

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 18, 2004, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John L. Dobberteen 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:

Eric Shafer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
John W. Bippus	Robin Baker
Monte Bordner	David J. Pueschel
John L. Dobberteen	

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

AGENDA

Chairman Dobberteen stated that an amendment to the Road Commission Ballot language would be added under old business and that a closed session regarding POAM Negotiations be added under the second citizen's comments.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner 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 Shafer that the minutes for May 4, 2004 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, May 6, May 7 and May 14, 2004.
2. Letter from National Association of Counties, Re: National Hunger Awareness Day on June 3.
3. Copy of letter from Tim Carls to the Attorney General, Re: Altering of township boundaries.
4. Letter from Emergency Telephone Service Committee, Re: P.A. 32 of 1986 (Emergency telephone service enabling act.)
5. Letter from State Court Administrative Office, Re: Second quarter disbursement.
6. Minutes of Community Action Agency Board meeting of April 19, 2004.
7. Minutes of Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of April 19, 2004.

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

AMENDMENT TO ROAD COMMISSION BALLOT LANGUAGE

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Road Commission is requesting an amendment to the ballot language striking the words at the end of the second paragraph "of the increase."

The amendment language is as follows:

ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed against all property in St. Joseph County, Michigan be renewed at 1 mill which is one dollar (\$1.00) per each one thousand dollars of taxable value and be levied and billed for a period of ten (10) years, 2004-2013 inclusive for road purposes within the incorporated cities and villages in St. Joseph County, Michigan and to improve, repair and maintain existing local roads within the townships in St. Joseph County, Michigan with the money to be collected and distributed in accordance with all applicable statutes?

It is estimated that this proposal would produce revenue of \$1,475,226.03 during the first calendar year.

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Bippus that the Amended Road Millage Renewal ballot language be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 1 – Commissioner Bordner.

Motion carried.

ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Duke Anderson, Director of the Tri-County District Health presented the Annual Implementation Plan for the Area Agency on Aging. He stated that this is all about accountability. It lists the plans that they have for the next year, the cost and the details that will be worked out.

Laura Sutter stated that this year they are adding the State Care Management Program. This should allow a lot of the people to remain in their homes. Currently Region III manages this program. This will be transferred to AAA Region III-C so that the service will remain local. They can coordinate services more efficiently and effectively. There will be some funding shifts as they have found a higher need for in-home and respite care. They can provide medical equipment, private nursing and be able to hire additional staff through this program.

In response to a question by Commissioner Bordner regarding the status of State funding, Mrs. Sutter stated that it is no worse than they expected and they will try and become more efficient.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2004

WHEREAS, the Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (Region IIIC) has been designated as the area agency on aging to serve Branch and St. Joseph Counties since 1996 under the Federal Older Americans Act (Public Law 89-73, and subsequent amendments), and the State Older Michiganians Act (Public Act 180, and subsequent amendments); and

WHEREAS, the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph District Board of Health has been designated and approved as the Policy Board for Region IIIC; and

WHEREAS, Region IIIC is required to develop an Annual Implementation Plan for fiscal year 2005; and

WHEREAS, the Region IIIC Policy Board has developed, reviewed and accepted the Plan after input sessions and a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the Region IIIC Policy Board has taken into consideration the views expressed at the public hearing for the final draft of the Annual Implementation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Region IIIC Policy Board substantiates that this document meets the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging approval criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners endorses the submission of this final planning document to the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging for final review and approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners fully endorses and supports the intent of Region IIC to administer the State Care Management Program within the Region IIC planning and service area.

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the resolution be adopted and second reading waived.

Commissioner Loudenslager asked about the rising cost of food in their programs and Mrs. Sutter responded by saying that the Community Action Agency negotiates good contracts with the food banks and the prices for food are fair and reasonable.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

KEYSTONE PLACE

Annex III

Matt Chambers, Chairman of the Capital Campaign for Keystone Place, is requesting that their lease be extended on the current facility.

He introduced Kimberly Persing who is a Board Member. She stated that the CTE Class will be building the shelter saving a great deal of money on construction. The instructor, Wes Teeple, will be the general contractor. They have also received many in-kind donations i.e. bathtubs and shower stalls from Lasco.

Mr. Chambers stated that they are at \$80,000 of the capital campaign and Fifth Third Bank is helping with a \$195,000 Federal Home Bank Loan that they have a high probability of getting and will know by the end of June. The amount needed for the home is \$275,000. With all of the donations they are receiving they may be able to finish the basement as well. Sturgis Bank and Trust Company and First National Bank are providing construction loans interest free so that they can move forward with the construction.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Baker that the lease extension for Annex III or Keystone Place be approved.

Commissioner Bordner stated that this was a tremendous opportunity for the CTE class.

Chairman Dobberteen thanked Commissioner Loudenslager for suggesting that the shelter be built by CTE.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

Annex II

Ms. West-Wing presented a one year lease renewal with Keystone Place for 110 square feet of office space at Annex II for \$955.90 per year.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the lease for Annex II for Keystone Place be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

TAXABLE VALUE REPORT

Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, presented the following 2004 Taxable Value Report. She stated that this report is based on the 2003 Taxable Value Report plus 1.023 Consumers Price Index Multiplier.

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
BURR OAK	11,024,591	1,095,486	913,542	29,924,019	42,957,638
COLON	11,316,866	3,694,428	2,090,376	53,207,816	70,309,486
CONSTANTINE	9,533,728	4,113,414	15,499,588	50,901,685	80,048,415
FABIUS	7,061,070	3,593,292	1,983,629	101,766,338	114,404,329
FAWN RIVER	5,842,545	1,056,116	0	19,734,335	26,632,996
FLORENCE	13,531,725	8,679	71,958	14,951,077	28,563,439
FLOWERFIELD	9,036,500	738,706	3,316	24,526,533	34,305,055
LEONIDAS	13,910,038	701,773	5,250	12,390,223	27,007,284
LOCKPORT	9,098,381	3,223,912	740,894	65,599,621	78,662,808
MENDON	9,014,936	2,949,436	2,703,062	33,509,263	48,176,697
MOTTVILLE	7,532,196	1,607,220	7,486,870	21,995,093	38,621,379
NOTTAWA	15,174,788	7,056,651	166,765	63,549,386	85,947,590
PARK	12,997,015	3,317,056	2,952,977	52,192,523	71,459,571
SHERMAN	8,747,740	851,856	424,917	75,750,787	85,775,300
STURGIS	7,341,497	10,520,725	278,192	24,818,296	42,958,710
WHITE PIGEON	8,303,528	7,271,714	5,683,910	97,697,079	118,956,231
THREE RIVERS	0	37,371,132	19,337,168	58,214,813	114,923,113
STURGIS CITY	134,859	43,210,788	28,610,001	104,147,554	176,103,202
COUNTY TOTALS	159,602,003	132,382,384	88,952,415	904,876,441	1,285,813,243

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXABLE VALUATIONS	TOTAL REAL & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXABLE VALUATIONS	HOMESTEAD & QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL TAXABLE VALUATIONS	NON-HOMESTEAD & NON-QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL TAXABLE VALUATIONS
BURR OAK	2,439,400	45,397,038	36,545,454	8,851,584
COLON	4,130,200	74,439,686	47,015,063	27,424,623
CONSTANTINE	17,989,012	98,037,427	51,617,599	46,419,828
FABIUS	6,434,498	120,838,827	75,153,549	45,685,278
FAWN RIVER	841,020	27,474,016	22,591,932	4,882,084
FLORENCE	1,188,600	29,752,039	26,169,716	3,582,323
FLOWERFIELD	5,143,478	39,448,533	29,013,182	10,435,351
LEONIDAS	981,700	27,988,984	24,236,350	3,752,634
LOCKPORT	3,051,200	81,714,008	64,064,344	17,649,664
MENDON	14,981,904	63,158,601	37,698,921	25,459,680
MOTTVILLE	5,572,500	44,193,879	26,678,596	17,515,283
NOTTAWA	3,308,800	89,256,390	64,832,555	24,423,835
PARK	11,892,900	83,352,471	55,406,091	27,946,380
SHERMAN	3,290,400	89,065,700	66,839,531	22,226,169
STURGIS	3,290,400	46,249,110	30,134,192	16,114,918
WHITE PIGEON	14,564,500	133,520,731	72,385,606	61,135,125
THREE RIVERS	37,668,370	152,591,483	45,613,044	106,978,439
STURGIS CITY	52,728,800	228,832,002	86,190,428	142,641,574
COUNTY TOTALS	189,497,682	1,475,310,925	862,186,153	613,124,772

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the 2004 Taxable Value Report be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Report adopted.

REQUEST TO FILL CHIEF DEPUTY REGISTER OF DEEDS

Cynthia Jarratt, Register of Deeds, requested approval to fill the Chief Deputy Register of Deeds position which has been vacant. She would like to promote one of her deputies to the Chief's position and then leave the deputy's position vacant.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Chief Deputy Register of Deeds position be filled.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker and Bordner

Nay votes cast: 2 – Commissioner Pueschel and Dobberteen

Motion carried.

REGISTER OF DEEDS SOFTWARE

Cynthia Jarratt requested approval of new software from Hart for the Register of Deeds Office. They are currently using a system from Cherry Lan and their maintenance contract expired with them on January 31, 2004. In her opinion, Cherry Lan has become greedy after they realized how much each County in the State was going to have in their Technology Funds. The Michigan Association of Register of Deeds has been negotiating with Cherry Lan to no avail and Ms. Jarratt would like to have the Board of Commissioners approve the purchase of a new software from Hart InterCivic. She stated that Mark Clute has been working with her to get what is needed for the Land Resource Centre and the Treasurer's Office as well. Ms. Jarratt added that Cherry Lan is in the basement as far as technology is concerned and Hart is on the ceiling being on the upper edge of technology. The system will be web approved, credit card approved, and will also have artificial intelligence, automatic indexing system and will allow for zero growth in employment for the next 5 years. The current vendor wants a 2½ year contract and she is concerned whether or not he will be in business 5 years from now.

She would like to use Technology Fund monies to pay for this, however, there is not enough in the Fund for it now and would like to borrow \$200,000 from the County to be paid back over 5 years with a 1.5% interest rate. Because we are the first for Hart in Michigan we will receive a \$42,000 discount. A representative from Hart was present to help explain the system.

The representative from the company stated that the upgrades and enhancements are included in the original cost. There is no monthly cost and no annual cost.

Commissioner Pueschel said that most of the hardware that we currently own fits with the new system and Ms. Jarratt stated that we will have to replace the server.

Commissioner Shafer stated that this was discussed at the website meeting yesterday. He asked the representative how long the discount would be good for and she said that Saginaw County has their contracts in hand, has the money and does not need a loan.

Commissioner Shafer asked if payments could be made over the web and could other departments use this function as well.

The representative said that their company has been working with the LRC.

Commissioner Shafer stated that we are still in the process of the technology study and he knows that we have always stated that we want to be on the leading edge of technology but he would still like to talk to Capital Consultants who are doing the study.

Hart is dedicated to working everything out with all offices and Ms. Jarratt stated that they have agreed to link other offices at no additional charge.

The annual maintenance cost for the first year is nothing and it will be \$27,152 per year after that increasing according to the Consumers Price Index, however, the representative stated that it would not increase for the first 3 years.

Ms. West-Wing suggested that the Prosecuting Attorney review the contracts before signing.

Ms. Jarratt, in response to a question by Commissioner Bordner, stated that she predicts that the projected revenue in the Technology Fund for the next 5 years would be \$771,000. She has one person hired out of this fund now and plans to decrease that to ½ person.

Ms. Jarratt stated that with this system they should be able to have a larger number of documents/indices on the web sooner. There will be zero employee growth over 5 years. It is a much more effective system than they have in place at the current time. She predicts that within 3-5 years that they will have records in the system that go back 40 years.

After further discussion it was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Board approve pending approval of the contracts by the Prosecuting Attorney, the purchase of the software for the Register of Deeds from Hart InterCivic and that the \$200,000 loan be approved to be paid back over 5 years at 1.5% interest.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 1 – Commissioner Baker.

Motion carried.

Commissioner Baker voted no because he thought that we should wait for the results of the study.

Ms. Jarratt thanked the Board and promised that they would not be disappointed.

ROAD PATROL VACANCY

Sheriff Matt Lori requested approval to fill a road patrol vacancy. He stated that due to budget cuts Lockport Township will not be renewing their contract for law enforcement services with the County. In order to avoid a layoff he is requesting approval to fill a road patrol vacancy.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Bippus that the Sheriff be allowed to fill a road patrol vacancy.

Commissioner Bippus asked the Sheriff to look into a feasibility study for a millage for road patrol. He suggested that a college student may want to do it for a thesis.

Commissioner Bordner asked about the car that was used in Lockport Township and if cars had been purchased out of this year's County budget. Sheriff Lori stated that they had been ordered. Commissioner Bordner asked if one could be cancelled. Sheriff Lori responded by saying that he did not know. He also stated that he would have to check the mileage on the Lockport car before making a decision. Commissioner Bordner suggested that he take a serious look at this. Sheriff Lori assured him that he would.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried

PRAIRIE RIVER CANOE PARK LEASE TERMINATION

Ms. West-Wing requested approval to terminate the lease for the Prairie River Canoe Park. The previous owners are deceased and the new owners want more than a \$1.00 to lease this area.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Prairie River Canoe Park Lease be terminated.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried

CONCURRENT JURISDICTION PLAN

Ms. West-Wing stated that the affected Judges including Judge Cherry have signed the Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan. Although there is no financial impact the Board must concur with the plan. This solidifies the arrangement that we have been doing since Judge Welty was elected.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Concurrent Jurisdiction Plan be approved.

In response to a question from Commissioner Bippus, Commissioner Bordner stated that this is the next step towards a unified court.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried

SET PUBLIC HEARING ON COLON VILLAGE ANNEXATION

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Bordner that a public hearing be set on the Colon Village Annexation for June 15, 2004 at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION RENEWAL

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the Community Corrections Grant Application Renewal be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Bippus that Lon Huffman and Dennis Wilson be appointed to the Planning Commission to fill vacancies, terms to expire January 1, 2007. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Bippus stated that there was no report.

Judiciary

Commissioner Bordner stated that the next meeting would be held on July 14, 2004 at noon.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Bippus stated that the Physical Resources Committee met last week and discussed the jail project and the pole barn for Buildings and Grounds.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker stated that most items discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting held on May 14, 2004 had been discussed tonight. Others discussed were classification and compensation issues, lease at Annex II and a machine that Resource Recovery would like to rent to detect mercury vapors. Chairman Dobberteen suggested that this was a District Health issue and he will bring it up at the next District Health meeting.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Michael Pahl, Custodian, to change from 35 hours to 40 hours per week effective May 4, 2004.

Brenda Walls, Typist/Accounting Clerk, is on medical leave commencing May 10, 2004 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Establish the position of Land Resource Centre Director as a pay grade 10 on the Rye system. (February 2, 2004 the Board of Commissioners approved the position with the pay grade and rate of pay to be determined.)

Establish the wage for Mark Clute, Land Resource Centre Director, at \$44,433.00 (Rye system, pay grade 10, step 2) effective February 2, 2004.

The position of Equalization Director is reduced to 1360 points in accordance with the revised job description. The pay grade remained unchanged at pay grade 10 (Rye system).

The position of Deputy Equalization Director is reduced to 1105 points in accordance with the revised job description. The pay grade remained unchanged at pay grade 8 (Rye system).

The position of GIS Director is reduced to 1125 points in accordance with the revised job description. The pay grade remained unchanged at pay grade 8 (Rye system).

The position of Land Resource Centre Clerk is reduced to 1345 points in accordance with the revised job description. The pay grade will change from grade 4 to grade 3 (Soltysiak system).

Donna Schrock, Land Resource Centre Clerk, will remain at her current wage then change to \$11.15/hr. (Soltysiak system, pay grade 3, step 3) effective August 6, 2004.

