

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 June 6, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Bordner 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
Michael D. Dunlap	Robin Baker
Monte Bordner	David J. Pueschel

Absent: John L. Dobberteen

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller, Dan Carey, Finance Director and Charles Cleaver, 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 Baker and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the minutes for May 16, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, May 19, May 26 and June 2, 2006.
2. Letter from the State Emergency Telephone Service Committee, Re: Annual reporting forms.
3. Copy of letter to Senator Levin from Tim Carls, Re: Public comments during Board of Commissioners' meetings.
4. Resolution from Hillsdale County, Re: Restoration of State Revenue Sharing.
5. Resolution from Oceana County, Re: Opposition to House Bill 5924 (CMHSP).
6. Resolution from Crawford County, Re: Filing fees for Personal Protection Orders.
7. Resolution from Lake County, Re: 9-1-1 funding.
8. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Economic development.
9. Resolution from Lake County, Re: House Bill 5389 (amending 1939 PA 280 entitled "the social welfare act").
10. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Opposition to House Bill 5924 (CMHSP).
11. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of April 19, 2006.
12. Minutes of the Community Mental Health Services meeting of April 25, 2006.
13. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meeting of April 25, 2006.
14. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of May 15, 2006.
15. Minutes of the St. Joseph River Basin Commission meeting of March 7, 2006.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Jean Murphy, 29691 M-86, Colon spoke on behalf of her husband, Curt and daughter, Michelle concerning a homestead exemption that they believe Michelle is entitled to. She accused Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, of falsifying documents.

Chairman Bordner suggested that Mrs. Murphy discuss this further with Administrator/Controller, Judy West-Wing.

CITIZENS' RECOGNITION

Joyce Jones and Jill Mast, students from St. Joseph County recently placed in an essay contest. Miss Mast read her poem and Commissioner Loudenslager presented her with a certificate from the Board of Commissioners. Miss Jones also read her poem and Commissioner Pueschel presented her with a certificate as well.

FRIEND OF THE COURT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

William Thistlethwaite, Friend of the Court, presented his 15th Annual Report. He gave an overview of the report stating that the primary duty of the Friend of the Court is to enforce child support orders. They collected the highest amount of child support ever in 2005 which was \$12.5 million plus. This is a \$3.2 million increase over the last 10 year period.

He thanked the staff for their dedication and hard work.

Their revenues exceed expenditures by \$53,000. The federal government pays the State to run the Friend of the Court Offices and they pay 100% of the medical enforcement position and 66% of other child support activities. This Friend of the Court Office also received incentives of \$128,000 based on performances.

Mr. Thistlethwaite stated that in 2005 they instituted performance management identifying strategic planning, determining the analysis of that and measuring results.

In addition, Paul Stutesman became the new Circuit Judge and he is very interested in the Friend of the Court, is dedicated to his job and has been willing to try new things with the hopes of improving the programs.

He stated that 3 years ago the State instituted a new computer system and they have had ongoing problems. The State offered an amnesty program to delinquent payors hoping to receive \$17 million to fix all of the problems. Instead they only received \$6 million.

The Friend of the Court Office has instituted some positive personnel changes. Formerly they contracted for part time referee's duties and that has been taken over by Mr. Thistlethwaite. Mary Herendeen accepted the new position of Customer Service Supervisor. Among other duties she takes care of complaints that are submitted to the office. She has done a great job and her positive attitude has been mirrored by staff.

There was also other realignment of duties as each of the 3 enforcement caseworkers now has a Clerk and clients are receiving better service.

Also, instead of doing full investigations they now have a resolution conference. In the first month of this new system they settled 5 of the 10 cases saving investigators, attorneys and referee time.

Effective October 1, 2007 they have received notice that there will be 20% funding cut to the Friend of the Courts nation-wide. There is a bill pending to reverse this decision but he does not feel that it will pass.

Michigan's share of the Federal funds for the Friends of the Court is \$58 million and for every \$1.00 spent, \$3.68 is saved in welfare costs.

In addition, there is a tentative plan in 2007 to combine the Child Support Division of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office with the Friend of the Court.

Chairman Bordner thanked Mr. Thistlethwaite and stated that he is glad that Judge Stutesman is here and asked that the Board be kept informed of cuts.

Mr. Thistlethwaite added that the State avoided federal sanctions to institute the new computer system but they do not have enough money to fix the system.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Friend of the Court Annual Report for 2005 be accepted. Motion carried.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2005

Prosecuting Attorney, Douglas Fisher, gave an overview of the 2005 Annual Report.

He stated that it was a busy year and there were 300 convictions in 2005 compared to 263 in 2004. There were fewer cases bound over to Circuit Court and there were also no homicides.

2005 saw the 3rd highest felony warrant requests. He stated that the women in the office have streamlined the processes, they work very hard and he is proud of them.

Again, misdemeanors were quite high. There were 27 terminations of parental rights, a lot of them because of methamphetamine use.

Linda Baker and Nancy Franovich handle the Victim Rights' Programs and they do a very good job especially with communication to the victims.

Personal Protection Orders were down. Also, included in the report was a report from the Appellate Service. He is very proud of our record with the Court of Appeals and the few reversals that we did have were handled by visiting judges.

He and Mr. Thistlethwaite have been discussing the tentative plan of combining the Child Support Division of the Prosecutor's Office with the Friend of the Court on October 1, 2007.

The Community Corrections Program does an excellent job of saving jail bed days. They used to have about 10 weeks between conviction and sentence and now with Judge Stutesman there are 5 weeks.

Commissioner Shafer thanked Mr. Fisher and his staff and he has not forgotten the budget requests that Mr. Fisher made last year.

Mr. Fisher stated that he recognizes that the Board needs to set priorities.

Commissioner Loudenslager complimented him on an excellent report; he likes the appellate figures as well as the work of the Community Corrections Program. He appreciates Mr. Fisher and his staff.

Chairman Bordner asked if most of the children in the cases where the parental rights have been stripped go to relatives. Mr. Fisher responded by saying that some go to foster parents or relatives hopefully to be adopted and the rest remain wards of the State.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Prosecuting Attorney's Annual Report for 2005 be accepted. Motion carried.

TAXABLE VALUE REPORT

Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, presented the Taxable Value Report for 2006. She stated that it has been a successful year and announced that Brenda Babcock has successfully completed her Level II certification and hopefully the Board will later approve her to be the Deputy Equalization Director.

The County has a 5.6% increase overall and the County's factor is 1 so there will be no roll back on millages. Only Centreville and Nottawa schools will have a rollback.

Commissioner Pueschel asked about the huge cut in the agricultural classification in Burr Oak and Sherman Townships and Mrs. Nelson stated that the State wants more accurate classifications and these changes are the results of corrections.

The report follows:

REAL PROPERTY TAXABLE VALUATIONS AS OF THE FOURTH MONDAY IN MAY

TOWNSHIP OR CITY	AGRICULTURE	COMMERCIAL	INDUSTRIAL	RESIDENTIAL	TOTAL REAL PROPERTY
BURR OAK	11,296,249	1,039,585	920,071	35,629,090	48,884,995
COLON	12,202,923	3,829,104	2,202,683	60,887,226	79,121,936
CONSTANTINE	9,382,220	4,633,017	16,861,252	56,490,968	87,367,457
FABIUS	6,308,452	3,749,628	2,401,205	116,296,754	128,756,039
FAWN RIVER	6,234,054	1,116,931	0	22,913,857	30,264,842
FLORENCE	14,322,813	9,170	69,768	16,967,922	31,369,673
FLOWERFIELD	9,323,249	683,642	109,261	28,501,324	38,617,476
LEONIDAS	14,781,182	847,208	0	13,605,992	29,234,382
LOCKPORT	9,772,279	3,309,954	776,373	73,539,010	87,397,616
MENDON	10,546,976	2,867,709	3,652,510	37,623,793	54,690,988
MOTTVILLE	8,263,262	1,692,652	7,124,361	23,895,721	40,975,996
NOTTAWA	15,948,482	8,359,790	388,893	76,395,385	101,092,550
PARK	14,208,087	4,044,877	3,419,940	57,742,251	79,415,155
SHERMAN	8,668,041	1,124,758	355,707	87,410,495	97,559,001
STURGIS	7,729,448	10,871,908	337,889	26,898,519	45,837,764
WHITE PIGEON	8,860,666	8,162,638	6,051,004	109,773,692	132,848,000
THREE RIVERS	0	46,666,773	21,477,738	66,130,526	134,275,037
STURGIS CITY	139,537	45,029,388	31,525,108	112,860,497	189,554,530
COUNTY TOTALS	167,987,920	148,038,732	97,673,763	1,023,563,022	1,437,263,437

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	2,481,172	51,366,167	41,101,831	10,264,336
COLON	4,021,800	83,143,736	51,443,932	31,699,804
CONSTANTINE	18,448,800	105,816,257	55,249,158	50,567,099
FABIUS	7,284,600	136,040,639	80,599,132	55,441,507
FAWN RIVER	752,237	31,017,079	25,347,809	5,669,270
FLORENCE	1,538,200	32,907,873	28,188,416	4,719,457
FLOWERFIELD	5,358,464	43,975,940	33,621,174	10,354,766
LEONIDAS	965,900	30,200,282	26,147,388	4,052,894
LOCKPORT	3,505,700	90,903,316	69,991,556	20,911,760
MENDON	21,319,370	76,010,358	42,120,353	33,890,005
MOTTVILLE	5,893,500	46,869,496	28,565,177	18,304,319
NOTTAWA	3,967,600	105,060,150	71,079,582	33,980,568
PARK	12,886,300	92,301,455	59,692,351	32,609,104
SHERMAN	3,516,400	101,075,401	76,255,607	24,819,794
STURGIS	3,245,900	49,083,664	32,458,995	16,624,669
WHITE PIGEON	15,335,300	148,183,300	75,411,466	72,771,834
THREE RIVERS	33,242,400	167,517,437	52,078,021	115,439,416
STURGIS CITY	57,850,000	247,404,530	93,218,365	154,186,165
COUNTY TOTALS	201,613,643	1,638,877,080	942,570,313	696,306,767

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Taxable Value Report for 2006 be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Report adopted.

CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC WASTE SERVICES FOR CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN COLON TOWNSHIP

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of a Contract with Republic Waste Services for select residences for curbside recycling in Colon Township as previously approved by the Board. There will be one pickup per month at \$1.95 per unit for a County cost for 12 months of approximately \$14,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the contract be approved.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that he wanted to go on record saying that he understands the issues, but believes that it is unfair to the remaining 1200 residences of Colon Township that will not have curbside recycling.

Chairman Bordner reiterated that this is a pilot project and it would behoove the residents of Colon Township that are not included in curbside recycling to contact their Township Board for funding.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

OLNEY BRIDGE CANOE PARK LEASE

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of a 2 year lease for the Olney Bridge Canoe Park with Stanley and Patricia Atkinson. The lease is for \$2.00 per year and will go until February 1, 2008.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Olney Bridge Canoe Park Lease be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

NOTTAWA CAMPGROUND ATTENDANT AGREEMENT WITH BURTON AND SANDRA MAHLER

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of an agreement with Burton and Sandra Mahler to be the attendants at the Nottawa Campground. They will live in the campground. The agreement is from May 1st through September 25th.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the Agreement with Burton and Sandra Mahler be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0
 Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

MICHIGAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING PROGRAM

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of the final documents for the CDBG for the housing program through MSHDA. \$275,000 has now been approved for housing improvements and the process can begin. The Community Action Agency will be administering the program.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the CDBG Agreement be approved.

Commissioner Dunlap asked how people find out about the program.

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Community Action Agency will be advertising and there will be a person in their Three Rivers Office.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.
 Nay votes cast: 0
 Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

REQUEST FO FILL VACANT CORRECTIONS OFFICER POSITION

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the request to fill vacant corrections officer position be approved. Motion carried.

G.I.S. REVISED FEE SCHEDULE

Ms. West-Wing presented the revised fee schedule for G.I.S.:

		<u>Current</u>	<u>6/6/2006 Proposed</u>	<u>% Change</u>
1	Tax Maps (Print-outs from PDF files or MapInfo workspaces)			
	Small tax map or plat map (8.5 x 11 or 11 x 17)	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0.0%
	Large tax map or plat map (16 x 18)	\$ 4.00	\$ 6.00	50.0%
	Property Summary Report	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0.0%
	First Fax Page	\$ 2.00	\$ 2.00	0.0%
	Additional Fax Pages	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0.0%
	Standard maps in PDF format, emailed		\$ 5.00	N/A
2	GIS Maps, standard bond paper			
	8.5 x 11 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00	66.7%
	11 x 17 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	33.3%
	18 x 18 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 7.50	\$ 10.00	33.3%
	18 x 24 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.00	30.0%
	24 x 24 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 12.00	\$ 16.00	33.3%
	24 x 36 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00	20.0%
	30 x 30 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	11.1%
	36 x 36 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	0.0%
	36 x 48 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00	0.0%
	36 x 60 Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 42.00	\$ 42.00	0.0%

3	Custom map productions/GIS Alteration					
	Hourly fee for data retrieval, Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00		40.0%	
	Alteration, consulting, scanning					
	Minimum fee Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00		20.0%	
4	Aerial Photography/Orthophotography prints					
	30 x 32 1" = 200' Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 15.00	\$ 18.00		20.0%	
	18 x 20 1" = 330' Bd approved 8/5/97	\$ 12.50	\$ 16.00		28.0%	
	16 x 18 1" = 400'	\$ 10.00	\$ 13.00		30.0%	
	8.5 x 11 1" = 800'	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00		40.0%	
	Parcel overlay additional fee	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00		0.0%	
5	Digital File Data (GIS) Pricing					
	Parcels Bd approved 7/15/97	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.25/parcel/layer		400.0%	
	Address Points		\$ 0.25/address point		NA	
	GIS layers for entire county, Bd approved 7/15/97	\$1,500.00	\$2,250.00		50.0%	
	Excluding Address Point layer					
	3 layers or more Bd approved 7/15/97	\$1,250.00	\$1,875.00 each layer		50.0%	
	Parcel record info as Excel file with no map		\$ 0.15 per parcel		NA	
6	Digital Aerial Photos and Orthophotos					
	MrSid format Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00 each		0.0%	
	TIFF format Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00 each		0.0%	
7	Orthophotography (MrSid format)					
	Whole County Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 800.00	\$1,000.00		25.0%	
	Per Township Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00		100.0%	
	Per Section Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00		0.0%	
	Add \$35 for TIFF format for County and Township prices		\$ 35.00		NA	
8	Digital Mapping Workspace – available to public bodies only (Map covers the county excluding non-contracting townships and cities)					
	Local Government with Service Contract Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 400.00	\$ 450.00 entire Co. data		12.5%	
	Local Government Non-Contract and Other public bodies Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00 entire Co. data		12.5%	
	Central Dispatch/911 (parcels, roads, water road text & database, software support, updates) Bd approved 7/15/97	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00 entire Co. data			
9	Digital Mapping Workspace – Monthly Update/Annual Fee – available to public bodies only (Map covers the county excluding non-contracting townships and cities)					
	Local Government with Service Contract Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 200.00	\$ 250.00 Annual Fee		25.0%	
	Local Government Non-Contract and Other public bodies Bd approved 9/16/03	\$ 400.00	\$ 500.00 Annual Fee		25.0%	
		NA	\$ 50.00 Per update			
10	Platbooks – printed Bd approved 3/5/02	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00			
	(Contract was with Intelligis but will now be with PlanSight; we sell The books for \$35 and pay PlanSight \$22.46/book – net is \$12.54/book)					

In response to questions Ms. West-Wing stated that these fees do not cover our costs but are similar to fees in other Counties.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the G.I.S. revised fee schedule be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2006
SUPPORT OF “25 X 25” PROJECT

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Global demand for non-renewable energy sources such as petroleum and natural gas continues to rise at an alarming rate contributing to the likely prospect that high energy prices will remain in place for the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, National and economic security is being jeopardized as U.S. oil imports have increased from approximately 33 percent in the 1970’s to about 56 percent today with projections that this will increase to 68 percent by 2025 if substantial changes are not made in U.S. energy policies, and

WHEREAS, Environmental and health concerns associated with non-renewable carbon based fuels are becoming more pronounced and worrisome, and

WHEREAS, The AG Energy Work Group, established with the vision of “25 X ‘25”, is developing a “blueprint for action” which will allow the United States to meet 25 percent of its total energy needs from agricultural sources by 2025 without harming food production, and

WHEREAS, The Ag Energy Work Group, sponsored by the Energy Future Coalition, an independent non-partisan initiative funded by private foundations, includes on its Steering Committee representatives from grain producer associations, universities, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and conservation organizations, and

WHEREAS, The “25 X ‘25” project is promoting renewable energy through agriculture by the use of a variety of technologies including ethanol from grain and biomass, biodiesel from soybeans and used vegetable oils, natural gas from manure, electricity from wind turbines and solar panels and other innovative and promising uses of alternative fuels, and

WHEREAS, Attaining the “25 X ‘25” objective will result in major benefits for the United States through the use of domestically produced reliable and renewable energy sources that are environmentally friendly and that will lead to increased economic development and job creation opportunities, and

WHEREAS, The St. Joseph County Economic Development Corporation has reviewed and recommended this resolution for adoption.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners officially endorses the “25 X ‘25” project of the Ag Energy Work Group to enact a policy for the United States to provide 25 percent of its total energy needs by 2025 through the agricultural industry while continuing to produce abundant, safe and affordable food and fiber, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, State government agencies such as the Department of Environmental Quality and MDEC, Private Business, Industries are encouraged to give their strong support to the efforts of the “25 X ‘25” project. Through the increased commercialization of renewable energy and the use of the co-products and ancillary enterprises that use them, expand research and development establishing coalitions conducting informational campaigns and improving communication and education activity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President George W. Bush, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Representative Fred Upton, Governor Jennifer Granholm, State Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Rick Shaffer, the National Association of Counties and the Michigan Association of Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution also be forwarded to the St. Joseph Valley Agricultural Council and Economic Development Corporation, the Michigan Corn Growers Association, The Michigan Economic Development Corporation, the United States Department of Agriculture, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, the American Farm Bureau, the Michigan Farm Bureau, and Dr. Karen Plautt, Chair Agriculture and Natural Resources.

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

Chairman Bordner stated that the Agricultural Energy Work Group has set their goals high and the plan is to have 25% of our energy needs supplied by the agriculture industry by the year 2025.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2006
DESIGNATION OF
REMONUMENTATION GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Lotta Jarnefelt is presently the Grant Administrator of the St. Joseph County Remonumentation Program; and

WHEREAS, Lotta Jarnefelt has tendered her resignation; and

WHEREAS, it has been recommended that Judy West-Wing serve as the Grant Administrator of the Remonumentation Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners appoints Judy West-Wing as Grant Administrator of the Remonumentation Program replacing Lotta Jarnefelt effective June 6, 2006.

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: 6 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Resolution adopted.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Department of Human Services

Commissioner Loudenslager nominated Betty Taylor to the Department of Human Services.

Commission on Aging

Commissioner Pueschel nominated Andrew Rogness, Dorothy Pagels, Polly Oliver, Lorrie Witt and Jack Brooks to the Commission on Aging.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Law Enforcement

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

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the Judiciary Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

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

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker stated that the Executive Committee met on June 2nd and the only issue not addressed tonight is that the applications for Road Commission are due June 8th.

Website

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Website Committee met today and discussed several issues. The Clerk's deeds will be added to the Sheriff's deeds on the Register of Deeds webpage. Department Managers cannot manage their own websites. Issues are being worked out with the Intranet and it should be available for use in the near future.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that the County has done a nice job with our website.

Commissioner Shafer stated that we are looking for improvements.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Marc Pashby, Road Patrol Officer, was on medical leave from May 19, 2006 to May 30, 2006 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Brenda Babcock will change from Land Resource Administrative Aide to Deputy Equalization Director at \$38,434.00 (Rye system, grade 8, step 1) effective June 6, 2006.

Chad Spence, Road Patrol Sergeant, is on medical leave commencing May 31, 2006 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

TERMINATION:

James Edward Rangler, Corrections Officer, has been terminated (due to medical reasons) effective May 22, 2006.

RESIGNATION:

Joshua Minger has completed his internship with Central Dispatch effective May 22, 2006.

SEASONAL/TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT:

Burton E. Mahler has been hired as Nottawa Campground Attendant at \$6.75/hr. effective May 22, 2006. It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the personnel report be approved. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

INCREASE ANIMAL SHELTER DONATION FUND #254 REVENUE:

Line item 254-430-606.000 (Budgeted Use of Fund Balance) \$ 1,000.00

INCREASE ANIMAL SHELTER DONATION FUND #254 EXPENDITURE:

Line item 254-430-826.000 (Vet Fees - Vaccine) \$ 1,000.00

DECREASE EQUALIZATION'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-225-706.100 (Wages – Assistant) \$ 16,980.00

INCREASE EQUALIZATION'S BUDGET

Line item 101-225-706.580 (Wages – Appraiser) \$ 16,980.00

FROM GENERAL FUND #101 CONTINGENCY:

\$1,565.00 from General Fund #101 Contingency to Animal Control's Budget:

Line item 101-430-707.000 (Wages – Part time) \$ 1,426.00

Line item 101-430-715.000 (FICA) 109.00

Line item 101-430-716.100 (Worker's Compensation) 30.00

\$ 1,565.00

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

BILLS

Mr. Carey presented the following bills:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Employee Receivable	\$ 745.95	\$
Prepaid Insurance	929.00	
County Commission	2,566.06	8,327.63
Circuit Court	75.00	12,988.34
District Court	3,138.97	64,639.16
Friend of the Court	3,351.25	33,236.49
Probate Court	3,313.91	18,277.84
Juvenile Branch	16,414.81	42,361.38
Appeals Court	2,072.70	381.99
Administration		9,636.38
Elections	5,148.10	
Finance Department	931.88	11,853.51
County Clerk		21,337.88
Equalization Department	120.00	13,597.85
Human Resources	375.00	6,903.20
Geographic Information Systems		7,128.82
Prosecutor's Office	6,800.49	41,567.11
Central Services	8,234.53	5,490.35
Register of Deeds		12,983.04
County Treasurer	400.00	14,641.91
Cooperative Extension	121.69	8,344.00

Information Technology	195.96	11,101.70
<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 3,995.55	\$ 15,044.30
Courts Building Security		6,365.88
Drain Commission		5,248.64
Sheriff Department	10,875.94	83,627.68
Sheriff Reserves	150.00	
Marine Patrol	533.34	753.08
Jail & Turnkey	15,390.93	92,346.78
Planning Commission	608.87	
Emergency Services	256.38	5,272.14
Animal Control	984.32	9,304.93
Board of Public Works		618.28
Medical Examiners	1,550.00	
Child Care - Probate	8,546.00	847.74
Veterans' Services	83.73	537.58
Utilities & General Services	<u>23,384.59</u>	
Total	\$121,294.95	\$564,765.61
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
County Road Commission	\$ 466,543.14	\$
Parks & Recreation	1,672.31	7,005.74
Emergency 911 Service	4,944.78	50,976.32
Central Dispatch - Wireless	2,280.88	3,761.48
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	255.34	2,096.44
Friend of the Court		1,438.84
Family Counseling	605.50	
Cade Lake Park	1,285.13	1,166.67
Waste Management Fund		
County Commission	8,884.09	
Resource Recovery Program		936.03
Traffic Safety Program Fund	22.21	
Economic Development Fund	155.00	4,274.46
Survey & Remonumentation	18,381.40	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	49.48	807.40
Victims' Rights Advocate Fund		3,212.56
Community Corrections Advisory Board	5,961.67	2,938.80
Community Corrections Program	2,827.50	86.12
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	784.46	
Law Enforcement Fund	260,155.94	16,471.60
Secondary Road Patrol		8,328.20
Homeland Security Grant Fund	26,864.00	
Law Library Fund	2,462.24	
Principal Residence Denial Fund		747.46
Commission on Aging	37,441.54	45,864.71
Community Development Block Grant	8,801.50	
Sheriff's Justice Training Fund	75.00	
Department of Human Services	55,129.31	
Child Care - Probate Court	29,018.90	3,514.23
Child Care - Department of Human Services	29,115.23	
Veterans' Trust Fund	974.79	

Facilities Maintenance Fund		2,476.28	
Forfeiture & Foreclosure Fund		2,392.79	
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Tax Payment Fund		\$ 5,249.06	\$
Inmate Store		534.99	
Three Rivers Community Center		2,771.51	868.15
Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund		<u>146,611.03</u>	
Total		\$ 1,124,727.00	\$ 154,495.21
Grand Total		\$ 1,246,021.95	\$ 719,260.82
General Fund Operating Expenditures			
Pre-Authorized	\$73,137.88		
Accounts Payable	<u>48,157.07</u>		
		\$ 121,294.95	
General Fund Payroll Expenditures		\$ 564,765.61	
Other Funds Operating Expenditures			
Pre-authorized	\$1,024,418.87		
Accounts Payable	<u>100,308.13</u>		
		\$ 1,124,727.00	
Other Funds Payroll Expenditures		\$ <u>154,495.21</u>	
Total Recorded for the Month		\$ 1,965,282.77	

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner commented on how nice the weather was with a good mixture of moisture and sun.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Shafer stated that he regretted not being able to attend the canoe outing because he attended Don Lancaster's funeral.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until June 20, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Monte Bordner, Chairman