716.010)	344.00
Increase S & A Insurance (101-682-716.020)	240.00
Increase Worker's Compensation (101-682-716.100)	65.00
Increase Life Insurance (101-682-717.000)	29.00
Increase MERS - Hybrid - DB (101-682-718.020)	3,361.00
Increase Office Supplies (101-682-727.000)	600.00
Increase Other Supplies (101-682-743.000)	1,000.00
Increase Dues & Subscriptions (101-682-803.000)	455.00
Increase Travel Expense (101-682-860.000)	1,800.00
Increase Convention Expense (101-682-861.000)	3,000.00
Increase Courtesy Food & Beverage Service (101-682-961.000)	2,400.00
Increase Furniture/Fixtures (101-682-978.000)	<u>2,600.00</u>
	\$ 45,782.00

WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND:

Increase Budgeted Use of Fund Balance (227-101-676.000)	\$ 45,782.00
Increase Operating Transfers Out (227-101-999.000)	\$ 45,782.00

CENTRAL DISPATCH FUND:

Increase Equipment (211-911-980.000)	\$ 4,200.00
Increase Tower Maintenance (211-911-931.080)	<u>74,200.00</u>
	\$ 78,400.00
 Increase Budgeted Use of Fund Balance (211-911-676.000)	 \$78,400.00

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

Bills

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Due from State, Payroll Liabilities,	\$	\$
Prepaid Health & Other Insurances, Miscellaneous	263,151.20	
Appropriations	91.39	
County Commission	11,344.76	4,937.31
Circuit Court	558.07	15,355.51
District Court	3,174.18	61,089.56
Friend of the Court	211.74	43,958.12

GENERAL FUNDEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

Jury Commission	\$ 25.00	\$
Probate Court	1,456.60	21,147.22
Juvenile Branch	15,595.01	28,231.32
Appeals Court	160.75	
Public Defender	39,558.34	
Administration	24.00	13,813.31
Finance Department	42.55	11,484.69
County Clerk	834.95	28,624.52
Equalization Department	5,656.11	9,210.47
Human Resources	537.46	10,892.47
Geographic Information Systems	7,500.00	8,985.95
Prosecutor's Office	5,503.28	36,928.42
Register of Deeds	80.00	7,036.81
County Treasurer	1,273.21	17,544.95
Cooperative Extension	20,147.67	6,559.60
Information Technology	558.53	13,592.01
Buildings & Grounds	8,424.39	14,004.88
Courts Building Security		8,263.77
Drain Commission	1,995.46	7,797.73
Sheriff Department	9,541.07	105,851.07
Sheriff's Reserves	50.00	
Jail & Turnkey	12,544.84	123,870.38
Planning Commission	289.15	
Animal Control	1,717.91	9,791.84
Medical Examiners	1,359.95	
Child Care - Juvenile	1,973.31	
Department of Veterans' Affairs	2,700.00	
Veterans' Services	1,521.85	6,088.23
Grant Writer	82.80	4,606.31
Utilities & General Services	14,973.56	
Total General Fund	\$ 434,659.09	\$ 619,666.45

OTHER FUNDSEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,029.42	\$ 9,041.04
Emergency 911 Service	17,068.12	67,949.09
Central Dispatch - Wireless	1,042.50	2,992.35
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	376.34	2,933.36
Cade Lake Park	230.75	
Economic Development Corporation Fund		9,543.14
Victim Rights Advocate Fund		4,085.79
Community Corrections Advisory Board	4,343.00	3,343.58
Community Corrections Program	965.00	
Local Corrections Officers' Training Fund	253.70	
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	1,820.12	
Law Enforcement Fund		6,530.23
Secondary Road Patrol		10,122.03
Commission on Aging	41,786.63	72,813.37
SCAO Swift & Sure Grant	15,881.17	
Child Care: Probate Court & DHS	39,501.32	19,126.04
Veterans' Trust Fund	2,830.30	
Forfeiture & Foreclosure Fund	2,747.43	

<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Inmate Store Fund	\$ 873.00	\$
Building Authority Fund	20,160.42	
Three Rivers Community Center	2,204.15	855.52
Trust & Agency	4,512,598.51	
Long Lake Level Revolving Fund	<u>27.89</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total Other Funds	\$ 4,665,739.77	\$ 209,335.54
Grand Total	\$ 5,100,398.86	\$ 829,001.99

<u>Expenditure Type</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating	434,659.09	4,665,739.77	5,100,398.86
Payroll	<u>619,666.45</u>	<u>209,335.54</u>	<u>829,001.99</u>
Total	1,054,325.54	4,875,075.31	5,929,400.85

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Baker stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Eaton stated that the Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Dobberteen stated that the Committee had not met.

DOG PARK

Commissioner Shaffer stated that at the last Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting they were presented with a proposal to have a 7.5 acre dog park within the Meyer-Broadway Park. There will be a chain linked fence enclosing the area. The cost is about \$7,000. The Parks and Recreation Commission adopted this proposal recommending that it move forward to the County Commission.

Mr. Yoder stated that he had met with Parks Director Jaymes MacDonald this morning and he saved \$12,000 on a previous project therefore there are funds available for the Dog Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Parks Director move forward to provide a Dog Park at Meyer Broadway Park.

Commissioner Balog stated that he was involved with a Rotary project in Oshtemo to build a dog park and he believes that this is an excellent idea to build one at Meyer Broadway.

Motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Becky Shank, Constantine, thinks that the Dog Park is a great idea and suggested that rules be posted at the park, one of them being that the dogs must be immunized among others.

Mr. Hartwick thanked the Board of Commissioners for the opportunity to be here almost 9 years as G.I.S. Director. He stated that it has been a great experience for him.

Chairman Dobberteen thanked Mr. Hartwick for taking the Department to the next level.

Mr. Hartwick introduced Ken Syers, Jr., who will be taking his place. Mr. Syers stated that he is looking forward to this position and is honored to take over a program that Mr. Hartwick has built.

COMMISSIONER COMMENT

Commissioner Shaffer stated that the County years ago saw the value of creating the Land Resource Centre which began under the direction of Mark Clute and he thanked Mr. Hartwick for continuing to grow the department and he welcomed Ken Syers as the new director.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:28 p.m. it was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until April 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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John L. Dobberteen, Chairman