

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 April 17, 2018 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 J. Balog	Kathy Pangle
Daniel R. Czajkowski	Dennis Allen

Commissioner Dobberteen was absent.

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator and Ryan Post, Finance Director

#### AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to remove the Courts Building Master Plan from the agenda. Motion carried.

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Dobberteen that the minutes for March 6, 2018 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Judy Nelson, Re: Ballot language for Central Dispatch millage.

Copy of letter from Judy Nelson to State Tax Commission and Department of Treasury, Re: St. Joseph County's 2016 & 2017 Apportionment Report.

Resolution from Bay County, Supporting the "Cormorant Control Act" HB 4429.

Wexford County Resolution, Opposing amendatory legislation to Michigan PA 93 of 2013 (Indigent Defense).

Minutes of the Animal Control Advisory Board meeting of February 21, 2018.

Newsletter from the Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy, Spring 2018.

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

#### CITIZENS' COMMENT

Gordon Evilsizor, Florence Township Supervisor, commented on roads responsibilities and asked that the Commission support the completion of Constantine Road.

#### EQUALIZATION REPORT RESOLUTION 3-2018

WHEREAS, MCL 211.34(1) requires the County Board of Commissioners to meet in April each year to determine county equalized valuations; which equalization shall be completed and submitted along with the tabular statement required by Section 5 of Act No. 44 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended no later than May 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the assessment rolls of the various assessment jurisdictions have been reviewed by the various local Boards of Review throughout the County of St. Joseph and submitted to your Equalization Department in the appropriate timely manner; and

WHEREAS, those assessment rolls have been audited and balanced by your Equalization Department in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the guidelines of the State Tax Commission; the results of such being listed on the attached equalization report and on the prescribed Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4024 (County Equalization Directors Report of County Equalization).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the County Equalized Valuations as indicated within the attached equalization report a cumulative total for Real

Property of \$2,515,731,099 (Two Billion, Five Hundred Fifteen Million, Seven Hundred Thirty One Thousand, Ninety Nine Dollars) and a cumulative total for Personal Property of \$279,550,679 (Two Hundred Seventy Nine Million, Five Hundred Fifty Thousand, Six Hundred Seventy Nine Dollars). The combined total of Real and Personal Property of the Cities and Townships in St. Joseph County is \$2,795,281,778 (Two Billion, Seven Hundred Ninety Five Million, Two Hundred Eighty One Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy Eight Dollars).

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to adopt the resolution and waive second reading. Motion carried 4-0 upon a roll call vote.

TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE RENEWAL  
RESOLUTION 4-2018

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County Transportation Authority requested that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners consider a millage ballot question to be placed on the August 2018 ballot; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County Prosecuting Attorney John McDonough has reviewed and approved the language.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following ballot question language for a special election to be called and held in August of 2018:

Shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one year upon all property within the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan be renewed at .33 of a mill, that being 33.00 cents, (.33), on each one thousand dollars, (\$1,000.00) of the taxable valuation of real property for a period of four years, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 inclusive for the sole purpose of an operation millage for the St. Joseph County Transportation Authority for the continuation of transportation services? It is estimated that if this levy were spread in 2019, it would generate \$655,682.00 in revenue.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to adopt the resolution and waive second reading. Motion carried 4-0 upon a roll call vote.

OPIOID LITIGATION

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to adopt a resolution and waive second reading to enter the class action lawsuit.

Discussion included the consumer responsibility and potential effect on the pharmaceutical companies. Motion failed 2-2 upon a roll call vote with Commissioner Balog and Pangle dissenting.

DRAIN COMMISSIONER ANNUAL REPORT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Balog to accept the report and place it on file. Motion carried.

AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the audit engagement letter with Gabridge and Company, PLC. Motion carried 4-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

There were none.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring noted GIS moved from LRC annex to MSU-e annex.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Mr. Post presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments for consideration.

Per Diem and Expenses

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve payment of the per diem and expenses. Motion carried.

Financial Statement

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to place the March 31, 2018 financial statement on file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Czajkowski stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that the minutes were available.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Chairman Allen noted law enforcement appreciation month.

COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski on the unfortunate timing for the courts building master plan.

Commissioner Pangle commented on upcoming community events.

Commission Balog commented on the attorney general opinion regarding roads responsibilities.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:24 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until May 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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Dennis Allen, Chairman