

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 16, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Michael Dunlap 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:

Rick Shaffer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
Michael D. Dunlap	Robin Baker
Jerry Ware	David J. Pueschel
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller, Dan Carey, Finance Director and Elishia Arver, Human Resource Director.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the minutes for February 2, 2010 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, February 5 and February 12, 2010.
2. Letter from the City of Three Rivers, Re: Notice of public hearing on February 16, 2010 to consider the request of an Obsolete Property and Rehabilitation District at 15 and 17 North Main Street and an Industrial Development District and Industrial Facilities Exemption at 675 East Hoffman, Three Rivers.
3. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on February 24, 2010 to discuss the Arkwright's Brownfield Redevelopment Plan.
4. Letter from the Michigan Public Service Commission, Re: Notice of public hearing on February 22, 2010 to seek approval to increase its rates for its Michigan electric customers.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jim Goethals, 25580 Waneta Way, Sturgis expressed to the Board that he is unhappy that the District Health Department outsourced their family planning services to Planned Parenthood. He stated that Planned Parenthood is not welcome in St. Joseph County. The Health Department invited Planned Parenthood to apply for the federal government's Title X monies and they received the grant. Last year 1400 abortions were performed out of Planned Parenthood in Kalamazoo.

Mary Collins, 66290 N. M-66, Sturgis stated that she is a former assistant with a non-profit agency. She stated that alliances can be created with the medical community to do family planning instead of applying for federal monies. And, instead the Health Department handed over family planning services to Planned Parenthood rather than a legitimate medical organization. She stated that Planned Parenthood is a political organization.

Christy Wood, 67807 Thunderbird Drive, Sturgis, stated that she is opposed to Planned Parenthood being the family planning provider. They are a political not a medical group and they increase access to abortions. They promote birth control rather than abstinence. Family Planning must provide unbiased care with no abortion services and abstinence must be a part of the services provided.

Robert Magness, 1412 Kent, Sturgis, read a statement regarding his opposition to Planned Parenthood being in Sturgis. Their pro-life movement pickets every Monday from 4 pm to 5 pm and they are not going away.

Theresa Seahigh, Sherman Township, stated that she had pre-natal care for all of her 7 kids and the gynecologist advised her in each pregnancy to get an abortion. She refused and all of her kids are fine and doing very well.

REVISED COMMISSION ON AGING BYLAWS

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Commission on Aging is recommending to the Board that their revised bylaws be approved. She stated that the last page of the document recaps the areas where the changes were made. They have also included their code of ethics.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the revised Commission on Aging Bylaws be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Community Mental Health

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that Veronica Atkins, Rebecca Black, Gaylene Adams and Dori Leo-Baranski be nominated and re-appointed to the Community Mental Health Board for 3 year terms expiring March 31, 2013. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Loudenslager stated the Law Enforcement Committee met on February 11th and everyone has a copy of the minutes and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

Judiciary

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that the Judiciary Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Ware stated that the Physical Resources Committee had not met.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Shaffer stated that the Executive Committee met February 12, 2010 and most items discussed there have been discussed tonight. Everyone has a copy of the minutes and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

REQUISITIONS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

Annual dues to Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium	\$ 500.00
Replace 75 sprinkler heads in the jail that are not working (Not to exceed)	\$ 8,000.00

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the requisitions be approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 500.00

INCREASE PLANNING COMMISSION'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-400-803.000 (Dues & Subscriptions) \$ 500.00

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 8,000.00

INCREASE JAIL & TURNKEY'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-351-977.000 (Equipment General) \$ 8,000.00

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 5 half days 1/19, 1/20, 2/3, 2/4 & 2/11/10 & 3 full days 1/25, 1/28 & 2/15/10	\$ 535.00
John Dobberteen - 6 half days 1/26, 1/27, 2/4, 2/9, 2/10 & 2/15/10	300.00
Michael Dunlap - 6 half days 1/20 x 3, 1/29, 2/9 & 2/12/10 & 1 full day 1/28/10	395.00
Gerald Loudenslager - 6 half days 1/20, 1/21, 1/26 x 2, 2/11 & 2/15/10	300.00
David Pueschel - 2 half days 1/20 & 1/29/10 & 1 full day 1/28/10	195.00
Rick Shaffer - 9 half days 1/12, 1/13, 1/15, 1/27, 1/29, 2/1, 2/3, 2/9 & 2/12/10	450.00
Jerry Ware - 2 half days 2/3 & 2/12/10	<u>100.00</u>
	\$2,275.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 285.00
John Dobberteen	141.00
Michael Dunlap	112.00
Gerald Loudenslager	42.00
David Pueschel	23.00
Rick Shaffer	72.00
Jerry Ware	<u>30.00</u>
	\$ 705.00

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the per diem and expenses be approved. Motion carried.

Financial Statements

Unaudited 2009

	Revenues	Expenditures
December	\$ 1,718,125	\$ 1,254,044
Year to Date	14,853,384	13,857,121
Period Fund Balance	\$464,081.00	
Year to Date	\$687,263.00	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	100.00%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	99.38%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	94.78%	

Mr. Carey gave a thorough overview of the Unaudited Financial Statement for 2009 and stated that credit needed to go to the Department Managers. Much of the fund balance is due to an unexpected State Revenue Sharing check for \$500,007.00 received in October of 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the Unaudited Financial Statement for 2009 be accepted. Motion carried.

January 2010

	Revenues	Expenditures
January	\$ 1,092,075	\$ 1,222,540
Year to Date	1,092,075	1,222,540
Period Fund Balance	(\$130,465)	
Year to Date	(\$130,465)	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	8.33%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	7.48%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	8.38%	

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the financial statement for January be accepted. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Shaffer remarked that his per diem reported was for 3 months.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until March 2, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Michael D. Dunlap, Chairman