

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 June 4, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman 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 Balog	Daniel R. Czajkowski
Kenneth L. Malone	Kathy Pangle
	Dennis Allen

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator and Angie Steinman, Finance Director.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone 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 May 21, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Michigan Department of Treasury, Re: Equalization Report for 2019 approved by Tax Commission.

Resolution from Wexford County, Re: Oppose slashing federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Resolution from Benzie County, Re: Support of revising the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003.

Resolution from Bay County, Re: Oppose reduction in federal funding for schools.

Resolution from Bay County, Re: Urge continued construction of new psychiatric hospital at Caro Center.

Minutes of the Animal Control Advisory Board meeting of April 17, 2019.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Rebecca Shank of Constantine commented on Three Rivers Water Festival.

APPROVE COUNTY MILLAGE RATE (L-4029)

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the L-4029 millage rate form. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

LANGLEY COVERED BRIDGE RESOLUTION 8-2019

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Langley Covered Bridge, located 4 miles north of Centreville, is the longest remaining wooden covered bridge in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the bridge was constructed in 1887 and is named for Thomas W. Langley and family, pioneers who helped establish the Village of Centreville; and

WHEREAS, the Langley Covered Bridge is a historic landmark and one of the most photographed sites in St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Road Commission is exploring three different options for the rehabilitation or replacement of the Langley Covered Bridge.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners feels strongly about preserving this historic landmark for future generations to enjoy. Therefore, the Board goes on record in support of proposed option two which is to fix the bridge the way it is in its current location and get approval from State Historic Preservation Office for the work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a copy of this Resolution be sent to the St. Joseph County Road Commission.

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

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doehring thanked the commissioners for their time for the strategic planning session.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Ms. Steinman presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the budget amendments as submitted. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

Bills

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Balog stated that the committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Malone stated that the committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Chairman Allen noted the committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen noted the committee had met and minutes were available.

Other Committees

Chairman Allen commented on the roads committee and noted all 16 townships had participated with matching funds for secondary roads at 50%.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen thanked County Administrator Doehring for organizing the strategic planning session.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the importance of collaboration.

Commissioner Pangle commented on a ribbon cutting for Emily’s Closet in Three Rivers.

Commissioner Malone thanked County Administrator Doehring for the strategic planning session.

Chairman Allen commented on the upcoming Spence Field dedication.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:17 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until June 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman