

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 October 15, 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.

County Clerk Lindsay Oswald called the roll, and the following Commissioners were present:

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

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator; 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 October 1, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Elizabeth Campbell, DAR, Re: Work at Old Centreville Cemetery.

Resolution from Alger County, Re: Opposing legislation to prevent County Commissioner candidates from disclosing their party affiliation on ballots.

Minutes of the Commission on Aging Advisory Board meeting of August 21 and September 18, 2019.

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

SERVICE AWARDS

Service awards were presented for:

10 Years:

Jeff Wenzel, Drain Commissioner
John McDonough, Prosecutor
Jason Bingaman, Sheriff Operations Administrator
Pete Vandenbrink, FOC Enforcement Officer
Jeff Bingaman, Road Patrol Deputy
Mark Books, District Court Magistrate
Gina Wagner, District Court Probation Officer
Kristen Carpenter, Central Dispatch Supervisor

15 Years:

Mike Haydon, Telecommunicator
Erin Lamb, Equalization Technician
Julie Mitchell, Juvenile Register
Tammy Miller, Court Liaison Secretary
Lisa Youga, FOC Enforcement Clerk
Jeanette Cage, In-Home Services Assistant
Tara Lafler, Custodian
Kathy Humphreys, Chief Deputy Treasurer
Silvia Arums, Home Care Aide
Dustin Bainbridge, Information Technology Director

20 Years:

Tonya Barrington, Extension Program Aide
Don Heath, Corrections Sergeant
Mike McCoy, Road Patrol Deputy
Dick Metty, Juvenile Detention Specialist and Reserve

25 Years:

Jim Jacobs, Family Division Caseworker
Kole Mostrom, Maintenance Technician
Mark Pratt, Custodian

35 Years:

Andi Guy, FOC Caseworker

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Rebecca Shank of 385 S. Washington in Constantine commented on the Silliman House.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT AND RESOLUTION 17-2019

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the apportionment report and place it on file. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, MCL 211.37 as amended, requires the County Board of Commissioners at their October session, to apportion the amount of property taxes to be raised by the various taxing jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the attached Apportionment Report contains a summary of the requests for millages to be levied by the various taxing jurisdictions and the County of St. Joseph; and

WHEREAS, MCL 207.12, as amended, requires the Director of the County Tax Equalization Department to make and submit to the Department of Treasury, State Tax Commission, a detailed report of such actions by the County Board on a form prescribed by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the attached summary of millage requests by the various taxing jurisdictions and further authorizes the St. Joseph County Equalization Director to certify such forms and submit them as required by law to the appropriate departments.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to adopt the resolution and waive second reading. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

JURY CARD PROGRAM – AGREEMENT WITH RAPID FINANCIAL SOLUTIONS

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the agreement with Rapid Financial Solutions. Motion carried.

SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to set the budget work session for 9 a.m. after Executive Committee on October 30, 2019. Motion carried.

HONORING JAMES WETHERBEE
RESOLUTION 18-2019

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jim knew no strangers with a career in education and a knack for remembering names; and

WHEREAS, Jim has spent decades serving the community as a teacher, principal, Republican party member and chair, and Board of Canvassers member with a reputation for cheering anyone having a rough day; and

WHEREAS, Jim is a key member of the Centreville Lions Club and has served as president of the group; and

WHEREAS, Jim has served the residents of St. Joseph County by attending numerous trainings with the Bureau of Elections and by upholding the integrity and security of multiple State, County, and Local elections from 1995 to 2003 and 2005 to 2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and St. Joseph County Clerk recognize and express grateful appreciation to James Wetherbee for his dedication to the entire community, quick wit, fun stories, and devoted public service and congratulates him on his retirement from the St. Joseph County Board of Canvassers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and be presented to James Wetherbee with sincere gratitude and appreciation.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the resolution and waive second reading. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENT

There were none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring had nothing further to report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Ms. Steinman presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

There were none.

Financial Statement

There was nothing to report at the time.

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 noted the completion of an RFP for a construction manager.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen noted the committee had met and minutes were available.

Other Committees

Chairman Allen commented on the Roads Committee.

Commissioner Malone commented on a successful year for the Parks & Recreation Commission.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen thanked Mr. Wetherbee for his service.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on animal control, conservation efforts, and roads.

Commissioner Malone commented on the governor's veto budget cuts affecting our local governments and hurting our communities.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman