

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, 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
John L. Dobberteen	

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the minutes for June 20, 2006 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, June 23 and June 30, 2006.
2. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: 2006 Annual Summer Conference August 21 – 22, 2006.
3. Letter from Mottville Township, Re: Notice of public hearing on August 10, 2006 to consider Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates for Coppercoin Holdings and the Andersons, Inc.
4. Letter from Richard Sharland, Re: Copy of letters to Judy Nelson, Equalization Director.
5. Letter from the Michigan Corn Growers Association, Re: Thank you for a copy of the resolution in support of the "25 x 25" program.
6. Resolution from Antrim County, Re: Economic Development.
7. Resolution from Muskegon County, Re: Restoration of State Revenue Sharing.
8. Resolution from Muskegon County, Re: Opposition to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative to amend Article I of the Michigan Constitution.
9. Minutes of the Community Mental Health Services Board meeting of May 30, 2006.

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

AMENDMENT TO COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT AGREEMENT

Mr. Cleaver presented an amendment to the Community Corrections Agreement increasing the grant amount by \$17,385.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the Amendment to the Community Corrections Grant Agreement 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.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH CATHY ANNIS
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Cleaver presented an Employment Agreement with Cathy Annis, Executive Director of the EDC that was unanimously recommended by the EDC Executive Committee. The Agreement is for \$47,000 per year and is effective August 1, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Agreement with Cathy Annis be approved.

Chairman Bordner stated that when Mrs. Annis was appointed Interim Director she hit the ground running.

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.

2005 JUVENILE COURT ANNUAL REPORT

Scott Ryder, Juvenile Court Director, gave an overview of the 2005 Annual Report. He said that they have 2 new staff members, Michelle LeTourneau, Bookkeeper who took Jo Larimer's place when she moved to the position of Caseworker Coordinator. Terry Evans is the new Caseworker Supervisor who came from Hillsdale County and is doing an excellent job.

Mr. Ryder stated that they continue to have many external demands from the State Court Administrator's Office including many more statistical reports.

There were 75 new neglect referrals in 2005 with 37 of those a result of drug use which equates to 49%. From January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006 there have been 38 neglect petitions filed with 22 of those being because of drug use which is 55%.

Most of the drug cases were methamphetamine. He stated that there are not as many labs in the County because of good law enforcement. But, a lot of meth is manufactured elsewhere.

There are no statistics yet on the long term effects of methamphetamine on children.

Mr. Ryder stated that they met their budget requirements in 2005 and they expect to in 2006 as well.

He complimented the dedicated staff in Juvenile Court. On a higher note the delinquent statistics are down because of effective work from the bench and staff.

Commissioner Loudenslager thanked Mr. Ryder for the excellent report, but wondered why there were no stats on methamphetamine when they have had 20 years of stats in California. Mr. Ryder said that it is different here than in California.

Chairman Bordner asked if he knew why the delinquency stats are going down and Mr. Ryder responded by saying that it is because of early intervention, working with the schools and they have excellent diversion programs. Judge Shumaker has developed many diversion programs for the schools to follow.

Judge Shumaker stated that they learn each year. A grant that they received from the federal government is scheduled to cease and he knows that there are hard decisions to make regarding subsidizing the Friend of the Court and the Juvenile Court.

They truly care about the kids and work together more with Community Mental Health and the Department of Human Services. It was a positive move by the State Legislature to put sudafeds behind the counters in stores which is a major ingredient in the manufacture of methamphetamine. They also have a very proactive staff.

He understands that the Board of Commissioners also need to set budget priorities.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the 2005 Juvenile Court Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried.

MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

Captain Barnes requested that the Board adopt a resolution to formalize a mutual aid agreement with Emergency Managements that are outside our area. The resolution affects the County's liability as far as insurances and liability if we need to use the mutual aid assistance. This is voluntary between the departments.

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2006

MICHIGAN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended M.C.L. 30.401 et. seq. authorizes the State and its political subdivisions to provide emergency aid and assistance in the event of a disaster or emergency; and

WHEREAS, the statutes also authorize the State to coordinate the provision of any equipment, services, or facilities owned or organized by the State or its political subdivisions for use in the affected area upon request of the duly constituted authority of the area; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution authorizes the request, provision, and receipt of interjurisdictional mutual assistance in accordance with the Emergency Management Act, Act 390 of the Public Acts of 1976, as amended among political subdivisions within the State.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners that in order to maximize the prompt, full and effective use of resources of all participating governments in the event of an emergency or disaster we hereby adopt the Michigan Emergency Management Assistance Compact which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the resolution be adopted and waive 2nd reading

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

Resolution adopted.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Michigan Workforce Development Board

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that Barry Visel be nominated and appointed to the Michigan Workforce Development Board to fill an unexpired term to expire December 31, 2007. Motion carried.

Economic Development Corporation

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that Maury Kaercher be nominated and appointed to the Economic Development Corporation as an At-Large appointment for a 6 year term to expire June 1, 2012. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement Committee

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

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the next Judiciary Committee meeting is scheduled for July 12th at noon.

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 30th and everyone has a copy of the minutes and will answer any questions that anyone may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Cleaver presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Jane Eley, part-time Telecommunicator, has resigned effective June 26, 2006.

NEW HIRE:

Travis Everitt has been hired as full-time Corrections Officer at \$16.28/hr. effective July 11, 2006.

Andrew Hartwick has been hired as G.I.S. Director at \$36,775.00 (Rye system, grade 8, minimum) effective July 11, 2006. Request waiver of County residency policy.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alice Easterday, Family Division Caseworker, is on medical leave commencing June 28, 2006 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

TEMPORARY/SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Kate Fair to work temporary, part-time (as needed) for MSU Extension Office at \$8.75/hr. effective July 5, 2006.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Mr. Cleaver presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

DECREASE INMATE STORE FUND #546:

Line item 546-301-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 1,160.00

INCREASE INMATE STORE FUND #546:

Line item 546-301-977.000 (Equipment General) \$ 560.00

Line item 546-301-978.000 (Furniture & Fixtures) 500.00

Line item 546-301-980.000 (Equipment) 100.00

\$ 1,160.00

DECREASE:

Line item 101-000-390.000 (Fund Balance) \$23,643.00

INCREASE:

Line item 701-430-265.000 (T & A, Animal Control Bonds Payable) \$23,643.00

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Puechel 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>
Employee Receivable	\$ 77.90	\$
County Commission	5,212.29	11,449.93
Circuit Court	358.50	19,482.51
District Court	1,727.00	98,128.76
Friend of the Court	2,955.00	49,854.51
Jury Commission		475.68
Probate Court	1,995.03	27,850.06
Juvenile Branch	10,912.89	64,007.97
Appeals Court		101.19
Administration		14,454.57
Finance Department	1,024.19	17,593.75
County Clerk		34,209.08
Equalization Department	444.08	22,184.05
Human Resources	918.50	10,406.54
Geographic Information Systems		11,996.15
Prosecutor's Office	3,141.22	62,450.42
Central Services	4,817.19	8,235.51
Register of Deeds	298.00	19,641.02
County Treasurer	260.46	20,907.60
Cooperative Extension	1,180.50	12,516.01
Information Technology	1,005.34	16,652.55
Buildings & Grounds	5,446.12	22,582.38
Courts Building Security		8,233.95
Drain Commission	886.00	7,989.21
Sheriff Department	7,524.65	137,221.54
Sheriff Reserves	331.90	
Marine Patrol	104.71	6,986.41
Jail & Turnkey	12,313.54	147,260.26
Emergency Services	947.90	7,908.21
Animal Control	149.34	13,338.49

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Board of Public Works		926.98
Medical Examiners	1,250.00	
Child Care – Probate	7,048.17	583.08
Department of Veterans' Affairs	270.00	
Veterans' Services		834.82
Utilities & General Services	<u>25,899.80</u>	_____
Total	\$98,500.22	\$876,463.19
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
County Road Commission	\$ 422,174.58	\$
Parks & Recreation	873.61	13,034.86
Emergency 911 Service	2,596.85	80,417.91
Central Dispatch - Wireless	105.00	5,642.22
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	362.19	3,769.05
Friend of the Court	7,319.89	2,133.46
Family Counseling	908.50	
Cade Lake Park	2,012.22	4,551.83
Waste Management Fund		
County Commission	6,861.43	
Resource Recovery Program		543.90
Traffic Safety Program Fund	36,724.99	
Economic Development Fund	349.00	5,830.44
Survey & Remonumentation	11,092.40	
Register of Deeds Automation Fund		980.52
Victims' Rights Advocate Fund		4,818.83
Community Corrections Advisory Board	5,476.67	4,408.22
Community Corrections Program	1,385.88	67.81
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	1,728.78	
Law Enforcement Fund	537.99	28,189.05
Secondary Road Patrol		12,930.87
Homeland Security Grant Fund	10,044.78	
Law Library Fund	711.97	
Principal Residence Denial Fund		1,169.76
Commission on Aging	67,138.75	69,942.17
Community Development Block Grant	12,291.87	
Department of Human Services	11,979.35	5,917.25
Child Care - Probate Court	26,635.16	
Child Care - Department of Human Services	34,368.61	
Veterans' Trust Fund	1,138.20	
Facilities Maintenance Fund	17,327.90	
Tax Payment Fund	4,228.45	
Inmate Store	6,805.97	1,358.92
Three Rivers Community Center	1,112.29	
Long Lake Level Revolving Fund	3.94	
Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund	<u>139,143.90</u>	_____
Total	\$ 833,441.12	\$ 245,707.07
Grand Total	\$ 931,941.34	\$ 1,122,170.26

General Fund Operating Expenditures		
Pre-Authorized	\$76,006.35	
Accounts Payable	<u>22,493.87</u>	
		\$ 98,500.22
General Fund Payroll Expenditures		\$ 876,463.19
Other Funds Operating Expenditures		
Pre-authorized	\$777,145.05	
Accounts Payable	<u>56,296.07</u>	
		\$ 833,441.12
Other Funds Payroll Expenditures		\$ <u>245,707.07</u>
Total Recorded for the Month		\$ 2,054,111.60

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner stated that he attended a SMART Meeting in Muskegon today and heard a presentation by the Prosecutor regarding interventions. He also received some information on the collections process that their District Court uses and he will pass it on to the County Clerk to pass on to our District Court

At the meeting they also talked about patriotism and encouraged all to say the pledge before every meeting. We cannot imagine what others go through in other countries.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Shafer mentioned the retirement party for Carol Frohriep, District Court Administrator, that is going to be held tomorrow from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. He wishes her success and best of luck.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until July 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Monte Bordner, Chairman