

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 August 20, 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.

Deputy County Clerk Jill Ross called the roll, and the following Commissioners were present:

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

Also present: Angie Steinman, Finance Director.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Balog that the minutes for August 14, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution from Charlevoix County, Re: Opposing reduction of federal funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Resolution from Charlevoix County, Re: Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003.

Minutes of the Commission on Aging Advisory Board meeting of July 17, 2019.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Eva Beeker, St Joseph County 4-H Program Coordinator, 63067 Engle Rd, Constantine, presented information regarding the St. Joseph County Fair and invited the commissioners to attend.

Tom Hogan, ABM Building Solutions, presented an update on building renovations including Covered Bridge Health Care and JDT facilities.

SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT APPLICATION

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve and submit the secondary road patrol grant. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

AMENDED BYLAWS FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the amended bylaws for the Workforce Development Board and place it on file. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR

Prosecutor John McDonough presented a request for an exception to the hiring freeze and responded to questions regarding employee turnover within his office.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the hiring of an assistant prosecutor to fill a vacant position. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – FAMILY DIVISION CASEWORKER

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the hiring of a family division caseworker to fill a vacant position. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to reappoint John Smits, Glenn Nissley, Frank Kalasky, Carol Higgins, Mark Ripplinger and to appoint Doris Ripplinger to the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee with terms expiring September 1, 2021. Motion Carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Ms. Steinman presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

There were none.

Finance Report

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the finance statement ending July 31, 2019 and place it on file. 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 met, and the renovation project was discussed. The project was moving forward and expected to be completed within a timely manner and within budget.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Malone 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 noted the upcoming Animal Control Advisory Board meeting and Conservation District Board meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen noted the upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony for the Three Rivers Enrichment Center.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Malone stated that he had the pleasure to participate in the United Way Roof Sit event. Proceeds helped fund the St. Joseph County Victim Services and St. Joseph County Dive and Rescue Team. The event brought a great response from the community.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:30 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until September 3, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Jill Ross, Deputy County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman