

Annual Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held on Zoom platform on October 6, 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 Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the agenda be approved with the closed session ahead of new business. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the minutes for September 15, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Copy of Letter to Governor Whitmer from Tim Carls, Re: Prosecutor John McDonough.

Resolution from Bay County, Re: Federal assistance to help with long term effects of Covid-19.

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Malone to place the communications on file. Motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Rebecca Shank, 385 S. Washington in Constantine, commented on a PBS special.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Malone to go into closed session pursuant to Section 8(e) of the Open Meetings Act to consult with our attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with *Lumbard v St Joseph County* case. Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:09 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 5:42 p.m.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to follow the recommendation of counsel for the *Lumbard* case settlement. Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote.

FY 2021 CHILD CARE FUND BUDGET

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve the FY 2021 Child Care Fund Budget. Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – CORRECTIONS OFFICER

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the exception to the hiring freeze for two corrections officers. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – ROAD PATROL OFFICER

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve the exception to the hiring freeze. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

FY 2020 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the grant agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

FY 2021 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WORK AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

COVERED BRIDGE HEALTHCARE PROPERTY ACQUISITION

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to authorize Ms. Doebling to negotiate the property acquisition sales agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

ENHANCED RETIREMENT INCENTIVE - AFSCME

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

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

ENHANCED RETIREMENT INCENTIVE – DISTRICT COURT EMPLOYEES’ ASSOCIATION

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

MERS HEALTHCARE SAVING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

AUTHORIZE COPY MACHINE PURCHASE

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the purchase of the copy machine. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

AUTHORIZATION FOR LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to send a letter to the governor with the changes recommended by counsel. Motion carried 4-1 upon roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were no nominations or appointments.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the budget amendments 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

Commissioner Malone 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 Veterans’ Affairs Board.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen had nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Balog commented on the Veterans' Affairs Board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman