

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held on Zoom platform on September 15, 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

Commissioner Pangle asked that the LOUs be removed from the agenda.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes for September 1, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Rebecca Shank, 385 S. Washington in Constantine, commented on activities in the community.

Tim Carls from Florence Township commented on public safety.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG CARES GRANT APPLICATION

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to open the floor for public comment.

Chairman Allen opened the floor to public comment at 5:12p.m.

Commissioner Pangle asked about using funding for technology for meetings and court proceedings.

James Hissong, Grant Writer, commented on how the grant could potentially be used.

Commissioner Malone asked about the timing.

James Hissong responded that the MEDC has been responsive to inquiries.

Mr. Carls asked about the funding source.

James Hissong noted it is federal funding administered by the state, an approximate \$217K reimbursement.

Mr. Carls asked about where the funds would be held.

Ms. Steinman noted how the funds are accounted.

Chairman Allen closed the floor to public comment at 5:22 p.m.

CARES GRANT RESOLUTION 10-2020

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, makes available supplemental Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Emergency Solutions Grant ESG-CV funding for grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The CDBG grant will provide flexibilities for grantees to expedite the use of grant funds to help address the challenges facing our nation during this historic public health crisis.

WHEREAS, the Michigan Strategic Fund has invited Counties to accept Community Development Block Grant Program funds to support CDBG CARES Funding; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County will seek to receive up to \$217,975.82 in CDBG funds to reimburse for unexpected costs associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will benefit a minimum of 51 percent of low and moderate income persons as determined by census data provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that St. Joseph County hereby designates Teresa Doehring, County Administrator as the Certifying Officer, the person authorized to certify the Michigan CDBG pre-agreement documents, the person authorized to sign the Grant Agreement and payment requests, and the person authorized to execute any additional documents required to carry out and complete the grant.

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.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to reappoint John Galvin with a term expiring June 30, 2021; and Loyid Stemen, Sarah Apwisch, Stephen Boland, Jon Withers, and George Letts with terms expiring June 30, 2022 to the Commission on Aging. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to reappoint Eric Shafer, Aaron Cullifer, Lee Zimmerman, Robert Robinson, and Kathy Pangle to the Solid Waste Management Committee with terms expiring September 1, 2022. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring noted the need to investigate additional options for the retirement incentive.

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 Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to pay the bills as presented. Motion carried.

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 stated that the committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that minutes were available.

Other Committees

Commissioner Pangle commented on the housing report, Project Connect, and vaccinations in the area.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen had nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:33 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman