

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held on Zoom platform on September 1, 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: 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 Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the minutes for August 18, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Tim Carls, Re: Commissioners need to take pay cut.

Resolution from Leelanau County, Re: To condemn racism in Leelanau County.

Resolutions from Alcona County, Re: Opposition to Executive Directive 2020-9.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Rebecca Shank, 385 S. Washington in Constantine, commented on communications with public.

Tim Carls from Florence Township commented on his meeting with the County Administrator.

Lynn McCleod, 3620 Middlebury in Kalamazoo, commented on property in default.

Judge Tomlinson commented on a letter he sent to the Commission.

MVAA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICES FUND GRANT APPLICATION

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the application. Motion carried.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH MICHIGAN WORKS!

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the contract. Motion carried.

UPDATED BYLAWS OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to adopt the bylaws. Motion carried.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AFSCME UNITS

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the letter of understanding with the General unit. Discussion included people funded by grants and the effects of FOC and some court employees on the general fund. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the letter of understanding with the Circuit Court and FOC unit. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the letter of understanding with the Family Court unit. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the letter of understanding with the Probate unit. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the letter of understanding with the District Court Employees Association. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring noted the LOUs still needed to go before the unions.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments.

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

Commissioner Malone stated that the committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that minutes were available.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen commented on making difficult decisions while being prepared for what may come.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Balog noted actions were a result of covid-19 and actions taken by governor beyond the commission's control.

Commissioner Malone noted the goal was to best support employees, but cuts were necessary.

Commissioner Czajkowski apologized for making the changes that were necessary.

Commissioner Pangle commented on the difficulty in making decisions affecting staff.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:38 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until September 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman