

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 July 5, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Monte 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
John W. Bippus	Robin Baker
Monte Bordner	David J. Pueschel
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present were Dan Carey, Finance Director and Charles Cleaver, Human Resources Director.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the minutes for June 21, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, June 24 and July 1, 2005.
2. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on July 13, 2005 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate for Parma Tube Corporation.
3. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on July 13, 2005 to hear public comments on the proposed Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act District.
4. Copy of a letter from the Village of Centreville to Keystone Place, Re: Sanitary sewer extension to new shelter.
5. Letter from State 911 Administrator, Re: Reminder of certification for the receipt of wireless 9-1-1 funds.
6. Resolution from Bay County, Re: Employee Free Choice Act (SB 842; HB 1696.)
7. Resolution from Osceola County, Re: Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control.
8. Resolution from Osceola County, Re: Building inspectors (SB 150; HB 4507.)
9. Minutes of Community Mental Health Services Board meeting of May 31, 2005.
10. Minutes of Community Action Agency Board meeting of May 16, 2005.
11. Minutes of Human Services Board meeting of May 24, 2005.
12. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: Thank you for resolution to amend the General Property Tax Act.
13. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: Thank you for resolution requesting authorizing a tax levy of 1/3 of the county's operating millage for the tax year dated July 1, 2005.

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

AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES WITH FABIUS TOWNSHIP

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services with Fabius Township be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE'S RECYCLING REPORT

Carl Holsinger, Chairman of the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee, presented their report. He highlighted the following in regards to curbside recycling and other issues:

- Cassopolis Village
 - has a contract with a hauler
 - picks up trash every week
 - recyclables every other week
 - large items once a month
 - cost is \$8.50/month; seniors \$7.50/month
 - Hurby Curby's provided
- Coldwater City
 - city picks up trash
 - contracts out curbside pick-up
 - \$2.75/household – city picks up 50 cents of cost
 - trash service is \$10/month
- Marcellus Village
 - contracts with Waste Management for every week trash pick-up and once a month recycling pick-up
 - containers provided
 - no large item pick-up
 - large items once a month
 - cost is \$8.05/month
- Richland Village
 - several haulers, each providing recycling
 - citizens contract independently for service
 - average cost is \$40 for a 3 month period plus \$2.50 fee for recycling
 - village charges \$120 per year for yard waste pick up
- Colon Village
 - contracted for trash only with Republic
 - cost is \$9.00/month for 96 gallon Hurby Curby service.
 - citizens have option of a smaller container at a reduced rate.
- Sturgis City
 - several haulers providing trash only service at \$15/month
 - large items at an additional cost

Mr. Holsinger stated that there are definitely some efficiencies in having a single hauler.

The Solid Waste Committee recommends that:

1. The County Commissioners should develop through independent haulers and through education a pay as you throw program which encourages recycling by basing costs on volume, giving the customer a choice of different size containers. By recycling, smaller and less costly containers can be used.

2. The County should build and operate a materials recycling facility (MRF) using inmate labor which would allow smaller haulers close access to a place to take the recyclables thus making a recycling service an easier option. The site could be profitable for the County as well as provide training for inmates.
3. If #1 and #2 were implemented then the drop boxes could be phased out.
4. The County Commissioners should consider assisting the Village of Colon with a grant to establish a curbside recycling program.

Mr. Holsinger also believes that Lake Templene has a single hauler (which was confirmed by an audience member) and they may be interested in recycling.

Mr. Holsinger believes that the data has been collected and that an action plan needs to be established.

Commissioner Bippus stated that he appreciated Mr. Holsinger coming to the Board with this report. He also believes that we are not getting the best bang for our buck through our agreement with Waste Management.

Commissioner Loudenslager reiterated what Commissioner Bippus said and stated that this was a comprehensive and concise document.

Commissioner Dobberteen thanked Mr. Holsinger for his report.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bippus that the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee be authorized to approach the appropriate people in Colon to possibly set up a pilot curbside recycling program.

Mr. Holsinger stated that they would be happy to do this and they will begin the talks.

Motion carried.

PARK RANGER POSITION

The Park Ranger at Meyer-Broadway Park is resigning his position to return to college. It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that this position be filled. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2005

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Honorable William D. Welty has appointed David C. Tomlinson as a magistrate in the 3-B Judicial District for the limited purpose of performing a marriage ceremony on July 17, 2005; and

WHEREAS, David C. Tomlinson is an attorney practicing law in St. Joseph County and is a registered elector of the 3-B Judicial District.

THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the District Court's appointment of David C. Tomlinson as Magistrate whose authority shall be expressly limited to that provided by Sec 600.8316, Michigan Compiled Laws, for the performance of the one wedding ceremony defined by his order of appointment, and whose services shall be without compensation by the County of St. Joseph.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel 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, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen
Nay votes cast:	0	

Resolution adopted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 11th at 9:00 a.m.

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13th at noon.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Shafer stated that there was no meeting held.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker gave an overview of the Executive Committee Meeting held on July 1, 2005:

- the Sheriff's Department would like to use the Keystone Place Building for training before it is demolished. The Executive Committee concurred with this request.
- there is a gap in the grant used for the school liaison deputy and the Sheriff would like to use general fund monies until the new grant year begins. This money is available because of the unpaid leaves of absences at the department this year.
- the bids for Rawson's King Mill Dam Restoration came in \$85,000 over the engineer's original estimate and the Committee agreed to see if Progressive Engineers would serve as the contractor using their in-house construction group and manage the project for their original estimate of \$95,000.
- work session needed to discuss the proposed changes to the Address Ordinance.
- G.I.S. suggestion to provide mapping services to Colon Township on a trial basis.
- bid documents have been developed and are currently being advertised seeking proposals to apply for and administer the County-wide MSHDA Homeowner Assistance Program.

Commissioner Bippus suggested that he did not believe that a work session was needed for the proposed changes to the Address Ordinance. Chairman Bordner stated that there is a 911 issue for a work session on July 19th and this issue could dovetail onto that issue.

Commissioner Bippus further stated that the Central Dispatch Policy Board met today and they will be proposing to the Board of Commissioners the placement of their millage renewal on the ballot next year.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Cleaver presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Sally Anderson, Cartographer, has resigned effective July 25, 2005.

Cory Patrick, Park Ranger, has resigned effective August 22, 2005.

Catherine Wittenberg, Telecommunicator, has resigned effective July 22, 2005.

NEW HIRE:

Lea Michelle German has been hired as part-time Telecommunicator at \$8.00/hr. effective July 13, 2005.

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

REQUISITION

Mr. Cleaver presented the following report:

Seven chairs with casters for courtroom defense tables, witness box and clerk area and 14 chairs without casters for courtroom jury box for Circuit Courtroom \$ 2,582.72

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Cleaver presented the following report:

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DECREASE CIRCUIT COURT’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-131-716.000 (Health Insurance) \$ 2,583.00

INCREASE CIRCUIT COURT’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-131-978.000 (Furniture and Fixtures) \$ 2,583.00

DECREASE JAIL and TURNKEY’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-351-977.000 (Equipment General) \$ 200.00

INCREASE JAIL and TURNKEY’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-351-931.000 (Equipment Repair and Maintenance) \$ 200.00

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

BILLS

Mr. Carey presented the following bills for payment:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Prepaid Insurance	\$ 18,045.00	\$
County Commission	3,169.93	6,271.52
Circuit Court	12,424.00	14,040.78
District Court	568.22	66,888.57
Friend of the Court	4,343.48	35,419.99
Jury Commission		974.91
Probate Court	212.48	18,894.82
Juvenile Branch	11,744.46	35,689.18
Appeals Court		1,104.00
Administration	7,878.00	9,573.79
Elections	15,337.21	
Finance Department	872.03	11,703.27
County Clerk		22,427.02
Equalization Department	279.24	11,226.33
Human Resources	217.29	6,777.00
Geographic Information Systems	99.55	9,494.52
Prosecutor's Office	4,120.28	41,431.55
Central Services	\$ 3,603.21	\$ 5,445.62
Register of Deeds		12,617.51
County Treasurer		13,217.03
Cooperative Extension	613.07	8,183.36
Information Technology	787.35	10,881.20
Buildings & Grounds	680.92	14,657.33
Courts Building Security		4,883.71
Drain Commission	351.40	5,100.71
Sheriff Department	7,908.87	246,419.08

GENERAL FUNDEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

Sheriff Reserves	\$ 746.20	\$
Marine Patrol	50.00	1,930.98
Jail & Turnkey	15,984.03	100,293.79
Planning Commission	113.40	
Emergency Services	106.55	6,041.22
Animal Control	867.57	8,780.01
Board of Public Works		550.89
Medical Examiners	2,400.00	
Child Care - Probate	29,719.36	
Veterans' Affairs	270.00	
Utilities & General Services	<u>18,093.15</u>	
Total	\$161,606.25	<u>\$730,919.69</u>

OTHER FUNDSEXPENDITURESPAYROLL

County Road Commission	\$ 487,203.38	\$
Parks & Recreation	4,610.21	8,869.46
Emergency 911 Service	8,978.38	55,752.62
Central Dispatch - Wireless	14,750.00	5,456.91
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	459.31	2,675.01
Friend of the Court		1,400.82
Family Counseling	1,047.50	
Cade Lake County Park	1,380.45	4,044.49
Waste Management Fund		
County Commission	6,250.00	
Resource Recovery Program	233.48	429.90
Traffic Safety Program Fund	16,272.66	
Economic Development Fund	16,430.63	8,163.76
Survey & Remonumentation	250.00	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund		957.86
Victims' Rights Advocate Fund		2,917.21
Community Corrections Advisory Board	6,961.67	2,821.98
Community Corrections Program	5,009.45	269.13
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	22,548.23	
Law Enforcement Fund	332.17	59,410.03
Secondary Road Patrol	2,005.00	26,211.43
Homeland Security Grant Fund	46,308.21	
Principal Residence Denial Fund		965.91
Commission on Aging	31,999.59	42,065.87
Community Development Block Grant	46,124.88	
Department of Human Services	52,790.42	
Child Care - Probate Court	14,774.02	2,966.69
Child Care - Dept. of Human Services	11,527.40	
Veterans' Trust Fund	588.76	
Facilities Maintenance Fund	90.29	
BPW #16 Lockport Township Water Supply System		
Construction	41,247.66	
Tax Payment Fund	23,316.15	
Inmate Store	2,109.10	
Three Rivers Community Center	1,320.98	513.25

<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Long Lake Level Revolving Fund	\$ 23.75	\$
Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund	144,914.12	
Total	\$ 1,011,857.85	\$ 225,892.33
Grand Total	\$ 1,173,464.10	\$ 956,812.02
General Fund Operating Expenditures		
Pre-Authorized	\$100,544.28	
Accounts Payable	<u>61,061.97</u>	
	\$ 161,606.25	
General Fund Payroll Expenditures	\$ 730,919.69	
Other Funds Operating Expenditures		
Pre-authorized	\$934,022.33	
Accounts Payable	<u>77,835.52</u>	
	\$ 1,011,857.85	
Other Funds Payroll Expenditures	\$ <u>225,892.33</u>	
Total Recorded for the Month	\$ 2,130,276.12	

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner reminded everyone of the following:

Keystone Open House at new facility	Friday, July 8th – 4:00 p.m.
Law Enforcement Committee Meeting	Monday, July 11th – 9:00 a.m.
Work Session	Tuesday, July 19th – 2:00 p.m.
Invitation from Maury Kaercher to meet the new Michigan State University Extension's Director	Wednesday, August 3rd

He also mentioned that the Ribs on the Runway in Sturgis on Sunday was a good event.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Pueschel mentioned that it was a nice 4th of July.

The Clerk stated that she had pitchfork fondue tickets.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until July 19, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Monte Bordner, Chairman