

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 May 15, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Baker called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Pueschel.

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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| Eric Shafer       | Gerald E. Loudenslager |
| Michael D. Dunlap | Robin Baker            |
| Monte Bordner     | David J. Pueschel      |
| John Dobberteen   |                        |

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

#### AGENDA

Commissioner Bordner asked that the MAC press release be discussed under new business.

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the minutes for April 24, 2007 be approved. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, April 27, May 4 and May 11, 2007.
2. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on May 9 to consider establishing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District for the former Sturgis Foundry property.
3. Letter from State Department of Corrections, Re: Audit report of the St. Joseph County Jail Reimbursement Program.
4. Resolution from Clinton County, Re: State budget crisis.
5. Resolution from Clinton County, Re: Senate Bills 410 and 411 (Funding for 9-1-1).
6. Resolution from VanBuren County, Re: Senate Bills 410 and 411 (Funding for 9-1-1).
7. Resolution from Hillsdale County, Re: House Bill 4398.
8. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of April 16, 2007.
9. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meeting of February 20 and March 27, 2007.

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

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Maury Kaercher, Extension Agent, introduced Monica Robinson, the new 4-H Educator who started on May 11th.

Ms. Robinson stated that she came from a small town in NW Ohio and received her bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University in writing. She received her master's from Western Michigan University also in writing.

She came from a traditional 4-H background and still has her horse that she had when she was in 4-H.

She would like to raise the profile of 4-H and get more members to join. She stated that 4-H is very functional and can fit many needs.

#### DISTRICT COURT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2006

Chief District Judge Jeffrey Middleton, gave an overview of the Annual Report for District Court for 2006.

He stated that 2006 was his first year as Chief Judge and there was a lot of transition in the Court. Carol Frohriep, long time Administrator retired. Tab Wedge replaced Mrs. Frohriep in this position. She put most of the report together and is doing an excellent job. She solves problems as they happen. Also, Timothy Reed, Attorney/Magistrate began his duties and is also conducting Juvenile arraignments.

Alice DeJongh is doing a super job as ½ time magistrate and ½ time probation officer.

He and Judge Welty switched offices when Judge Middleton became chief judge.

They collected an additional \$20,000 do to some new tactics and at the judges' conference he learned some more new ways to enhance collections.

Beginning January 1, 2007 flex time for the probation officers was eliminated.

\$2,796,000.00 passed through District Court during 2006. Revenues were over budget \$15,000 and expenses were under budget \$35,000 and he predicts that revenues will exceed expenses in the entire budget this year or next.

24,087 cases were taken into the Court in 2006 and 25,263 were disposed of during 2006. The number of cases taken in was down over 2005 because of the mileage restrictions sanctioned on the road patrol.

They are using credit cards to accept payments and \$180,000 was collected in this manner and with online payments.

He considers it a privilege being Chief Judge.

Commissioner Bordner stated that he was pleased with the report and the plan that was developed before we had a new Circuit Judge has turned a negative into a positive. The collections have been good and he commended Judge Middleton and his staff and appreciates their cooperation.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he appreciates his efforts in collections.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that it was an excellent report and appreciates all of the judges' cooperation as he knows that that is not the case in many other counties. He asked Judge Middleton how the e-citation program was working.

Judge Middleton stated that this program was not started by the Court but the information goes to the Court from the officers' laptops in the patrol cars. But, as with a lot of projects, the devil is in the details. The policemen love the laptops, the Court is getting used to the tickets and they are certainly more legible. There has been no decrease in workload and this system will evolve. They have had no major crises lately but some problems are not solved yet.

Commissioner Shafer thanked Judge Middleton for the report and noticed that they do a lot of weddings. He appreciates the cooperation with the judges.

Chairman Baker congratulated him on being Chief Judge and thanked him for the report.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the 2006 Annual Report for District Court be accepted. Motion carried.

Judge Middleton put in a good word for the need for more Mental Health Services in St. Joseph County which will be discussed later in the agenda.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT

Ms. West-Wing stated that this is a renewal agreement effective October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 and it pays for 34% of the salary and benefits of the Emergency Management Planning Director. The total amount of the grant is \$26,561.00.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the Emergency Management Planning Grant Agreement renewal be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast:           7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast:           0

Motion carried.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANT PART-TIME REGISTER OF DEEDS DATA ENTRY POSITION

Ms. West-Wing stated that the request is to replace the person that recently resigned from the position and to increase the hours from 17.5 to 20 per week.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the request to fill the vacant part-time Register of Deeds data entry position be denied.

There was a lot of discussion on the increase in hours; the fact that their work is current; that this is a long-term scanning/microfilm project; and that the money comes from the Technology Fund.

The vote was called and the motion carried.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANT PART-TIME CLERK-TYPIST POSITION

Ms. West-Wing stated that this is a 20 hour/week position at the Sheriff's Department due to a resignation.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the request to fill the vacant part-time clerk-typist position be approved.

After discussion the motion carried.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANT ROAD PATROL POSITION

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the request to fill a vacant Road Patrol Position be approved. Motion carried.

PENSION LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH DENNIS BRANDENBURG

Ms. West-Wing stated that Dennis Brandenburg, who is an employee at Central Dispatch, is currently receiving a pension from MERS having retired from the Sheriff's Department. According to MERS no one can participate in a MERS plan when receiving a pension from them therefore this Letter of Understanding would put his and the county's contribution into a Deferred Compensation account for Mr. Brandenburg.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the letter of understanding with Dennis Brandenburg be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast:           7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast:           0

Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION MILLAGE

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that .33 of a mill be placed on the August 7, 2007 ballot for a Transportation Authority Millage. The ballot language as developed by the Prosecuting Attorney is as follows:

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY MILLAGE

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 increased by the County and authorized to levy .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, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, inclusive, for the sole purpose of operation millage for the St. Joseph County Transportation Authority for the continuation of transportation services? It is estimated that if this tax levy were spread in 2007 it would generate \$566,622.49 in additional revenue.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

PAYMENT FOR SPECIAL ELECTION

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the County pay 100% of the cost of the Special Election to be held on August 7, 2007.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH JAIL DIVERSION GRANT REQUEST

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the County Board of Commissioners support the Community Mental Health Jail Diversion Grant Request.

Liz O'Dell, Executive Director of CMH, asked for support for a Jail Diversion Grant. The grant is for \$100,000 the first year and \$50,000 the second year in which the County would also support the grant with \$50,000.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that he is concerned with duplication of effort and he hates to see a program that does not accomplish anything.

Ms. O'Dell stated that it is difficult for mental health patients to be in jail with other inmates. Programs are needed to divert these people in the hopes that the recidivism rate will decrease. Currently a CMH staff person will go to the jail in the evenings.

She has been working with Jail Administrator, Lt. Mark Books, to work with not putting mental health clients in isolation but to collaborate together to find programs for them. Lt. Books supports this grant.

The County's obligation for \$50,000 would take place in FY 2009 and they will create their own standards and if the program is not working in FY 2008 they will not proceed to 2009.

Mrs. O'Dell stated that if mental health patients are found incompetent to stand trial by reason of insanity they are placed in the Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital and the cost there is \$300 per day and we have 6 people there now.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

RECESS

The Board recessed because of the weather.

After a short time the Board resumed business.

MAC PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Bordner stated that MAC has issued a press release regarding the Legislature proposing taking away the convention tax that is used for substance abuse programs. This would be \$36,000,000 that would not go to the counties for these programs.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that an email be quickly sent to Representative Shaffer, Senator Brown and Governor Granholm in opposition to this proposal. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF E-911 FUNDING  
AS PROPOSED BY THE ETSC  
AND INTRODUCED IN SENATE BILL 410 AND SENATE BILL 411  
RESOLUTION NO. 10-2007

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, E-911 is one of the most essential public services provided by counties throughout the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, PA 32 of 1986, the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act that governs E-911 funding, is set to expire at the end of 2007; and

WHEREAS, County Boards of Commissioners need to know what the funding scenario will be so that they can prepare fiscal year 2008 budgets.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners urges the legislature and the Governor to pass SB 410 and SB 411 (as currently amended), as recommended by the Emergency Telephone Service Committee, that call for a State 911 Surcharge of 25 cents and an optional County 911 Surcharge and/or millage to fund 911 services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the surcharges mentioned above shall apply equally within a county to all landlines, cell phones, and other communications devices with the ability to contact E-911 service; and that the revenues generated be used solely for E-911-related costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to the Governor, Senator Brown, Representative Shaffer, and the Michigan Association of Counties for their consideration and action.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the resolution be adopted and 2nd reading waived.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Law Enforcement

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Law Enforcement Committee had not met.

#### Judiciary

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there was no Judiciary Committee report.

#### Physical Resources

Commissioner Shafer stated that there was no Physical Resources Committee report.

#### Executive Committee

Commissioner Bordner stated that everyone had received a copy of the Executive Committee minutes of May 11th and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

#### Website Committee

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Website Committee met today and he stated that there have been a number of improvements made to the website.

The Intranet – Compass has been expanded for the use of the employees. They have access to policies and procedures; labor contracts; retirement information; request form for services from IT and Buildings and Grounds, etc.

### PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Tim Schuler, Corrections Sergeant, is on medical leave commencing May 2, 2007 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Gloria Tate will transfer from Deputy County Clerk to Accounting Clerk (Accounts Payable) effective June 18, 2007. Ms. Tate's rate of pay will remain the same at \$16.20/hour and this position was approved at 40 hours per week.

#### RESIGNATION:

Rondi Beckwith, part-time Data Entry Clerk, has resigned effective May 10, 2007.

Brenda Walls, part-time Clerk/typist, has resigned effective May 21, 2007.

#### NEW HIRE:

Mikeal Cole, Jr. has been hired as part-time Corrections Officer at \$14.70/hour effective May 10, 2007.

#### SEASONAL/TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT:

Dale Klopfenstein has been hired as seasonal Park Maintenance at \$8.00/hour effective May 3, 2007.

Michelle Kelley has been hired as Cade Lake Operations Supervisor at \$10.00/hour effective May 3, 2007.

Juliannah Schram has been hired as Cade Lake Park Attendant at \$7.50/hour effective May 3, 2007.

Donald Norris has been hired as Cade Lake Park Caretaker at \$7.15/hour effective May 3, 2007.

Dale C. Rice has been hired as seasonal Park Maintenance at \$7.50/hour effective May 7, 2007.

Levi Jeffrey Terpenning has been hired as seasonal Marine Patrol Sergeant at \$16.70/hour effective May 25, 2007.

Roger Schrock has been hired as seasonal Marine Patrol at \$14.70/hour effective May 25, 2007.

Philip Webb has been hired as seasonal Marine Patrol at \$14.70/hour effective May 25, 2007.

Adam Risko has been hired as seasonal Marine Patrol at \$14.70/hour effective May 25, 2007.

Burton Mahler has been hired as Nottawa Campground Attendant at \$7.15/hour effective May 16, 2007.

NEW POSITION:

Eliminate one Family Division Caseworker position and establish the position of Family Division Neglect/ Abuse Specialist as a pay grade 4, 1360 points, under the Soltysiak system.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 750.00

INCREASE VETERANS' BUDGET:

Line item 101-682-860.000 (Travel Expense) \$ 200.00

Line item 101-682-861.000 (Convention Expense) \$ 550.00

INCREASE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUND REVENUES:

Line item 268-426-506.095 (2006 Homeland Security Grant) \$86,000.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

Line item 268-426-816.000 (Contractual Services) \$80,000.00

Line item 268-426-861.000 (Convention Expense) 6,000.00

\$86,000.00

INCREASE GENERAL FUND REVENUES:

Line item 101-390-676.000 (Budgeted Use of Fund Balance) \$ 438.00

INCREASE EMERGENCY SERVICES' EXPENDITURES:

Line item 101-426-826.020 (Training) \$ 438.00

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Mr. Carey presented the following report:

Bills

| <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | <u>PAYROLL</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Due from State      | \$ 6,529.84         | \$             |
| Appropriations      | 67,568.00           |                |

GENERAL FUNDEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

|                                |              |              |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| County Commission              | \$ 17,263.11 | \$ 7,731.35  |
| Circuit Court                  | 60.00        | 13,439.36    |
| District Court                 | 1,379.40     | 62,716.65    |
| Friend of the Court            | 2,841.99     | 35,543.78    |
| Probate Court                  | 856.98       | 18,425.53    |
| Juvenile Branch                | 16,269.80    | 38,095.16    |
| Appeals Court                  | 1,505.99     |              |
| Public Defender                | 86.18        |              |
| Administration                 | 420.00       | 10,453.85    |
| Elections                      | 6,107.65     |              |
| Finance Department             | 1,387.54     | 12,030.20    |
| County Clerk                   |              | 23,523.95    |
| Equalization Department        | 388.75       | 15,570.47    |
| Human Resources                | 380.08       | 7,091.08     |
| Geographic Information Systems | 359.36       | 6,580.31     |
| Prosecutor's Office            | 1,283.12     | 42,784.32    |
| Central Services               | 29,698.82    | 5,610.62     |
| Register of Deeds              | 168.00       | 12,986.86    |
| County Treasurer               |              | 15,409.51    |
| Cooperative Extension          | 361.59       | 8,682.63     |
| Information Technology         | 1,048.90     | 11,826.92    |
| Buildings & Grounds            | 3,358.54     | 15,344.35    |
| Courts Building Security       |              | 5,635.65     |
| Drain Commission               |              | 5,512.98     |
| Sheriff Department             | 74,747.13    | 90,790.42    |
| Sheriff Reserves               | 1,343.00     | 409.07       |
| Jail & Turnkey                 | 11,167.53    | 102,947.33   |
| Planning Commission            | 2,565.65     |              |
| Emergency Services             | 422.78       | 5,239.00     |
| Animal Control                 | 457.06       | 9,487.46     |
| Board of Public Works          |              | 652.59       |
| Medical Examiners              | 3,800.00     |              |
| Child Care - Probate           | 8,847.94     | 821.46       |
| Veterans' Services             | 125.00       | 1,647.70     |
| Utilities & General Services   | 29,744.63    |              |
| Total                          | \$292,544.36 | \$586,990.56 |

OTHER FUNDSEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

|                                   |               |           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| County Road Commission            | \$ 782,738.56 | \$        |
| Parks & Recreation                | 2,701.57      | 7,442.99  |
| Emergency 911 Service             | 8,884.22      | 52,127.82 |
| Central Dispatch - Wireless       | 2,000.40      | 4,141.15  |
| Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park   | 1,117.63      | 2,192.45  |
| Family Counseling                 | 70.00         |           |
| Cade Lake Park                    | 1,053.03      |           |
| Waste Management Fund             |               |           |
| County Commission                 | 23,895.56     |           |
| Traffic Safety Program Fund       | 22.67         |           |
| Economic Development Fund         | 7,331.83      | 4,179.36  |
| Survey & Remonumentation          | 12,680.00     |           |
| Register of Deeds Automation Fund | 249.24        | 1,308.53  |

OTHER FUNDSEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

|   |                |    |                |              |              |
|---|----------------|----|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Victims' Rights Advocate Fund             |                | \$ |                | \$           | 3,310.55     |
| Community Corrections Advisory Board      |                |    | 6,666.67       |              | 2,396.32     |
| Community Corrections Program             |                |    | 1,540.00       |              |              |
| Drug Law Enforcement Fund                 |                |    | 2,441.44       |              |              |
| Law Enforcement Fund                      |                |    | 318.01         |              | 11,688.12    |
| Secondary Road Patrol                     |                |    |                |              | 8,917.21     |
| Homeland Security Grant Fund              |                |    | 5,173.39       |              |              |
| Principal Residence Denial Fund           |                |    |                |              | 652.57       |
| Commission on Aging                       |                |    | 48,859.71      |              | 44,535.93    |
| Sheriff's Justice Training Fund           |                |    | 1,910.00       |              |              |
| Department of Human Services              |                |    | 151,502.02     |              |              |
| Child Care - Probate Court                |                |    | 20,562.94      |              | 3,286.76     |
| Child Care - Department of Human Services |                |    | 44,177.75      |              |              |
| Veterans' Trust Fund                      |                |    | 957.00         |              |              |
| Forfeiture & Foreclosure Fund             |                |    | 4,785.58       |              |              |
| Tax Payment Fund                          |                |    | 22,527.69      |              |              |
| Inmate Store                              |                |    | 2,905.14       |              |              |
| Three Rivers Community Center             |                |    | 2,086.00       |              | 826.62       |
| Long Lake Level Revolving Fund            |                |    | 5.49           |              |              |
| Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund          |                |    | 146,082.79     |              |              |
| Total                                     |                |    | \$1,305,246.33 |              | \$147,006.38 |
| Grand Total                               |                |    | \$1,597,790.69 |              | \$733,996.94 |
| General Fund Operating Expenditures       |                |    |                |              |              |
| Pre-Authorized                            | \$226,517.56   |    |                |              |              |
| Accounts Payable                          | 66,026.80      |    |                |              |              |
|   |                |    | \$             | 292,544.36   |              |
| General Fund Payroll Expenditures         |                |    | \$             | 586,990.56   |              |
| Other Funds Operating Expenditures        |                |    |                |              |              |
| Pre-authorized                            | \$1,268,740.54 |    |                |              |              |
| Accounts Payable                          | 36,505.79      |    |                |              |              |
|   |                |    | \$             | 1,305,246.33 |              |
| Other Funds Payroll Expenditures          |                |    | \$             | 147,006.38   |              |
| Total Recorded for the Month              |                |    | \$             | 2,331,787.63 |              |

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

Per Diem

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|--|----|--------|
| Robin Baker - 5 half days 5/2, 5/3 x 2 & 5/7/07 x 2 & 6 full days 4/26, 4/30, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10 & 5/11/07 | \$ | 820.00 |
| Monte Bordner - 5 half days 4/30, 5/7 x 2 & 5/8/07 x 2 & 5 full days 4/30, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10 & 5/11/07    |    | 725.00 |
| John Dobberteen - 8 half days 5/2, 5/7 x 2, 5/8 x 2, 5/9 x 2 & 5/14/07 & 1 full day 5/11/07            |    | 495.00 |
| Michael Dunlap - 5 half days 4/30, 5/2, 5/7, 5/8 & 5/9/07 & 3 full days 4/26, 4/27 & 4/30/07           |    | 535.00 |

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|---|---------------|
| Gerald Loudenslager - 3 half days 4/27, 5/7, & 5/12/07 & 5 full days 4/30, 5/8, 5/9, 5/10 & 5/11/07 | \$ 625.00     |
| David Pueschel - 4 half days 4/30, 5/7 & 5/10/07 x 2, & 1 full day 4/26/07                          | 295.00        |
| Eric Shafer - 6 half days 4/25, 4/30, 5/2, 5/3, 5/7 & 5/15/07                                       | <u>300.00</u> |
|   | \$3,795.00    |

Expenses

|                     |              |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Robin Baker         | \$ 259.02    |
| Monte Bordner       | 210.44       |
| John Dobberteen     | 137.74       |
| Michael Dunlap      | 200.79       |
| Gerald Loudenslager | 146.68       |
| David Pueschel      | <u>84.88</u> |
|                     | \$1,039.55   |

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

Finance Statements

|   | Revenues     | Expenditures |
|---|--------------|--------------|
| April   | \$ 1,245,471 | \$ 1,177,961 |
| Year to Date  | 4,624,759    | 4,565,092    |
| Period Fund Balance                                   | \$67,510.00  |              |
| Year to Date  | \$59,667.00  |              |
| Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.          | 33.33%       |              |
| Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date   | 33.15%       |              |
| Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date | 32.72%       |              |

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the finance statements be accepted. Motion carried.

Independent Contractor Agreement

Mr. Carey recommended approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Steven Barnell who will serve as a Homeland Security Regional Planner. The terms of the contract are for May 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 at \$22.38 per hour, not to exceed 60 hours every 2 weeks. January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008 he will be paid \$23.05 per hour, not to exceed 60 hours per 2 weeks. Invoices are to be payable upon receipt.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the Independent Contract Agreement with Steven Barnell be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Baker stated that he and his son had fun on the County canoe outing held on May 12th. Commissioner Shafer was also there.

The next Community Action Agency meeting to do an overview of the Head Start Programs and others will be held on May 24th in Battle Creek.

The Homeland Security conference held in Grand Rapids for 4 days included himself and Commissioners Bordner and Loudenslager. He mentioned that Colin Powell was there and gave a great speech.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there is a Boating Safety Class being held at the Colon Fire Department sponsored by the Colon Lake Board on May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bordner mentioned that due to a computer glitch at the Sturgis Chamber, the Commissioners were left off the mailing list inviting them to participate in the Michigan Week parade this Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until June 5, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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Robin Baker, Chairman