NEW HIRE:

Richard Scott Ryder has been hired as Juvenile Division Director/Referee at \$60,173.00 (Rye system, pay grade 12, step 5 of phase-in plan) effective May 24, 2004.

RESIGNATION:

Mitchell Walker, Caseworker Supervisor/Referee, has resigned effective June 11, 2004.

TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Robert Littke has been hired as seasonal Marine Patrol at \$14.35/hr. effective May 31, 2004.

James Edward Rangler will change from Corrections Officer to Marine Patrol at his current rate of pay and benefits effective May 31, 2004.

Tom Miller to work part-time, as needed, as seasonal Marine Patrol at \$14.35/hr. effective May 31, 2004.

Clarence Lemon has been hired as Cade Lake Campground Attendant at \$6.75/hr. effective May 19, 2004.

Brenda Leonard has been hired as Nottawa Campground Attendant at \$6.50/hr. effective May 19, 2004.

Eric Weiderman has been hired as Seasonal Park Maintainer at \$7.00/hr. effective May 19, 2004.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

DECREASE REGISTER OF DEEDS TECHNOLOGY FUND:

Line item 256-236-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 250.00

INCREASE:

Line item 256-236-980.000 (Equipment) \$ 250.00

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$50,000.00 from Probate Child Care Appropriation to Probate Child Care Fund.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker – 10 half days 4/22, 4/27, 4/28, 4/30, 5/4, 5/6, 5/7, 5/10, 5/14 & 5/18/04 & 1 full day 5/12/04	\$ 445.00
John Bippus – 12 half days 1/13, 1/16, 1/20, 2/3, 2/5, 2/13, 3/12, 4/2, 4/6, 5/4, 5/10 & 5/11/04	600.00
Monte Bordner – 6 half days 4/30, 5/3, 5/5, 5/6, 5/11 & 5/15/04 & 2 full days 5/10 & 5/17/04	490.00
John Dobberteen – 8 half days 4/21, 4/30, 5/3 x 2, 5/8, 5/14 x 2 & 5/17/04 & 5 full days 4/24, 5/7, 5/8, 5/10 & 5/15/04	875.00
Gerald Loudenslager – 3 half days 4/21, 5/3 & 5/10/04 & 1 full day 5/17/04	245.00
David Pueschel – 5 half days 5/4, 5/10, 5/12 & 5/14/04 x 2	200.00
Eric Shafer – 15 half days 3/17, 4/5, 4/6, 4/7, 4/12, 4/13, 4/20, 4/26, 4/2 x 2, 5/5, 5/10, 5/11, 5/12 & 5/13/04	<u>750.00</u>
	\$3,605.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 39.75
John Bippus	48.75

Monte Bordner	\$ 136.50
John Dobberteen	127.50
Gerald Loudenslager	79.50
David Pueschel	20.50
Eric Shafer	<u>71.26</u>
	\$ 523.76

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

Financial Statements

	Revenues	Expenditures
April	\$ 995,796.00	\$ 1,226,024.00
Year to Date	4,138,421.00	4,389,864.00

Period Fund Balance (\$230,228.00)

Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	33.33%
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	32.02%
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	33.97%

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the financial statements be accepted. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen stated that he recently attended the Homeland Security Conference with Sheriff Lori and Captain Barnes and found it very enlightening stating that there are many new and innovative things.

He thanked Commissioner Pueschel for coming to the parade this past Saturday in Sturgis.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Tim Carls asked if there were a U.S. 131 meeting tomorrow in Three Rivers and asked if it were open to the public. Commissioner Baker stated that there was and it is open to the public.

Mr. Carls provided everyone with a copy of an excerpt of the General Tax Act. He also stated that he found an atlas that was printed in 1872 and was registered in Washington D.C.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer to go into closed session to discuss contract negotiations.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel & Dobberteen

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried

OPEN SESSION

The Board resumed business in open session.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the Administrator/Controller proceed as discussed in closed session. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Bordner made an announcement that there would be a special meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission on May 20th at Cade Lake Park.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until June 1, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

John L. Dobberteen, Chairman