

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 February 3, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dobberteen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

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| Allen J. Balog | Donald Eaton |
| Rick Shaffer | Robin Baker |
| John L. Dobberteen | |

Also present were Pat Yoder, Administrator/Controller, Joni Smith, Finance Director and Teresa Doehring, Human Resource Director.

AGENDA

Chairman Dobberteen stated that the Closed Session should be deleted from the agenda and that filling the vacant Jail Administrator position should also be removed.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Balog that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and supported by Commissioner Baker that the minutes for January 20, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the closed session minutes for January 20, 2015 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium, Re: 2015 membership dues will be waived this year.
2. Resolution from Marquette County, Re: Support of SB 495-498 to curtail unfunded mandates.
3. Minutes of the Community Action Board meeting of November 24, 2014.

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

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Tim Carls, 63044 Klinger Lake Road, Centreville stated that he appreciated Commissioners Shaffer and Baker talking to him on Sunday regarding the snow removal but he thought that it was sad that he had to make the call. He said that he believes that both of them and Chairman Dobberteen should resign. He went on to say that the Road Commission is the responsibility of the County Commission. The public cannot hire or fire or run for Road Commissioner. The (Road) Engineer made the decision on Sunday not to plow because of money. The Road Commission's responsibility is to monitor the funds and to provide public service. He knows that there were vehicles stuck including an emergency vehicle. They were worried about \$12,000 to \$13,000 in overtime pay.

Rebecca Shank, Constantine stated that it is the 42nd anniversary of the Roe vs Wade decision. She said that there has been a decline in abortions but those statistics do not factor in those that are aborted by IV's or abortion drugs. She continued to speak about the fact that over one half of abortions in Michigan are black babies.

She further stated that the entire abortion issue results in being 62 million consumers short which cuts the tax base.

Sheriff Brad Balk thanked the County Commission and the public for attending the ribbon cutting ceremony at the jail on Friday opening the jail diversion cells.

Sheriff Balk also commended Chris Minger for the great job that the Road Commission did during the recent snow emergency. They did an outstanding job. He stated that the health of the drivers and the safety of the community takes top priority.

He also commended Chairman Dobberteen for closing the County Buildings on Monday, stating that it was the right thing to do.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES UPDATE

Tim McGuire, Executive Director of MAC, thanked the Commissioners for taking an active role in the association. He discussed priorities for this year for MAC and said that he travelled to Washington D.C. to meet with the 6 new members of Congress, 4 of whom are former State Legislators. They now have contact information for them when MAC is involved in federal legislation.

In December MAC completed the new Commissioner schools. There are 100 new Commissioners beginning in 2015.

Mr. McGuire said that this is the first time in 11 years that full revenue sharing will be restored for counties and they will likely get it again in 2016.

He mentioned that last May there was a Supreme Court ruling that Courts could no longer collect fees in criminal cases which cost over \$100,000 to the counties.

That ability to collect has now been restored.

In the packet that was provided to everyone there is a list of legislative priorities for this session and he wanted the Board to know that their legislative team is battling every day.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANT CORRECTIONS' OFFICER POSITION

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and supported by Commissioner Baker that the vacant Corrections' Officer position be filled. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Jury Board

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Eaton that Janet Beals be reappointed to the Jury Board for a 6 year term expiring April 30, 2021. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Yoder recommended approval of a settlement with a former employee based on mediation which also involved Municipal Risk Management Authority in the amount of \$147,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the settlement be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Balog, Eaton, Shaffer, Baker and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mrs. Doehring presented the following report:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Landon Hackenburg to change from full-time to part-time Corrections Officer effective January 30, 2015.

Travis Balk to change from part-time to full-time Corrections Officer at \$18.60/hr. effective February 3, 2015.

NEW HIRE:

Jay Parker has been hired as part-time Road Patrol at \$18.61/hr. (24 hours/week or less) or \$21.40/hr. (25 hours/week or more) effective February 3, 2015.

TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Joshua Shook to work temporary, part-time for Animal Control at \$9.98/hr. effective February 3, 2015.

Julie Sylvain to work temporary, part-time for Animal Control at \$8.50/hr. effective February 3, 2015.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Mrs. Smith presented the following reports:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

GENERAL FUND:

Increase Administration Wages – Department Head Appropriation (101-172-705.010)	\$ 10,500.00
Increase Administration FICA (101-172-715.000)	800.00
Increase Administration MERS Hybrid (101-172-718.020)	700.00
Increase Administration Work Comp (101-172-716.100)	30.00
	<u>\$ 12,030.00</u>

Increase Budgeted Use of Fund Balance (101-390-676.000)	\$ 12,030.00
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GENERAL FUND:

Increase Professional Services (101-101-802.130)	\$ 15,000.00
Increase Budgeted Use of Fund Balance (101-390-676.000)	\$ 15,000.00

COUNTY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE FUND:

Increase Building Additions & Improvements (406-253-976.000)	\$ 10,000.00
Decrease Contingency (406-253-941.000)	\$ 10,000.00

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

Bills

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Due from State, Payroll Liabilities, Prepaid Health & Other Insurances	\$ 247,182.72	\$
Appropriations	194887.78	
County Commission	26,496.11	7,666.64
Circuit Court	8,851.00	22,551.08
District Court	1,207.88	87,416.74
Friend of the Court	9,513.26	64,352.11
Probate Court	1,061.92	29,755.13
Juvenile Branch	7,180.31	43,445.49
Department of Corrections	176.74	
Appeals Court	140.60	
Public Defender	39,558.34	
Administration		20,127.13
Finance Department	881.34	17,034.43
County Clerk	6,058.32	42,011.11
Equalization Department	8,702.06	13,609.13
Human Resources	2,643.03	11,707.43
Geographic Information Systems		13,160.44
Prosecutor's Office	336.32	55,245.61
Register of Deeds	335.18	10,373.01
County Treasurer	807.92	24,841.89
Cooperative Extension	20,135.00	9,461.44
Information Technology	30,435.79	20,134.17
Buildings & Grounds	4,739.72	20,581.69
Courts Building Security		8,325.37
Drain Commission	1,706.54	11,286.66
Sheriff Department	3,120.72	183,123.86
Jail & Turnkey	12,243.70	192,055.40
Planning Commission	3,464.00	
Animal Control	458.19	13,602.71
Medical Examiners	825.00	
Child Care - Juvenile	1,811.86	
Veterans' Services	42.28	3,160.43
Grant Writer	54.64	6,833.55
Utilities & General Services	9,887.48	
Total General Fund	\$ 644,945.75	\$ 931,862.65
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Parks and Recreation	\$ 1,421.76	\$ 8,654.84
Emergency 911 Service	3,822.25	106,892.09
Central Dispatch - Wireless	8,187.62	4,394.24
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	485.14	4,622.46
Family Counseling	30.00	
Cade Lake Park	114.96	
Economic Development Corporation Fund		12,619.68
Animal Shelter Donation Fund	395.00	
Victim Rights Advocate Fund		5,709.46
Community Corrections Advisory Board		5,651.57
Community Corrections Program	177.58	

<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ 2,252.68	\$
Law Enforcement Fund		13,002.49
Secondary Road Patrol		19,045.67
Commission on Aging	67,838.98	103,372.69
SCAO Swift & Sure Grant	7,913.58	
Sheriff's Justice Training Fund	2,600.00	
Child Care: Probate Court & DHS	6,553.64	24,159.59
Veterans' Trust Fund	1,091.41	
County Facilities Maintenance Fund	1,000.00	
Forfeiture & Foreclosure Fund	2,674.83	
Tax Payment Fund	2,128.57	
Inmate Store Fund	38.00	
Three Rivers Community Center	3,192.79	1,071.78
Information Tech. Improvement Fund	3,426.79	
Trust & Agency	2,697,595.86	
Drain Fund	478.77	
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Total Other Funds	\$ 2,813,420.21	\$ 309,196.56
Grand Total	\$ 3,458,365.96	\$ 1,241,059.21

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Expenditure Type</u>			
Operating	644,945.75	2,813,420.21	3,458,365.96
Payroll	931,862.65	309,196.56	1,241,059.21
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Total	1,576,808.40	3,122,616.77	4,699,425.17

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the bills be approved for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Baker stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Eaton stated that the Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee met on January 21, 2015 and everyone has a copy of the minutes.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Dobberteen stated that the Committee met on January 28, 2015 and everyone has a copy of the minutes.

Chairman Dobberteen stated that since there is no business to discuss that he recommended cancelling the next scheduled Executive Committee.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Balog that the Executive Committee/Committee of the Whole meeting scheduled for February 12, 2015 be cancelled. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen stated that he would have the Committee assignments at the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Eaton echoed the comments from the Sheriff earlier in the meeting regarding the great job that the Road Commission did yesterday.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:24 p.m. it was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until February 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

John L. Dobberteen, Chairman