Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held on Zoom platform on April 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dennis Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Pangle.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

Allen J. Balog        Ken Malone
Daniel R. Czajkowski Kathy Pangle
Dennis Allen

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator

AGENDA

Commissioner Pangle asked that the park resolutions be removed. It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the minutes for February 18, 2020 and March 23, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Jack Coleman, Re: Doehring presentation at Three Rivers Chamber, State of the Area.

Letter from Mottville Township, Re: Notice of public hearing on April 9 to consider Industrial Exemption Certificate for a Rehabilitation Facility to Darkhorse Holdings.

Resolution from Marquette County, Re: Requesting Great Lakes Shoreline be declared a disaster area.

Resolutions from Arenac, Berrien, Cass, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, Hillsdale, Huron, Lake, Mecosta, Menominee, Monroe, Wexford, Re: Support of Second Amendment.


It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the communications be placed on file. Motion carried.

CITIZENS’ COMMENT

There were no comments.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATES

Emergency Manager Erin Goff provided an update on the covid-19 cases in St. Joseph County and the emergency response.

DRAIN COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

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

COUNTY GRANT ANNUAL REPORT

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

2020 COUNTY REMONUMENTATION PLAN

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to accept and approve the plan. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION – WAIVER FOR ALCOHOL SALES

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the request for a waiver for alcohol sales on July 19, 2020. Motion carried.
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE
It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve the request which included 75% grant funding. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

FINAL INTEGRATION AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH FABIUS TOWNSHIP
It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve the renewal agreement. Motion carried.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH GABRIDGE & COMPANY
It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the agreement. Motion carried.

MERS ADOPTION AGREEMENT REVISION – DC HYBRID PLAN
It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the revision agreement. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 6-2020 AUTHORIZATION FOR AGREEMENTS WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners approved the Michigan Public Safety Communications System Final Integration Agreements with St Joseph County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners approved the Michigan Public Safety Communications System Co-Location Agreement for the installation of St Joseph County communication equipment on the Michigan Public Safety Communications System’s Tower Site 5302 located at 61515 M-40, Jones, Michigan 49061.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Dennis Allen, Chairman of the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners, is authorized to sign the agreements.

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

CO-LOCATION AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM
It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the co-location agreement with Michigan Public Safety Communication system. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS
It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to appoint John Gelvin and Sarah Apwisch to the Commission on Aging with terms expiring June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to reappoint Janet Bermingham and John Dobberteen; and appoint Robert Horton to the Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Board with terms expiring March 31, 2023. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT
Ms. Doehring noted staff was working hard to follow guidelines established CDC and State executive orders.
FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

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

Bills
It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Financial Statement
It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the financial statement ending March 31, 2020 as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement
Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had met.

Judiciary
Commissioner Malone noted the committee had met.

Physical Resources
Chairman Allen stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole
Chairman Allen stated that minutes were available.

Other Committees

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen commented on the extension of the executive shelter-in-place order.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to extend payment and benefits to April 30 for non-essential employees and develop a plan for after that date. Discussion included what was in the new executive order. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Malone commented on the need to consider the future budget health being affected with the economic environment.

Commissioner Pangle asked about Zoom security. IT Director Dustin Bainbridge responded that there were some concerns but the County was mitigating risks.

Commissioner Malone asked about the EOC. Sheriff Lillywhite noted working with the ISD.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Lynn McLeod, 3620 Middlebury in Kalamazoo, commented on social media posts.

Ann Signorello asked about health department reporting for covid-19 cases. Emergency Manager Goff responded that the health department reported countywide, and Detroit is singled out because it has its own health department.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:03 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until April 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk          Dennis Allen, Chairman