

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held via the Zoom platform on December 15, 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 Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes for December 1, 2020 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

#### PUBLIC HEARING FOR BROWNFIELD PLAN

Chairman Allen opened the floor for public comment at 5:05 p.m.

Cathy Knapp of Southwest Michigan First commented on the economic impact of the plan.

Roman Wilson of Envirollogic commented on the environmental impact of the plan.

Hearing no other comments, Chairman Allen closed the floor to public comment at 5:09 p.m.

#### BROWNFIELD PLAN AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 15-2020

WHEREAS, the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") of St. Joseph County, pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended (the "Act"), has prepared and recommended a Brownfield Plan Amendment (the "Amendment") for approval by the St. Joseph County Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has provided notice to and fully informed all taxing jurisdictions affected by the Amendment about the fiscal and economic implications of the proposed Plan at least ten days before the meeting of the St. Joseph County Commission at which this resolution has been considered; and

WHEREAS the St. Joseph County Commission has provided the public and the taxing jurisdictions a reasonable opportunity to express their views and recommendations regarding the Plan, in accordance with Sections 13(13) and 14(1) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Commission has made the following determinations and findings:

- A. The Amendment constitutes a public purpose under the Act;
- B. The Amendment meets all of the requirements for a Brownfield Plan Amendment set forth in Section 13 of the Act;
- C. The Amendment will facilitate redevelopment of contaminated property; and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the Amendment and considered the views and recommendations of the public and taxing jurisdictions, the St. Joseph County Commission may proceed with approval of the Amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Amendment Approved. Pursuant to the authority vested in the St. Joseph County Commission by the Act, the Amendment is hereby approved in the form attached as Exhibit "A" to this Resolution.

2. Severability. Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

3. Repeals. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.

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

COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY UPDATE

Community Health Director Rebecca Burns provided an update for testing and vaccinations of covid.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – DEPUTY DISTRICT COURT CLERK (2 POSITIONS)

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the exception. Motion carried.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – JUVENILE COURT DIRECTOR/REFEREE

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the exception. Motion carried.

EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – DEPUTY TREASURER

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the exception. Motion carried.

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

EMERGENCY ACTION GUIDELINES UPDATE

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to adopt update. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT RENEWAL (DOEHRING)

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

FIRST BOARD MEETING OF 2021

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to set the date for January 5. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSION ALLEN BALOG

RESOLUTION 16-2020

WHEREAS, Allen J. Balog has effectively served as County Commissioner for District No. 1 since January 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, public service requires a personal commitment of time and energy; and

WHEREAS, Allen J. Balog has served on numerous committees with tireless dedication, most notably Law Enforcement, Judiciary, Physical Resources, Community Health Agency, Commission on Aging, Transportation Authority; and

WHEREAS, Allen J. Balog was elected by his peers and served as Chairman of the Board in the years 2016, 2017 and Vice-Chairman in 2014, 2015, 2018; and

WHEREAS, this is the last meeting for Commissioner Balog as he did not seek re-election in 2020.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners recognizes and expresses grateful appreciation for the devoted service that Commissioner Balog has given to the citizens of St. Joseph County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be presented to Commissioner Balog with sincere best wishes in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners this 15th day of December 2020.

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

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to appoint Sarah Apwisch to the Transportation Authority Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to appoint Rick Shaffer, Dan Czajkowski, and Ken Malone to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Ms. Doehring thanked Commissioner Balog for his service.  
She also noted the first meeting in January would be via Zoom.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Financial Statement

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to place the financial statement on file. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Balog stated that the committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Malone stated that that the committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Malone stated that the committee had heard updates from ABM.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that minutes were available.

Other Committees

Commission Pangle commented on the Human Services Commission.  
Commission Czajkowski commented on an upcoming fundraiser.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen thanked Commissioner Balog.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioners thanked Commissioner Balog for his service.  
Commissioner Balog noted the changes made during his tenure including the move to virtual meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:56 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Balog that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until January 5, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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Dennis Allen, Chairman