

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on August 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dennis Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

Chairman Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Melissa Bliss called the roll, and the following Commissioners were present:

Daniel R. Czajkowski	Ken Malone
Jared Hoffmaster	Kathy Pangle
	Dennis Allen

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the agenda be approved with the removal of Hiring Freeze Resolution Discussion and adding Severe Weather Report. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the minutes for August 3, 2021, be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Malone to place the communications on file as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jack Coleman, republican candidate for 59th District State Representative, commented on the Constitution Celebration in Centreville on September 17, 2021, at 3 p.m.

Rebecca Shank of 385 S. Washington in Constantine commented on the PBS Premiere of the St. Joseph River on September 28, 2021.

SEVERE WEATHER REPORT

Emergency Manager Erin Goff provided the Commission with an update on the county status regarding the recent storm damage and cleanup efforts. Discussion included power restoration, debris management, and available assistance. Goff noted that on August 14, 2021, the county declared a local state of emergency. By consent, Chairman Allen will request a declaration by the Governor.

SJC HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION 2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Laura Brott presented the annual report.

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

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Doehring noted the increased number of calls to central dispatch due to the recent storm activities.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Bills

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments

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

Financial Statements

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the financial statement for the period ending July 31, 2021, as presented. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Hoffmaster stated that the committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Malone stated that 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 the committee had not met.

Other Committees

Commissioner Malone stated that the Park Board met just prior to last weeks' storms.

Commissioner Pangle commented on Project Connect, HSC Housing Task Force, and the Meals on Wheels program, and the increase of COVID-Delta Variant cases.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Allen commented thanked the frontline workers and road commission for their efforts with the storm damage.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski apologized for missing recent county meetings, due to personal business and thanked the agencies and volunteers involved with the storm cleanup.

Commissioner Malone commented on the Sturgis Fest activities in Sturgis.

Commissioner Pangle supported Czajkowski's comments regarding the storm cleanup and response.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:49 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until September 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman