

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 6, 2010, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Michael Dunlap called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Clerk, Pattie S. Bender, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Rick Shaffer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
Michael D. Dunlap	Robin Baker
Jerry Ware	John L. Dobberteen
David J. Pueschel	

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller and Dan Carey, Finance 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 Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the minutes for June 15, 2010 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, June 18, June 25 and July 2, 2010.
2. Letter from U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Re: Thank you for resolution regarding Asian Carp.
3. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: Thank you for resolution regarding Public Act 312 of 1969.
4. Letter from Rexam, Re: Notice that Rexam Closures Systems, Inc. will be closing its facility located in Constantine.
5. Copy of letter to Silver Crown, LLC from State Tax Commission, Re: Notice that the Village of White Pigeon is requesting revocation of Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates 2008-472 and 2006-469.
6. Letter from McCartney & Company, P.C., Re: Copy of annual accounting for the St. Joseph County 9-1-1 Service District.
7. Resolution from Huron County, Re: Opposition to House Bill 5882 (Increase for Juvenile Detention Facilities.)
8. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Opposition to House Bill 6154 (Binding Arbitration.)
9. Resolution from Lenawee County, Re: Opposing the Governor's proposal to move \$2.6 million from the Sheriff's Secondary Road Patrol fund to the Michigan State Police budget to fund troopers and radios.
10. Resolution from Van Buren County, Re: Opposing House Bill 6154 (Binding Arbitration.)
11. Resolution from Van Buren County, Re: Urging an amendment to Senate Bill 1072 (Binding Arbitration.)
12. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meeting of May 25, 2010.
13. Minutes of the Community Mental Health Services Board meeting of May 25, 2010.
14. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of June 21, 2010.

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

2009 ROAD COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Bruce Jones, Recently Retired Engineer-Manager of the Road Commission, gave an overview of his last annual report commenting on 2009 activities.

He introduced Rick Jackson, Operations Manager at the Road Commission; Cheryl Arver, Clerk; and his wife, Barbara.

The Michigan Transportation Funds (MTF) have been decreasing at a rate of 3.5% to 4% each year and in 2009 it decreased only 1.5% to almost 2%. Mr. Jones attributed that to an increase in vehicle sales and more people are travelling. Monies used from license plate fees and fuel tax are put into the MTF for distribution.

The Road Commission replaced the Custer Road Bridge in Colon Township using the County's allocation of \$30,000.

In 2010 they hope to get the Decker Road Bridge done in Colon Township too.

The Flowerfield Road and Balk Road Bridges were completed in 2009 being financed 95% with State Local Bridge Funding and 5% with MTF revenues.

Bids will likely be let in September for the Stowell Road Bridge in Colon Township and the North River Road Bridge in Constantine Township.

The Langley Covered Bridge was completed in 2009. Mr. Jones thanked the late Don Lancaster, former Road Commissioner, who was instrumental in applying for and qualifying for enhancement grant funds through the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$550,000 for the renovation. The Road Commission's match totaled \$498,000. The Road Commission also built the causeway which is on the west side of the bridge.

He further stated that townships are having problems with matches for local road construction because of lower revenue sharing monies so there has not been much local road construction in the last 3 years. An exception is Fabius Township where hot plant mix blacktop was placed on VanSelous Road and Mohny Lake Road with the majority of the cost being borne by the Township with a Road Commission match.

Shimmel Road was completed as an all-weather road from Featherstone north to M-86 which was 100% funded with federal and state funds.

They did a joint venture with Kline's Resort on Silver Street.

And, they have received some stimulus dollars for center lining and edge striping the 215 miles of federal roads in the County.

Some of these funds can also be used for chipping and sealing which will be done on Featherstone Road from M-66 to Centreville/Constantine Road this year. Completed this year was Big Hill Road from Lafayette to U.S. 12 in Fawn River Township.

Mr. Jones introduced John Bippus, the newest member of the Road Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2010

PROCLAMATION HONORING BRUCE M. JONES

Commissioner Loudenslager read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Bruce M. Jones commenced his career with St. Joseph County on July 27, 1958 when he was hired as an engineer for the County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1966, Bruce M. Jones was appointed as Engineer-Manager and has been serving loyally in that role ever since; and

WHEREAS, Bruce's name is synonymous with the County Road Commission as he has admirably served for nearly 52 years making him St. Joseph County's longest-serving employee; and

WHEREAS, Bruce's professionalism and pleasant demeanor has earned him the respect of county, city, village and township officials; and

WHEREAS, Bruce M. Jones retired from the County Road Commission on June 30, 2010 and his years of wisdom and expertise will be greatly missed.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners recognizes and expresses grateful appreciation for the many, many years of devoted service that Bruce M. Jones has given to the citizens of St. Joseph County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners this 6th day of July, 2010 and be presented to Bruce with sincere thanks and best wishes for the future.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7—Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Resolution adopted.

Mr. Jones was given a standing ovation as Commissioner Loudenslager presented the resolution to him.

Chairman Dunlap stated that he has known Mr. Jones for many years and he is cooperative and helpful and always does things right. He will be missed and he thanked him for his service.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the 2009 Road Commission's Annual Report be accepted. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT APPLICATION

District Judge Jeffrey C. Middleton requested approval of the Community Corrections Grant Application. He stated that this is the 20th year of the program. The County agreed at the conception of the program that they would approve it if there were no County funds expended. Judge Middleton stated that there have never been any County funds spent except for in-kind contributions such as providing an office and a telephone.

The programs are funded by this State Grant and also by Court ordered payments. The County has averaged a 17% prison rate which is low although last year it spiked to 22% because of methamphetamine offenders and those that repeat this crime. He is asking for the same level of funding which is \$104,000 which pays for Nancy Pick's position and helps to fund the Day Reporting Center; CSC Treatment; and the Twin County Probation Center, etc.

The Judge stated that our own programs are the Embezzlers Group; all Domestic Violence programs; anger management programs for men and women; and the work release program among others.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that this is one of the most cost efficient programs that the County has.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the Community Corrections Grant Application renewal be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7—Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

RESERVES WORKING AT FAIR

Undersheriff Mark Lillywhite requested that the Board approve the proposal provided for the Sheriff's Reserves working at the Fair with the wages being paid through the County Payroll and the Fair reimbursing the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Sheriff's Reserves be allowed to work at the Fair with their wages being paid through the County Payroll and the Fair reimbursing the County for all expenses.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7–Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FROM SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

Undersheriff Lillywhite is requesting approval for out-of-state travel for Mike McCoy in order for him to attend schooling in Quantico, Virginia to obtain certification in clandestine laboratory site safety. After certification he will be allowed to sign for clean-up of the sites. The school is being held July 19th through July 23rd and it is free along with all meals, lodging and transportation. The only County cost is for his wages and fringe benefits.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that this out-of-state travel request from the Sheriff's Department be approved. Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT–AMENDMENT #2 FRIEND OF THE COURT

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Amendment #2 for the Friend of the Court. \$34,000 in additional funds can be captured because of the increase in costs in the Data Processing Department.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement, Amendment #2 for the Friend of the Court be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7–Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Dunlap, Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there was no report.

Judiciary

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that the next Judiciary Meeting will be held July 14th at noon.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Ware stated that there was no report.

Executive Committee

Geographic Information Systems	\$		\$	7,292.74
Prosecutor's Office		1,381.70		35,723.57
Register of Deeds		332.00		12,511.77
County Treasurer				15,446.52
Cooperative Extension		507.69		8,616.55
Information Technology		795.32		12,532.84
Buildings & Grounds		4,819.88		11,058.15
Courts Building Security				6,580.59
Drain Commission		664.28		4,843.94
Sheriff Department		14,650.59		94,904.72
Sheriff Reserves		40.00		
Marine Patrol		183.02		2,481.88
Jail & Turnkey		42,260.03		104,976.36
Plat Board				161.49
Emergency Services		1,440.38		4,736.60
Animal Control		588.04		9,740.73
Board of Public Works				711.86
Medical Examiners		3,486.85		
Child Care - Probate		1,496.73		255.79
Department of Veterans' Affairs		4,140.00		
Veterans' Services				1,686.16
Utilities & General Services		29,464.44		
Total	\$	<u>166,883.49</u>	\$	<u>577,731.63</u>

OTHER FUNDS

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

County Road Commission	\$	441,871.67	\$	
Parks & Recreation		3,961.18		9,399.04
Emergency 911 Service		24,325.48		59,842.02
Central Dispatch - Wireless		336.81		4,084.50
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park		712.91		501.22
Family Counseling		1,750.00		
Cade Lake Park		2,858.58		3,556.50
Traffic Safety Program Fund		28.50		
Economic Development Fund		851.08		7,878.10
Survey & Remonumentation		21,680.00		
Victims' Rights Advocate Fund				3,351.82
Community Corrections Advisory Board		2,310.00		3,010.11
Community Corrections Program		957.12		
Drug Law Enforcement Fund		714.21		
Law Enforcement Fund		1,170.00		16,073.46
Secondary Road Patrol		1,315.00		9,434.96
Homeland Security Grant Fund		5,280.88		3,599.82
Law Library Fund		565.46		
Principal Residence Denial Fund				712.50
Commission on Aging		37,323.40		62,071.45
Community Development Block Grant		2,879.00		
Child Care: Probate Court		24,057.40		11,785.30
Veterans' Trust Fund		756.33		
Facilities Maintenance Fund		43,583.32		
Forfeiture and Foreclosure Fund		3,280.87		
Tax Payment Fund		14,719.32		

OTHER FUNDS

EXPENDITURES

PAYROLL

Inmate Store	\$	360.33	\$	
Three Rivers Community Center		1,717.97		999.16
Long Lake Level Revolving Fund		16.50		
Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund		219,314.08		
Total	\$	858,697.40	\$	196,299.96
Grand Total	\$	1,025,580.89	\$	774,031.59
General Fund Operating Expenditures				
Pre-Authorized		\$88,591.38		
Accounts Payable		<u>78,292.11</u>		
	\$		\$	166,883.49
General Fund Payroll Expenditures	\$	577,731.63		
Other Funds Operating Expenditures				
Pre-authorized		\$731,915.77		
Accounts Payable		<u>126,781.63</u>		
	\$		\$	858,697.40
Other Funds Payroll Expenditures	\$	<u>196,299.96</u>		
Total Recorded for the Month	\$	1,799,612.48		

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

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Loudenslager drew the Commissioners' attention to his new email address and cell phone number on a memo in their packets; he thanked Bruce Jones for his services and remarked that he will be hard to replace; the County Audit was approved at the last meeting and he wanted to thank all the department managers and staff for their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until July 20, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Michael D. Dunlap, Chairman