

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 December 17, 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 Balog 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 December 3, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution from Eaton County, Re: Encourage changes to fee-for-service model for local substance abuse service.

Christmas card from Michigan Association of Counties.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

There were no public comments.

FIRST BOARD MEETING DATE

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to set the date for January 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

HIRING FREEZE EXCEPTION – EMERGENCY SERVICES COORDINATOR

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

HIRING FREEZE EXCEPTION – SHERIFF'S OFFICE CLERK/TYPIST

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

HIRING FREEZE EXCEPTION – ROAD PATROL

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

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to reappoint Kristina Eaton and Ruth Perry to the Animal Control Advisory Board with terms ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to reappoint Warren Atkins, Douglas Pagels, and Mark Ripplinger to the Planning Commission with terms ending January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to reappoint Jeff Knautz and Steve Houts to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms ending January 1, 2023. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to reappoint Betty Taylor to the Department of Health and Human Services board with a term ending October 31, 2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to reappoint Matt Scheske to the Investment Advisory Board with a term ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring reported on Celebration Committee door decorating.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Ms. Steinman presented the following reports:

Bills

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the November bills for payment as presented.

Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to authorize the Finance Director, after review by the County Administrator, to make any budget amendments necessary after the date of this meeting to ensure that the County's budget complies with State requirements. Motion carried.

Financial Statement

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the November financial statement 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 noted a recent meeting.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

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

Other Committees

Commissioner Malone commented on a Parks and Recreation Commission meeting.

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on a boat launch park project.

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the Agricultural Preservation Board.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen noted it was the last meeting for the year.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to adjourn to closed session to discuss a written legal opinion. Motion passed 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 5:15 p.m.

The Commission reconvened to open session at 5:40 p.m.

Chairman Allen noted the Commission had met in closed session to discuss a written legal opinion and no decisions were made.

Commissioner Malone commented on remembering people having a difficult time during the holidays.

Commissioner Czajkowski noted progress over the past year.

Commissioner Pangle commented on Bob Kelly, a former employee.

Commissioner Balog commented on the past year of progress.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:42 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until January 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Motion Carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman