

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held on Zoom platform on August 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dennis Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

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: Angie Steinman, Finance Director

#### AGENDA

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the minutes for July 21, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Michigan Public Service Commission, Re: Notice of hearing on September 3, 2020 for approval of renewable energy cost reconciliation.

Minutes of the Animal Control Advisory Board meeting of June 17, 2020.

Minutes of the Commission on Aging Advisory Board meeting of July 15, 2020.

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

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Mindy Kulasa, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Disability Network of SW Michigan supported the resolution recognizing the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tim Carls from Florence Township commented on funding and commission decisions.

Don Gloy, White Pigeon Township Supervisor, commented on finishing Constantine Road.

Rebecca Shank of 385 S. Washington in Constantine commented on women's suffrage.

#### SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT APPLICATION

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the application. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

#### SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONTRACT

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the contract. Motion carried 5-0 by roll call vote.

#### 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

#### RESOLUTION 8-2020

Whereas, on July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities;

Whereas, the ADA has expanded opportunities for Americas with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perceptions, increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA;

Whereas, we recognize that disability is a natural part of the human condition. A disability is simply a characteristic of a person and doesn't exist until someone encounters a barrier; and

Whereas, on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, in collaboration with Disability Network Southwest Michigan, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance.

Now, therefore be it resolved, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners does hereby reaffirm its commitment to work toward full accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities.

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.

NATIONAL WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE MONTH

RESOLUTION 9-2020

Whereas, Congress passed the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, guided by the shared ideals of freedom, sovereignty, democracy, civil liberty, and individual rights;

Whereas, from 1919 to 1920, the 66<sup>th</sup> Congress debated, and State legislatures considered, an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide suffrage for women;

Whereas, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was the culmination of decades of work and struggle by advocates for the rights of women across the United States and worldwide;

Whereas, the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment ensured women could fully participate in the democracy of the United States and fundamentally changed the role of women in the civic life of the Nation;

Whereas, August 18, 2020, marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment by ¾ of the States, providing the support necessary under article V of the Constitution of the United States;

Whereas, August 26, 2020 marks the centennial of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment becoming a part of the Constitution of the United States, providing for women’s suffrage; and

Whereas, the centennial of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment represents a historical milestone to be lauded and celebrated.

No, therefore, be it resolved, that the County Commission of St. Joseph County, Michigan,

1. Designates August 2020 as National Women’s Suffrage Month;
2. Honors the role of the ratification of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in further promoting the core values of democracy;
3. Reaffirms the opportunity to commemorate this milestone of the Nation’s democracy by ensuring that the untold stories of women’s decades-long battle for the ballot are recognized and celebrated.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle 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. Steinman noted letters of agreement with the unions were not ready but expected for the next meeting.

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.

Bills

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

Financial Statement

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to accept the report for the period ending July 31, 2020. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Chairman Allen 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 minutes were available.

Other Committees

Commissioner Malone noted Parks & Recreation Committee discussion about the amount of work being done at the parks despite the staff shortage.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen commented on the election and responded to Mr. Carls accusations.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Balog commented on Mr. Carls accusations.

Commissioner Malone commented on Mr. Carls and his public comment.

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the grants for the St. Joseph County Conservation District dam removal. He asked that anyone who has questions about the accusations Mr. Carls made to contact their county commissioner.

Commissioner Pangle noted commissioners are taxpayers also and commented on Mr. Carls public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:41 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until September 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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Dennis Allen, Chairman