

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 24, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Bordner called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Pueschel.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Clerk, Pattie S. Bender, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Eric Shafer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
Michael D. Dunlap	Robin Baker
Monte Bordner	David J. Pueschel
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller and Dan Carey, Finance Director.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the minutes for October 3, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, October 6, 13 and 20, 2006.
2. Letter from Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council, Re: Notice of public hearing and community input forum on October 16.
3. Letter from the Indiana Michigan Power Company, Re: Notice of public hearing on November 16, 2006 regarding the power supply cost recovery factor.
4. Resolution from Iron County, Re: In support of permitting sportsmen to hunt mourning doves.
5. Resolution from Cheboygan County, Re: Opposition to HB 6391 (Amendment to the General Property Tax Act.)
6. Resolution from Gratiot County, Re: Opposition to HB 6391 (Amendment to the General Property Tax Act.)
7. Resolution from Benzie County, Re: Opposition to HB 6391 (Amendment to the General Property Tax Act.)
8. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of September 18, 2006.
9. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of September 20, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the communications be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Chairman Bordner asked each Commissioner to come down and stand in front to greet each employee as Chairman Bordner called their names and Commissioner Baker presented them with their pin recognizing them for their years of service:

The following persons were called and those with an asterisk (*) were present to receive their award:

<u>10 Years:</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
*Anita Buscher, Circuit Court Secretary/Recorder	1/02/96
Marty Chiddister, Payroll Clerk	1/24/96
Mark Lillywhite, Road Patrol Sergeant	2/20/96
Andrew Stienbarger, Corrections Officer	5/28/96
*Kathy Kline, Deputy County Clerk	6/18/96
Dave Cover, Computer Programmer	7/30/96
Annette Bunnell, Telecommunicator	8/20/96
*Susan Dentler, Friend of the Court Enforcement Clerk	9/30/96
*Suann Knauss, District Court Probation Clerk	10/14/96
Ramona Metzger, Telecommunicator	10/28/96
*Joan Skinner, Deputy County Clerk	10/29/96
Sheila Clancy, Friend of the Court Caseworker	11/06/96

<u>15 Years:</u>	
*William Welty, District Court Judge	1/01/91
*Lori Rumsey, Recorder/Judicial Secretary	1/02/91
Phil Adams, Building & Grounds Director	3/05/91
Charles Herman, Chief Assistant Prosecutor	4/23/91
*Jeannine Hire, Collections Clerk	5/21/91
Bonnie Walter, Deputy Probate Register	10/08/91

<u>20 Years:</u>	
*Pam Armstrong, Friend of the Court Enforcement Clerk	2/26/86
Doug Fisher, Prosecuting Attorney	12/01/86

<u>25 Years:</u>	
Brenda Babcock, Deputy Equalization Director	1/13/81
Jeanette Jackson, Assistant Prosecutor	2/09/81
*Jeffrey Middleton, District Court Judge	5/11/81
Marc Pashby, Road Patrol Officer	11/03/81
James Holton, Road Patrol Officer	12/15/81

<u>30 Years:</u>	
*Ellen Hull, Friend of the Court Account Clerk	10/04/76

<u>35 Years:</u>	
*Carolyn Blankenship, District Court Assignment Clerk	4/01/71
Rick Eickhoff, Road Patrol Officer	11/01/71

Chairman Bordner thanked the employees stating that the Board appreciates the work that they do and also the Board appreciates the longevity represented here tonight.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, presented the 2006 Apportionment Report which includes the State Equalized Values, the Taxable Values and the Millages that apply to each unit for collection of taxes. She stated that the report may have to be revised because Centreville Public Schools has a Headlee override on the November 7th ballot.

They have not yet received a notice of a Special Assessment District for weed control for Palmer Lake, Colon Township.

Tomorrow she will be meeting with the Township Treasurers and Township Assessors. She meets with them two times per year and they are very productive meetings. Mrs. Nelson stated that everything is going well in the office.

LOCAL UNIT REPORT

County

UNIT	STATE	TAXABLE	ALLOCATED	MILLAGES		EXTRA VOTED PURPOSE	DOLLARS OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED
	EQUALIZED			OPERATING	DEBT		
	VALUE	VALUE					
St. Joseph County	\$2,197,691,823	\$1,638,877,080	4.5482				\$7,453,940.74
E-911	\$2,197,691,823	\$1,638,877,080		0.7113			\$1,165,733.27
Comm. on Aging Road Maintenance	\$2,197,691,823	\$1,638,877,080		0.7500			\$1,229,157.81
	\$2,197,691,823	\$1,638,877,080		0.9932			\$1,627,732.72
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,197,691,823	\$1,638,877,080	4.5482	2.4545			\$11,476,564.54

District Taxing Jurisdictions

Sturgis District Library	\$517,422,093	\$428,560,674	1.1000				\$471,416.74
GRAND TOTAL	\$517,422,093	\$428,560,674	1.1000				\$471,416.74

Townships

Burr Oak	\$77,287,600	\$51,366,167	0.9218				\$47,349.33
Colon	\$127,960,954	\$83,143,736	0.9013	3.0157	0.8000	Lib/Fire Amb/FB	\$392,191.06
Constantine	\$131,837,900	\$105,816,257	0.5000	0.9452		Library	\$152,925.65
Fabius	\$211,718,859	\$136,040,639	0.0000				\$0.00
Fawn River	\$46,915,843	\$31,017,079	0.0000				\$0.00
Florence	\$52,258,400	\$32,907,873	0.9357				\$30,791.90
Flowerfield	\$66,954,317	\$43,975,940	0.9221				\$40,550.21
Leonidas	\$51,235,300	\$30,200,282	0.9194	3.0511		Fire/Amb.	\$119,910.22
Lockport	\$117,788,500	\$90,903,316	0.9125				\$82,949.28
Mendon	\$106,017,200	\$76,010,358	0.9726	1.5542		Lib/Fire/Amb	\$192,061.95
Mottville	\$57,923,600	\$46,869,496	0.9521				\$44,624.45
Nottawa	\$153,844,700	\$105,060,150	0.8702	1.6351		Library	\$263,207.19
Park	\$130,373,900	\$92,301,455	0.9587				\$88,489.40
Sherman	\$138,163,100	\$101,075,401	0.5000				\$50,537.70
Sturgis	\$62,414,900	\$49,083,664	0.0000				\$0.00
White Pigeon	\$192,967,900	\$148,183,300	0.9203	1.8574		Library/Fire	\$411,608.75
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,725,662,973	\$1,223,955,113					\$1,917,197.09

Cities

Sturgis	\$269,928,250	\$247,404,530	10.8200	0.0000	0.0000		\$2,676,917.01
Three Rivers	\$202,100,600	\$167,517,437	11.4253	6.8559	0.0000	Lib/SW/Amb.	\$3,062,419.77
Three Rivers DDA*		\$5,303,236		1.9167	0.0000		\$10,164.71
*DDA Values are a part of the unit SEV/taxable and are not therefore part of the grand totals for SEV/taxable							
GRAND TOTAL	\$472,028,850	\$414,921,967					\$5,749,501.49

Villages

Burr Oak	\$11,641,000	\$9,155,444	11.2589	3.2500		Mun.Hwy.	\$135,124.28
Centreville	\$30,429,700	\$22,780,078	12.2461				\$278,967.11
Colon	\$30,415,300	\$25,416,037	11.1770				\$284,075.05
Constantine	\$56,527,200	\$49,368,204	10.5000		4.7000	Sewer/Water	\$750,396.70
Mendon	\$34,339,300	\$30,495,793	9.1643				\$279,472.60
White Pigeon	\$31,880,500	\$27,407,350	9.1461				\$250,670.36
TOTAL VILLAGES	\$195,233,000	\$164,622,906					\$1,978,706.10

GRAND TOTAL LEVY - ALL LOCAL UNITS

\$21,121,969.22

Local School District Report

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	COMMENTS
ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$223,650	\$6,800	\$223,650	6.0000	18.0000	4.2500	\$2,414.81	
TOTAL	\$223,650	\$6,800	\$223,650	6.0000	18.0000	4.2500	\$2,414.81	
MARCELLUS SCHOOLS								
Flowerfield	\$4,812,198	\$1,083,668	\$4,812,198	6.0000	18.0000	5.9900	\$77,204.28	
TOTAL	\$4,812,198	\$1,083,668	\$4,812,198	6.0000	18.0000	5.9900	\$77,204.28	
VICKSBURG SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$913,310	\$35,861	\$913,310	6.0000	17.8106	4.6700	\$10,383.72	
Mendon	\$4,178,617	\$1,626,389	\$4,178,617	6.0000	17.8106	4.6700	\$73,552.81	
Park	\$6,088,712	\$673,359	\$6,088,712	6.0000	17.8106	4.6700	\$76,959.48	
Park	\$80,815	\$0	\$0	6.0000	17.8106	0.0000	\$484.89	Vicks Op/ Men Debt
TOTAL	\$11,261,454	\$2,335,609	\$11,180,639	6.0000	17.8106	4.6700	\$161,380.90	
BRONSON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$49,122	\$3,687	\$49,122	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$360.09	
TOTAL	\$49,122	\$3,687	\$49,122	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$360.09	
NOTTAWA SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$366,720	\$41,600	\$366,720	6.0000	15.7522	0.0000	\$2,855.61	
Colon	\$1,673,422	\$164,899	\$1,673,422	6.0000	15.7522	0.0000	\$12,638.05	
Nottawa	\$39,944,615	\$13,837,602	\$39,944,615	6.0000	15.7522	0.0000	\$457,640.36	
Sherman	\$6,361,114	\$2,100,398	\$6,361,114	6.0000	15.7522	0.0000	\$71,252.57	
TOTAL	\$48,345,871	\$16,144,499	\$48,345,871	6.0000	15.7522	0.0000	\$544,386.59	
STURGIS SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$18,212,963	\$2,546,948	\$18,212,963	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$310,812.21	
Fawn River	\$31,017,079	\$5,669,270	\$31,017,079	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$552,799.15	
Sherman	\$50,859,804	\$10,273,731	\$50,859,804	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$923,680.04	
Sturgis Twp.	\$49,083,664	\$16,574,254	\$49,083,664	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$1,008,827.25	
Sturgis City	\$247,404,530	\$154,186,165	\$247,404,530	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$6,330,423.65	
TOTAL	\$396,578,040	\$189,250,368	\$396,578,040	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$9,126,542.30	
BURR OAK SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$29,705,644	\$6,997,269	\$29,705,644	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$301,161.19	
Colon	\$1,994,895	\$895,014	\$1,994,895	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$27,692.89	
Sherman	\$10,200	\$10,200	\$10,200	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$240.39	
TOTAL	\$31,710,739	\$7,902,483	\$31,710,739	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$329,094.47	
CENTREVILLE SCHOOLS								
Florence	\$13,541,965	\$1,505,506	\$13,541,965	6.0000	17.2080	4.4000	\$166,743.18	
Lockport	\$20,463,017	\$4,189,220	\$20,463,017	6.0000	17.2080	4.4000	\$284,903.47	
Nottawa	\$53,034,554	\$18,008,707	\$53,034,554	6.0000	17.2080	4.4000	\$861,453.19	
Sherman	\$43,708,297	\$12,435,465	\$43,708,297	6.0000	17.2080	4.4000	\$668,555.77	
TOTAL	\$130,747,833	\$36,138,898	\$130,747,833	6.0000	17.2080	4.4000	\$1,981,655.61	

Local School Districts, Continued

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	COMMENTS
COLON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$3,031,718	\$674,832	\$3,031,718	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$30,337.28	
Colon	\$79,135,765	\$30,639,755	\$79,135,765	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$1,026,330.18	
Leonidas	\$27,489,821	\$3,893,304	\$27,489,821	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$235,018.40	
Nottawa	\$2,532,093	\$189,162	\$2,532,093	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$18,597.47	
TOTAL	\$112,189,397	\$35,397,053	\$112,189,397	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$1,310,283.33	
CONSTANTINE SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$101,624,297	\$49,613,041	\$101,624,297	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$2,150,552.41	
Fabius	\$150,276	\$44,249	\$150,276	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$2,678.44	
Florence	\$10,519,845	\$1,546,877	\$10,519,845	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$160,781.02	
Mottville	\$9,142,357	\$1,810,042	\$9,142,357	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$147,752.44	
TOTAL	\$121,436,775	\$53,014,209	\$121,436,775	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$2,461,764.31	
MENDON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS								
Colon	\$339,654	\$136	\$339,654	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$4,417.95	
Leonidas	\$1,573,501	\$116,929	\$1,573,501	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$22,560.24	
Lockport	\$808,397	\$59,358	\$808,397	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$11,577.61	
Mendon	\$71,831,741	\$32,263,616	\$71,831,741	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$1,514,557.72	
Nottawa	\$9,548,888	\$1,945,097	\$9,548,888	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$159,147.29	
Park	\$26,086,921	\$10,748,356	\$26,086,921	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$532,600.38	
Park	\$0	\$0	\$80,815	0.0000	0.0000	7.0000	\$565.71	Vicks-Op Men-Debt
TOTAL	\$110,189,102	\$45,133,492	\$110,269,917	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$2,245,426.90	
WHITE PIGEON SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$842,617	\$311,701	\$842,617	6.0000	17.4402	0.0000	\$10,491.83	
Florence	\$5,115,544	\$841,909	\$5,115,544	6.0000	17.4402	0.0000	\$45,376.33	
Mottville	\$37,727,139	\$16,494,277	\$37,727,139	6.0000	17.4402	0.0000	\$514,026.32	
Sherman	\$135,986	\$0	\$135,986	6.0000	17.4402	0.0000	\$815.92	
White Pigeon	\$148,183,300	\$72,771,834	\$148,183,300	6.0000	17.4402	0.0000	\$2,198,992.81	
TOTAL	\$192,004,586	\$90,419,721	\$192,004,586	6.0000	17.4402	0.0000	\$2,769,703.21	
THREE RIVERS SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$3,349,343	\$576,358	\$3,349,343	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$51,882.95	
Fabius	\$135,890,363	\$55,397,258	\$135,890,363	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$2,679,947.56	
Florence	\$3,730,519	\$825,165	\$3,730,519	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$61,077.99	
Flowerfield	\$39,163,742	\$9,280,422	\$39,163,742	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$652,302.14	
Lockport	\$69,631,902	\$16,663,182	\$69,631,902	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$1,162,698.00	
Park	\$59,964,192	\$21,187,389	\$59,964,192	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$1,124,070.89	
Three Rivers	\$167,517,437	\$115,090,618	\$167,517,437	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$4,144,186.17	
TOTAL	\$479,247,498	\$219,020,392	\$479,247,498	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$9,876,165.70	
SCHOOLS GRAND TOTAL								
	\$1,638,796,265	\$695,850,879	\$1,638,796,265				\$30,886,382.50	

>Cities of Three Rivers and Sturgis for Three Rivers School and Sturgis School only, levy 50% summer and 50% winter millage rates, report indicates the total authorized.

* Homestead/non-homestead taxable values are as reported on or before May 5, 2006

Intermediate School District Report

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
BRANCH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$49,122	0.1716	\$8.43	8.0345	\$394.67	\$403.10
GRAND TOTAL	\$49,122	0.1716	\$8.43	8.0345	\$394.67	\$403.10
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$51,317,045	0.2283	\$11,715.68	2.4554	\$126,003.87	\$137,719.55
Colon	\$83,143,736	0.2283	\$18,981.71	2.4554	\$204,151.13	\$223,132.84
Constantine	\$105,816,257	0.2283	\$24,157.85	2.4554	\$259,821.24	\$283,979.09
Fabius	\$136,040,639	0.2283	\$31,058.08	2.4554	\$334,034.19	\$365,092.27
Fawn River	\$31,017,079	0.2283	\$7,081.20	2.4554	\$76,159.34	\$83,240.54
Florence	\$32,907,873	0.2283	\$7,512.87	2.4554	\$80,801.99	\$88,314.86
Flowerfield	\$39,163,742	0.2283	\$8,941.08	2.4554	\$96,162.65	\$105,103.73
Leonidas	\$29,063,322	0.2283	\$6,635.16	2.4554	\$71,362.08	\$77,997.24
Lockport	\$90,903,316	0.2283	\$20,753.23	2.4554	\$223,204.00	\$243,957.23
Mendon	\$71,831,741	0.2283	\$16,399.19	2.4554	\$176,375.66	\$192,774.85
Mottville	\$46,869,496	0.2286	\$10,700.31	2.4554	\$115,083.36	\$125,783.67
Nottawa	\$105,060,150	0.2283	\$23,985.23	2.4554	\$257,964.69	\$281,949.92
Park	\$86,131,928	0.2283	\$19,663.92	2.4554	\$211,488.34	\$231,152.26
Sherman	\$101,075,401	0.2283	\$23,075.51	2.4554	\$248,180.54	\$271,256.05
Sturgis	\$49,083,664	0.2283	\$11,205.80	2.4554	\$120,520.03	\$131,725.83
White Pigeon	\$148,183,300	0.2283	\$33,830.25	2.4554	\$363,849.27	\$397,679.52
Sturgis City	\$247,404,530	0.2283	\$56,482.45	2.4554	\$607,477.08	\$663,959.53
Three Rivers	\$167,517,437	0.2283	\$38,244.23	2.4554	\$411,322.31	\$449,566.54
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,622,530,656	0.2283	\$370,423.75	2.4554	\$3,983,961.77	\$4,354,385.52
LEWIS-CASS INTERMEDIATE						
Flowerfield	\$4,812,198	0.2062	\$992.28	2.0647	\$9,935.75	\$10,928.03
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,812,198	0.2062	\$992.28	2.0647	\$9,935.75	\$10,928.03
CALHOUN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$223,650	0.2519	\$56.34	5.9555	\$1,331.95	\$1,388.29
GRAND TOTAL	\$223,650	0.2519	\$56.34	5.9555	\$1,331.95	\$1,388.29
KALAMAZOO VALLEY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$913,310	0.1446	\$132.06	4.3970	\$4,015.82	\$4,147.88
Mendon	\$4,178,617	0.1446	\$604.23	4.3970	\$18,373.38	\$18,977.61
Park	\$6,169,527	0.1446	\$892.11	4.3970	\$27,127.41	\$28,019.52
GRAND TOTAL	\$11,261,454	0.1446	\$1,628.40	4.3970	49,516.61	51,145.01
GRAND TOTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS						
	\$1,638,877,080		\$373,109.20		\$4,045,140.75	\$4,418,249.95

Community College Report

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Burr Oak	\$51,317,045	2.7249	\$139,833.82	0.0000	\$0.00	\$139,833.82
Colon	\$83,143,736	2.7249	\$226,558.37	0.0000	\$0.00	\$226,558.37
Constantine	\$105,816,257	2.7249	\$288,338.72	0.0000	\$0.00	\$288,338.72
Fabius	\$136,040,639	2.7249	\$370,697.14	0.0000	\$0.00	\$370,697.14
Fawn River	\$31,017,079	2.7249	\$84,518.44	0.0000	\$0.00	\$84,518.44
Florence	\$32,907,873	2.7249	\$89,670.66	0.0000	\$0.00	\$89,670.66
Flowerfield	\$39,163,742	2.7249	\$106,717.28	0.0000	\$0.00	\$106,717.28
Leonidas	\$29,063,322	2.7249	\$79,194.65	0.0000	\$0.00	\$79,194.65
Lockport	\$90,903,316	2.7249	\$247,702.45	0.0000	\$0.00	\$247,702.45
Mendon	\$71,831,741	2.7249	\$195,734.31	0.0000	\$0.00	\$195,734.31
Mottville	\$46,869,496	2.7249	\$127,714.69	0.0000	\$0.00	\$127,714.69
Nottawa	\$105,060,150	2.7249	\$286,278.40	0.0000	\$0.00	\$286,278.40
Park	\$86,131,928	2.7249	\$234,700.89	0.0000	\$0.00	\$234,700.89
Sherman	\$101,075,401	2.7249	\$275,420.36	0.0000	\$0.00	\$275,420.36
Sturgis	\$49,083,664	2.7249	\$133,748.08	0.0000	\$0.00	\$133,748.08
White Pigeon	\$148,183,300	2.7249	\$403,784.67	0.0000	\$0.00	\$403,784.67
Sturgis City	\$247,404,530	2.7249	\$674,152.60	0.0000	\$0.00	\$674,152.60
Three Rivers	\$167,517,437	2.7249	\$456,468.26	0.0000	\$0.00	\$456,468.26
TOTAL	\$1,622,530,656	2.7249	\$4,421,233.79	0.0000	\$0.00	\$4,421,233.79
KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Leonidas	\$223,650	3.7106	\$829.88	0.0000	\$0.00	\$829.88
GRAND TOTAL	\$223,650	3.7106	\$829.88	0.0000	\$0.00	\$829.88
KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Leonidas	\$800,701	2.8135	\$2,252.77	0.0000	\$0.00	\$2,252.77
Mendon	\$3,243,174	2.8135	\$9,124.67	0.0000	\$0.00	\$9,124.67
Park	\$6,103,962	2.8135	\$17,173.50	0.0000	\$0.00	\$17,173.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,147,837	2.8135	\$28,550.94	0.0000	\$0.00	\$28,550.94
GRAND TOTAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES						
	\$1,632,902,143		\$4,450,614.61		\$0.00	\$4,450,614.61

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the 2006 Apportionment Report be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Report adopted.

ANNUAL CHILD CARE PLAN AND BUDGET

Chris Kadulski, Director of the Department of Human Services, stated that the Annual Child Care Plan and Budget is developed into two parts; the Court part and the DHS part. The DHS part takes care of children that are in out-of-home care and are not entitled to Title IV funding which consists of State and Federal Funds. The funding is 50% County Funds and 50% State Funds. A majority of the children are eligible for Title IV funding. There are 200 children under the care of the DHS and only 25 are being supported by the Child Care Fund. The budget is the same as last year. He did mention that the Board of Commissioners, at their last meeting, approved an additional \$20,000 for the DHS portion of the Child Care Fund.

Judge Shumaker, Probate Court Judge, stated that the Court portion of the Child Care Budget is spent on local programs. It has been five and one half years since he has placed a child in an institution. He believes in treatment and detention programs. There is not much change to this year's budget. Things are going well and they watch everything pretty closely.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that it was nice to see collaboration between the Courts and DHS.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Annual Child Fund Plan and Budget be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Budget adopted.

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION REQUEST FOR FUNDS

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Human Services Commission is requesting that the \$30,388 funds allocated for Healthy Families be moved into the HSC account so they can process the payment to the Community Health Agency for the Healthy Family services. She stated that these funds come from the Waste Management Fund.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the request from HSC be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2007 BUDGET

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Public Hearing on the 2007 Budget will be held on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried.

SET SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. West-Wing stated that Elected Officials' Salaries (not Commissioners) must be set by law before November 1st of each year. They may be increased but not decreased after November 1st.

The salaries are listed as 2006 salaries:

County Clerk	\$53,844.00
Prosecuting Attorney	\$78,369.00
Register of Deeds	\$49,866.00
County Treasurer	\$49,275.00
Sheriff	\$64,412.00

It is expected that those occupying the above positions will work a 40-hour week

Drain Commissioner (28 hours/week)	\$31,366.00
County Commissioners	\$ 6,000.00*

*Includes regular and special Board meetings
Per Diem - \$50/half day and \$95/full day

Compensation (wages and fringes) for the members of the Board of Commissioners must be set prior to December 31st for the new term beginning January 1st. Once set, compensation cannot be decreased or increased during the 2 year term of office (January 1st through December 31st). (MCL 46.415, Sec. 15(3); PA 261 of 1966 as amended.

All other elected official salaries must be set by the Board no later than November 1st of each year. They can be increased after this point, but not decreased. The only time elected officials wages can be decreased is by November 1st before the new term begins. Terms are 4 years (January 1st through December 31st). (MCL 45.421, Sec. 1(1); PA 154 of 1979 as amended).

Elected officials annual wages are paid by dividing the annual salary by the number of pay periods in that year. In 2007 there will be 26 pay days.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the Salaries for Election Officials for 2007 be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROPOSAL – CITY OF STURGIS

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Solid Waste Management Committee is recommending that the County enter into an agreement with the City of Sturgis for curbside recycling for an estimated annual cost of \$87,480 paid by the County for 1 year only. This would be at a cost of \$2.33 per month per residence with 2 pickups per month. It is estimated that there are 3,093 homes to be serviced. The probable start date is January 1, 2007. Republic Waste will present an agreement which will come back to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Dobberteen suggested that both cities look at a 3 or 5 year contract based upon the success in Colon.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the County approve curbside recycling with the City of Sturgis for 1 year at an approximate annual cost of \$87,480 paid by the County, with an agreement to be presented at a later date.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING PROPOSAL – CITY OF THREE RIVERS

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Solid Waste Management Committee is recommending that the County enter into an agreement with the City of Three Rivers for curbside recycling for an estimated annual cost of \$59,325 paid by the County for 1 year only. This would be at a cost of \$2.21 per month per residence with 2 pickups per month. It is estimated that there are 2,237 homes to be serviced. The probable start date is January 1, 2007. Republic Waste will present an agreement which will come back to the Board for approval.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the County approve curbside recycling with the City of Three Rivers for 1 year at a cost of \$2.21 per household paid by the County, with an agreement to be presented at a later date.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

Chairman Bordner stated that it is the objective of the County to make curbside standard in the County.

RECYCLING DROP OFF CONTAINERS

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Solid Waste Management Committee recommended a definite date for removal of the recycling bins.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the recycling drop off containers be removed throughout the County effective July 1, 2007 with the containers located in the Cities of Sturgis and Three Rivers to be removed when their curbside recycling begins. Motion carried.

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the recycling drop off containers project was begun 11 years ago as a 2 year pilot project.

Commissioner Shafer added that by having curbside recycling taxpayers money is being used more wisely.

The statistics in Colon show that curbside recycling is 62% effective.

Chairman Bordner stated that the County will have ongoing education and monitor the programs in place and that curbside will hopefully switch to local funding.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION BOARD GRANT

Brad Neumann, Land Policy Educator, was present on behalf of the Agricultural Preservation Board, to request that the Board of Commissioners send a letter in support of their mini grant application for \$2,245 through the American Farmland Trust to be used for early research and outreach, consisting of researching and inventorying existing PA 116 lands.

There is a 25% local match or \$560 which will be provided through in-kind donations from the Soil Conservation District Office and MSU Extension.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Board authorize a letter of support for the Agricultural Preservation Board Grant. Motion carried.

SET FEE FOR COUNTY CLERK TO PERFORM MARRIAGES

Ms. West-Wing stated that effective September 29, 2006 County Clerks can now perform marriages and a fee for performing them is to be set by the Board of Commissioners. The County Clerk has requested that the fee be set at \$10.00 and the Executive Committee thought that it should be \$20.00.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the fee of \$20.00 be set for the County Clerk to perform marriages.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

OMENA LAKE LEVEL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Commissioner Shafer summarized the following resolution:

OMENA LAKE
LAKE LEVEL RESOLUTION
PURSUANT TO MCL 324.30701 et seq

WHEREAS, lake level for Omena Lake was established under the Inland Lake Level Act, formerly Act 146 of the Public Acts of 1961 on July 7, 1965, at 852.0 feet above mean sea level; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court record for the proceedings setting the lake level, File No. 112-65, has been reviewed, with no record that a special assessment district was established; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for St. Joseph County for the maintenance of the established lake level for Omena Lake; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner has determined that maintenance to the lake level control structure for Omena Lake is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners deems it expedient to have a special assessment district established pursuant to Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1994, as amended (“Part 307”).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board directs the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, to determine the tentative special assessment district boundaries for Omena Lake, including therein all parcels of land and political subdivisions and each parcel of land owned by the Department of Natural Resources which is benefited by the established lake level.
2. Financing of all future maintenance and improvements related to the established lake level for Omena Lake shall be borne by assessing the Omena Lake Special Assessment District (the “Special Assessment District”).
3. The Board authorizes the Drain Commissioner to retain and direct the law firm of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengtson, P.C., to institute proceedings in St. Joseph County Circuit Court to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Omena Lake, and all costs to do so shall be borne by the Special Assessment District.
4. The Board of Commissioners does hereby determine that the whole cost of the project to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Omena Lake, and to improve and maintain the established lake level for Omena Lake shall be defrayed by special assessments against privately owned parcels of land, State owned lands that are under the jurisdiction and control of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and political subdivisions of the State that are benefited by the project in accordance with procedures set forth in Part 307.
5. The project to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Omena Lake, and to improve and maintain the established lake level for Omena Lake shall be financed by the issuance of bonds by the Special Assessment District (the “Bonds”) in anticipation of the special assessments described in paragraph 4 above and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Bonds to be issued in accordance with Part 307 and other applicable law. Preliminary costs of the project, including engineering and legal costs, may be defrayed from the proceeds of notes (the “Notes”) issued by the Special Assessment District in anticipation of the proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (“Act 34”), in a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Notes to be issued in accordance with Act 34 and other applicable law.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

PLEASANT LAKE LEVEL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

Commissioner Shafer stated the following resolution regarding Pleasant Lake is the same as the previous one for Omena Lake.

PLEASANT LAKE
LAKE LEVEL RESOLUTION
PURSUANT TO MCL 324.30701 et seq

WHEREAS, lake level for Pleasant Lake was established under the Inland Lake Level Act, formerly Act 146 of the Public Acts of 1961 on September 7, 1967, at 851.0 feet above mean sea level; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court record for the proceedings setting the lake level, File No. 17-67, has been reviewed, with no record that a special assessment district was established; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for St. Joseph County for the maintenance of the established lake level for Pleasant Lake; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner has determined that maintenance to the lake level control structure for Pleasant Lake is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners deems it expedient to have a special assessment district established pursuant to Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1994, as amended ("Part 307").

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board directs the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, to determine the tentative special assessment district boundaries for Pleasant Lake, including therein all parcels of land and political subdivisions and each parcel of land owned by the Department of Natural Resources which is benefited by the established lake level.
2. Financing of all future maintenance and improvements related to the established lake level for Pleasant Lake shall be borne by assessing the Pleasant Lake Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District").
3. The Board authorizes the Drain Commissioner to retain and direct the law firm of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengtson, P.C., to institute proceedings in St. Joseph County Circuit Court to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Pleasant Lake, and all costs to do so shall be borne by the Special Assessment District.
4. The Board of Commissioners does hereby determine that the whole cost of the project to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Pleasant Lake, and to improve and maintain the established lake level for Pleasant Lake shall be defrayed by special assessments against privately owned parcels of land, State owned lands that are under the jurisdiction and control of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and political subdivisions of the State that are benefited by the project in accordance with procedures set forth in Part 307.

5. The project to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Pleasant Lake, and to improve and maintain the established lake level for Pleasant Lake shall be financed by the issuance of bonds by the Special Assessment District (the "Bonds") in anticipation of the special assessments described in paragraph 4 above and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Bonds to be issued in accordance with Part 307 and other applicable law. Preliminary costs of the project, including engineering and legal costs, may be defrayed from the proceeds of notes (the "Notes") issued by the Special Assessment District in anticipation of the proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Notes to be issued in accordance with Act 34 and other applicable law.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

OPPOSITION TO K-16 SPENDING MANDATE

Commissioner Shafer read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2006

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
OPPOSITION TO THE K-16 SPENDING MANDATE

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners is opposed to a guaranteed educational inflationary increase that would prevent counties from funding critical mandated services; and

WHEREAS, the *American School Board Journal* released their "Educational Vital Signs" report indicating that the State of Michigan ranks second only to Vermont in the amount of state budget dedicated to education, with 31.5%, while the national average is 21.7%; and

WHEREAS, the national average teacher's salary is \$45,771, in Michigan the average is much higher at \$54,000, which is second only to California at 55,698; and

WHEREAS, the same report ranked Michigan seventh for dedication of administrative funding per pupil, but number one outside of the Eastern Seaboard and Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is very supportive of fair funding for educational resources for Michigan's students as a means for a thriving quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is equally supportive of fair funding of critical emergency, local public health and public safety programs for Michigan's citizens as a means of a thriving quality of life as well; and

WHEREAS, the State Legislature and Governor are obligated to provide funding for Michigan's counties and revenue sharing is due to begin again in FY 2008 as part of a means for counties to provide these state mandated critical services; and

WHEREAS, if the K-16 spending mandate is passed it will cost Michigan over \$1 billion dollars, with annual inflationary increases, which will surely cut into funding for revenue sharing, Medicaid, and other critical services counties and Michigan's citizens depend upon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners opposes the K-16 spending mandate as passage will jeopardize the funding of critical mandated services which the state requires and that citizens depend upon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

Chairman Bordner said that this is simply bad public policy if this ballot proposal passes. The State cannot function from the ballot box and in the proposal there is not one mention of quality of education. This would guarantee retirement funds for teachers. Chairman Bordner stated that he has a great deal of respect for teachers and the public school system.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that there was no report.

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the minutes of the last Judiciary Committee Meeting held on October 11th have been distributed to everyone and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Physical Resources Committee had not met.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker stated that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 19th have been distributed to everyone and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

Investment Advisory Committee

Commissioner Dunlap reported on the Investment Advisory Committee Meeting held on October 17th. He stated that the County Treasurer has been negotiating a higher rate of return on our daily investments.

Community Action Agency

Chairman Bordner reported on a CAA Meeting held last night and they are working until the tax season ends to raise awareness of earned income tax credit. 61% of those that file returns are eligible for this credit which would return an estimated \$92 million to this County if those that are eligible would apply to receive this credit.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RETIREMENT:

Marc Pashby, Road Patrol Officer, will retire effective November 15, 2006.

TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Dan Cripe to work temporary, part-time for Animal Control at \$8.75/hr for road and \$7.75/hr for clerical effective October 24, 2006.

NEW HIRE:

Cindy Gordon has been hired as part-time Corrections Officer at \$14.35/hr. effective October 4, 2006.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mark Harter, Parks and Recreation Ranger, will be on medical leave commencing October 26, 2006 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the personnel report be approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

INCREASE TREASURER’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-253-980.000 (Equipment) \$ 121.00

DECREASE TREASURER’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-253-860.000 (Travel) \$ 121.00

INCREASE VETERANS’ SERVICES EXPENDITURES:

Line item 101-682-707.000 (Wages – Part time) \$5,875.00

Line item 101-682-715.000 (FICA) 450.00

INCREASE VETERANS’ SERVICES REVENUES:

Line item 101-682-699.000 (Operating Transfers In) \$6,325.00

INCREASE WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND EXPENDITURES:

Line item 227-101-999.000 (Operating Transfers Out) \$6,325.00

INCREASE WASTE MANAGEMENT FUND REVENUES:

Line item 227-101-676.000 (Budgeted Use of Fund Balance) \$6,325.00

INCREASE DISTRICT COURT’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-136-816.000 (Contractual Services) \$2,240.00

DECREASE DISTRICT COURT’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-136-706.040 (Wages – Court Administrator) \$2,240.00

INCREASE JAIL & TURNKEY’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-351-707.000 (Wages – Part-time) \$1,700.00

Line item 101-351-712.000 (Wages – Overtime) 2,600.00

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$4,300.00

INCREASE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Line item 101-301-985.000 (Software) \$ 200.00

DECREASE SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Line item 101-301-743.020 (Road Patrol Supplies) \$ 200.00

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the budget adjustments be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following report:

Per Diem

Robin Baker – 15 half days 9/20 x 2, 9/21, 9/25, 9/27, 9/28 x 2, 10/3, 10/4, 10/5 x 3, 10/11, 10/18 & 10/19/06 & 2 full days 9/29 & 10/23/06	\$ 940.00
Monte Bordner – 9 half days 9/25 x 2, 9/28 x 2, 10/3 x 2, 10/4, 10/5 & 10/19/06 & 10 full days 9/27, 9/28, 9/29, 10/2, 10/10 x 2, 10/11, 10/16 x 2 & 10/23/06	1,400.00
John Dobberteen – 8 half days 10/5, 10/6, 10/9, 10/12, 10/13, 10/19, 10/20 & 10/23/06 & 1 full day 10/10/06	495.00
Michael Dunlap – 7 half days 9/25, 9/27, 10/5 x 2, 10/11, 10/12 & 10/17/06 & 1 full day 10/10/06	445.00
Gerald Loudenslager – 2 half days 9/26 & 9/28/06 & 1 full day 10/5/06	\$ 195.00
David Puschel – 9 half days 9/20, 9/26, 9/28 x 2, 10/5 x 2, 10/17, 10/18 & 10/24/06	<u>450.00</u>
	\$3,925.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 416.32
Monte Bordner	609.41
John Dobberteen	56.96
Michael Dunlap	76.54
Gerald Loudenslager	42.28
David Puschel	<u>50.60</u>
	\$1,252.11

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the per diem and expenses be approved. Motion carried.

Financial Statement

	Revenues	Expenditures
September	\$ 1,112,331	\$ 1,031,552
Year to Date	10,191,110	9,916,884
Period Fund Balance	\$274,226.00	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	75.00%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	73.87%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	71.88%	

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the financial statement be accepted. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner stated that it was good to see the employees that were here tonight. He also stated that he attended a State MSU Conference at the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids and accepted a Key Partner Award by working with MSUE. There were only 2 awards in this Region, the other going to a Probate Judge from Ottawa County for a mentoring program that he has begun in that County.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager drew everyone's attention to the notice in their packets regarding the recently held Denim Day which raised \$350.00 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

He wished good luck in the playoffs to the high school football teams from Centreville, Constantine and Three Rivers.

The Mendon Kiwanis Showboat will be held on November 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 6, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Ms. West-Wing reminded everyone of the budget work session scheduled for 3:00 p.m. this Thursday, October 26th.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Monte Bordner, Chairman