

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 March 1, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Balog called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

Robin Baker	Rick Shaffer
	Allen J. Balog

Commissioners Dobberteen and Eaton were absent.

Also present: Pat Yoder, Administrator/Controller; Teresa Doehring, Human Resources Director; and Joni Smith, Finance Director.

AGENDA

Chairman Balog asked that a Bid for Nottawa Park and the Road Millage language be added to the agenda.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer that the minutes for February 16, 2016 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Email from Leon Eggleston to Commissioner Eaton, Re: Agree with comments about promoting St. Joseph County.

Resolution from Antrim County, Re: Urging State lawmakers and top officials to stop exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan.

Resolution from Antrim County, Re: Supporting Senate Bill 703 to remove the restriction on how County officials communicate with their constituents about local ballot questions.

Minutes of the Community Action Board meeting of January 25, 2016.

Minutes of the St. Joseph River Basin Commission meeting of September 1 and December 1, 2015.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Gordon Evilsizor, Florence Township Supervisor at 17770 Stears Road in White Pigeon, commented on the lack of snow plowing during a winter storm.

### DISTRICT COURT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Judge Middleton thanked the Commission for its support and reviewed the annual report. Commissioner Shaffer asked about funds from citations, and Judge Middleton noted the figures included the funds from citations written across the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to place the 2015 annual report on file. Motion carried.

### CIRCUIT COURT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Kathy Griffin, Court Administrator, thanked the Commission and other departments for their support.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to place the 2015 annual report on file. Motion carried.

### FRIEND OF THE COURT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Bill Thistlethwaite, Friend of the Court, noted it was his 25th annual report. He commented on identifying child support payment barriers and plans to overcome them.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to place the 2015 annual report on file. Motion carried.

### JUVENILE COURT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Judge Tomlinson reviewed the report noting that some differences were because of a Supreme Court ruling regarding the need to adjudicate all parents in child protection cases which takes more time and money. He also thanked the Commission for supporting the Child Trauma Assessment Group which had provided invaluable information for court cases.

Commissioner Shaffer asked about the number of allegations versus the number of people that are adjudicated. Judge Tomlinson noted that DHHS is where that information is tracked.

Commissioner Shaffer also asked about the exploitation of seniors. Judge Tomlinson responded that more needed to be done, but there was protocol for vulnerable adults.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to place the 2015 annual report on file. Motion carried.

### COUNTY CLERK AND REGISTER OF DEED'S ANNUAL REPORT

Clerk/Register Oswald presented her report noting changes to staffing, a new concealed weapons permitting process, and the amount of revenue from passport processing.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to place the 2015 annual report on file. Motion carried.

### OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FROM SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to authorize out-of-state travel so 4 corrections personnel could attend the 2016 American Jail Association Conference. Motion carried.

### NOTTAWA PARK BID

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the bid from Detweiler Excavating in the amount of \$16,800. Motion carried.

### ROAD MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Mr. Yoder noted Road Commission Member Bippus asked that the Commission authorize the change in the ballot language from 2017-2026 inclusive to 2016-2025 inclusive.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to change the language to 2016-2025 inclusive. Motion carried 3-0 upon a roll call vote.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MORGAN STANLEY TO ADMINISTER  
457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN  
RESOLUTION 6-2015

Commissioner Shaffer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners provides employees with the means to save for retirement through a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

WHEREAS, staff has analyzed the current plan with Nationwide Retirement Solutions and has determined that the fees charged to participants are excessive; and

WHEREAS, staff has researched various alternative providers and has identified Morgan Stanley to be the desired plan consultant; and

WHEREAS, staff has reviewed the services provided by Morgan Stanly and the fees charged by them to be in the best interest of St. Joseph County employees.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes the benefits of changing the administration of the 457 Deferred Compensation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Morgan Stanley to administer the plan on behalf of St. Joseph County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes staff to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the aforementioned change.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the resolution and waive second reading. Motion carried 3-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to appoint Linda Leensvaart to the Central Dispatch Policy Board general public vacancy with term to expire on December 31, 2016. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Yoder had nothing further to report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Ms. Smith presented the following reports:

Bills

<u>Expenditure Type</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating	\$ 497,352.24	\$3,184,487.71	\$3,681,839.95
Payroll	<u>654,525.60</u>	<u>224,664.90</u>	<u>879,190.50</u>
Total	\$1,151,877.84	\$ 3,409,152.61	\$4,561,030.45

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker that bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Chairman Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the Committee had met and minutes were available.

Physical Resources

Chairman Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Balog stated that minutes had been distributed.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Shaffer noted that the Parks and Recreation Commission was taking suggestions for the new park's name, and residents could vote on the website.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Balog had nothing further to report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Rebecca Shank of 385 S. Washington in Constantine commented on the *Three Rivers Commercial* article about bringing tourists to the area. She also asked that the Commissioners think about the commission that would be paid to the sales agent for the WGN radio contract.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no further comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:45 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Eaton that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until March 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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Allen J. Balog, Chairman