

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 November 5, 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 Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes for October 15, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health, Re: Attendance of Behavioral Health Board.

Resolution from Bay County, Re: Oppose legislation to prevent County Commissioner candidates from disclosing party affiliation on ballots.

Resolutions from Alger County, Re: Opposed to Trial Court Funding Commission Interim Report, and Supports Bill to Create a Tourism Reinvestment Excise Tax.

Resolution from Otsego County, Re: In support of Line 5 Tunnel.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Sheriff Brad Balk announced his retirement.

Rebecca Shank of 385 S. Washington in Constantine commented on Veteran's Day.

Tom Hogan from ABM provided an update for the building renovation project.

AGRICULTURAL UPDATE

Eric Anderson, Extension Educator, provided an update for the County's agricultural environment and economy.

MERS HEALTH CARE SAVINGS PROGRAM AGREEMENT
RESOLUTION 19-2019

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County ("Employer") is a participating municipality with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan ("MERS") and has adopted one or more retirement, insurance, investment or other post-employment benefit products administered by MERS;

WHEREAS, MERS requires signatures of an authorized representative of the Employer to execute contracts with MERS, the entry of which is authorized by the governing body and permitted under the applicable MERS Plan Document(s);

WHEREAS, the Employer wishes to designate certain job position(s), the holder(s) of which may sign MERS' contracts relating to the adoption, amendment and termination of MERS' products, and defined benefit service credit purchase approvals on behalf of Employer to implement decisions and actions of the governing body;

WHEREAS, this Resolution is not intended to apply to MERS forms or any other MERS document except as specifically mentioned herein,

Therefore, the Governing Body resolves:

The holders of the following job position(s) are hereby Authorized Officials that can sign: (1) MERS Adoption Agreements, Resolutions, Participation Agreements, Administrative Services Agreements, Withdrawal Agreements and any other contracts between MERS and the Employer with respect to Employer's participation in any MERS-administered product and any amendments and addendums thereto, and (2) MERS Defined Benefit service credit purchase approvals:

1. County Administrator
2. County Clerk

This Resolution may be revoked in writing or amended by the Governing Body at any time, provided that it will not be effective until such writing or amended Resolution is received by MERS. The Governing Body agrees that MERS may rely upon this Resolution as conferring signing authority upon the holders of the above job position(s) to bind Employer with respect to MERS.

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.

SET DATE FOR BUDGET WORK SESSION

By consent, the 2nd budget work session was set for 8:30 a.m. after Executive Committee on November 13, 2019.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to appoint Carol Naccarato with a term expiring March 31, 2021 and Darci Skrzyniarz with a term expiring March 31, 2022 to the Community Mental Health board. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doehring thanked staff for participation with the pumpkin decorating and thanked ABM for the cider and donuts donation.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Ms. Steinman presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

There were none.

Bills

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve 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

Commissioner Malone stated that the committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

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

Other Committees

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the Animal Control Advisory Board and Roads Committee.

Commissioner Pangle commented on the Veterans’ Board.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen had nothing further to report.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to adjourn to closed session to discuss a written attorney opinion regarding pending opioid litigation. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:48 p.m.

The Commission reconvened to open session at 5:56 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:56 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman