

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

Chair Dennis Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

Chair Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Lindsay Oswald 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

Commissioner Pangle asked that the State Disaster Contingency Fund Grant Resolution be added to the agenda. It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the minutes for September 21, 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

There were no comments.

SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the road patrol grant. Motion carried.

STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND GRANT RESOLUTION 13-2021

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County, Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official Emergency Operations plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by straight line wind events and severe thunderstorms resulting in the following conditions: 1) substantial damage to critical infrastructure, 2) significant damage to homes and public/private property in multiple villages, townships, and cities; and 3) considerable hazardous debris impacting emergency response on state and local roads.

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners certifies that the County Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster at noon on August 12, 2021 and all applicable disaster relief forces identified therein were exhausted.

WHEREAS, as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on St. Joseph County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners requests the Governor authorize a grant to St. Joseph County from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended, for not more than \$500,000.

FURTHERMORE, Teresa Doehring is authorized to execute for and on behalf of St. Joseph County the application for financial assistance and to provide to the State any information required for that purpose.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to adopt the resolution for the disaster contingency fund grant. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were no nominations or appointments.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring noted the budget process, ARPA planning, and union negotiations.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

There were no reports.

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

Chair Allen stated that the minutes were available.

Other Committees

Commissioner Pangle provided an update for the Commission on Aging.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

There were no further reports.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Malone to adjourn to closed session to discuss with our attorney trial and/or settlement strategy in the pending lawsuit Lloyd O'Connor v County of St. Joseph et al Case No. 1:19-cv-916 because discussion on the open record will have a detrimental financial effect on the litigating or settlement position of St. Joseph County and also to discuss material exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege, MCL 15.243(1)(g), pursuant to MCL 15.268(h). Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:15 p.m.

At 5:31 p.m., the Commission reconvened to open session.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Malone to accept the MMRMA attorney's recommendation moving forward on case 1:19-cv-916. Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on Constantine Road.

Commissioner Malone commented on the Health Officer's decisions.

Commissioner Hoffmaster commented on the apportionment commission.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:35 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 19, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman