

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on December 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Chair Allen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

Chair Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Daniel R. Czajkowski	Ken Malone
Jared Hoffmaster	Kathy Pangle
	Dennis Allen

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator and Angie Steinman, Finance Director

AGENDA

Commissioner Pangle requested that the POAM 911 Division Tentative Agreement be added to the agenda.

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the minutes for December 21, 2021 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were none.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring commented on staff appreciation and noted the new agenda format.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chair Allen noted there would be a new chair in 2022.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Commissioners provided updates for the Conservation Committee, dissolution of the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Committee, Parks Board, COA, Community Action Agency, HSC, Veteran's Advisory Board, and Roads Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Malone to appoint David Meyer to the Road Commission for a six-year term. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to appoint Gerald Loudenslager to the Department of Health and Human Services with a term expiring 10/31/2022. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to reappoint John Dobberteen and Steve Zarza to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring 1/1/2025. Motion carried.

REGION V HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the FY2020 and FY2021 grant agreements. Motion carried.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS WITH CASS COUNTY CENTRAL DISPATCH

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the interlocal agreements as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF LABOR TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the new collective bargaining agreements with the AFSCME, Sheriff’s Department, and District Court Association bargaining units incorporating changes reflected in the tentative agreements that have been presented by the County Administrator. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

FIRST BOARD MEETING DATE OF 2022

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to set the first 2022 board meeting for January 4 at 5 p.m. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioners Hoffmaster and Malone commented on ambulance service.

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the central dispatch project.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commission Pangle to adjourn the meeting. Motion died for lack of support.

Chair Allen opened the floor for public comment.

Rebecca Shank of Constantine commented on the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Committee.

Commissioners Hoffman and Czajkowski commented on the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Committee.

Rebecca Shank commented on concerns with the environment and solar panels.

At 5:47 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until January 4, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman