

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held on Zoom platform on April 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dennis Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

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; Angie Steinman, Finance Director

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes for April 7, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

MDNR GRANT APPLICATION FOR RAWSON'S KING MILL PARK

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to open the floor to public comment. Chairman Allen opened the public hearing at 5:04 p.m.

Hearing no comments, Chairman Allen closed the public hearing at 5:05 p.m.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATES

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

2020 EQUALIZATION REPORT

Equalization Director Josh Simmons presented the equalization report.

RESOLUTION 7-2020 APPROVE 2020 EQUALIZATION REPORT

WHEREAS, MCL 211.34(1) requires the County Board of Commissioners to meet in April each year to determine county equalized valuations; which equalization shall be completed and submitted along with the tabular statement required by Section 5 of Act No. 44 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended no later than May 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the assessment rolls of the various assessment jurisdictions have been reviewed by the various local Boards of Review throughout the County of St. Joseph and submitted to your Equalization Department in the appropriate timely manner; and

WHEREAS, those assessment rolls have been audited and balanced by your Equalization Department in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the guidelines of the State Tax Commission; the results of such being listed on the attached equalization report and on the prescribed Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4024 (County Equalization Directors Report of County Equalization).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the County Equalized Valuations as indicated within the attached equalization report a cumulative total for Real Property of \$2,797,422,520 (Two Billion, Seven Hundred Ninety-Seven Million, Four Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Twenty Dollars) and a cumulative total for Personal Property of \$275,345,748 (Two Hundred Seventy-Five Million, Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars). The combined total of Real and Personal Property of the Cities and Townships in St. Joseph County is \$3,072,768,268 (Three Billion, Seventy-Two Million, Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand, Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars).

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

RESOLUTION 8-2020 APPROVE MDNR GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County supports the submission of an application titled, "Rawson King Mill Renovations" to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for the renovation of restroom facilities and a pavilion for public recreation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application is supported by St. Joseph County's five-year approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County has made a financial commitment to the project in the amount of \$16,700 matching funds, in cash and/or force account.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$50,000, and further resolves to make available its financial obligation amount of \$16,700 (25%) of a total \$66,700 project cost, during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

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

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring noted staff's dedication to provide essential services while complying with State orders.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Budget Amendments

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Malone noted the committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Malone stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that minutes were available.

Other Committees

Commissioner Pangle noted upcoming committee meetings.

Chairman Allen noted the upcoming roads committee was cancelled.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen commented on the state shelter-in-place.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski and Commissioner Pangle commented on the shelter-in-place order.

Commissioner Malone commented on upcoming budget concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:26 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until May 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman