

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 15, 2003, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John Dobberteen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Loudenslager.

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
David J. Pueschel	John L. Dobberteen

Absent: Monte Bordner

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

AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the minutes for July 1, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Update, July 11.
2. Letter from Gloria and Wilbur Brandli, Re: Barking dog complaint.
3. Park and Recreation's Quarterly Report – April to June 2003.
4. Resolution from Bay County, Re: Local government participation in State purchasing program for pharmaceutical drugs.
5. Resolution from Schoolcraft County, Re: Local government participation in State purchasing program for pharmaceutical drugs.
6. Resolution from Berrien County, Re: AccuVote voting system.
7. Minutes of Commission on Aging Board meeting of June 18, 2003.
8. Minutes of Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of June 16, 2003 and notice of public hearing on July 21, 2003.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Bryan Campbell, Retired Detective Sergeant from the Sheriff's Department, spoke requesting back pay since the Command Unit has now settled their contract. Mr. Campbell retired on December 30, 2002 and the contract was not yet settled. Now that it has he is requesting retroactive pay that the Administrator/Controller stated that he was not entitled to receive. He further stated that the union dropped the ball and the arbitrator ended up agreeing with the Administrator/Controller that he should not get the back pay.

EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES ACT

Jay Newman, Intermediate School District Superintendent, requested support from the Board of Commissioners to designate the Human Services Commission to develop and submit an application for a discretionary grant program under the Early Learning Opportunities Act (ELOA). The grant is for \$750,000.

Mr. Newman stated that this was begun as a 3 year program and they have accomplished 2 of those years and now the funding is no longer available. They have saved some money throughout the first 2 years and now have that money to apply for the 3rd year. The grant requires a 15% cash or in-kind match.

Lynelle Thrasher also explained the program to the Board.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Board support the HSC applying for an Early Learning Opportunities Act grant on behalf of the ISD with the ISD acting as the fiscal agent.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bordner.

Motion carried.

GRANT AGREEMENT FOR VICTIM RIGHTS FUNDING

Ms. West-Wing explained that the Victim Rights Program has been ongoing for several years and the grant agreement has previously been signed by the Prosecuting Attorney. Now the Michigan Department of Community Health is requiring that the Board of Commissioners approve the grant agreement for funding. The grant amount is \$52,700.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Grant Agreement for Victim Rights Funding be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bordner.

Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Planning Commission

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Shafer that Paul Scheetz and Robert Horton be appointed to the Planning Commission for terms to expire January 1, 2006. Motion carried.

Community Mental Health

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that Elizabeth Datkovic be nominated and appointed to the Community Mental Health Board for a term to expire March 31, 2006.

Commissioner Bippus made a comment that he would prefer that nominations and appointments not be done at the same meeting but he would be voting in favor of this motion.

Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Chairman Dobberteen stated that there was no report.

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the Judiciary Committee met on July 9th and highlighted the following:

- * the Family Court Plan has been submitted to the State Court Administrator's Office.
- * there was discussion on concurrent jurisdiction.
- * Judge Noecker is still on medical leave.
- * Judge Schaefer was not asking for more funds for visiting judges at this time.
- * collection of fees was discussed.
- * Judge Welty stated that they are doing their best to maintain their budgets for 2004.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Bippus stated that the next Physical Resources Meeting will be held on July 17th at 1:00 p.m. to discuss the jail project.

Executive Committee

Ms. West-Wing explained the following from the Executive Committee Meeting held on July 10th:

- * the total 2003 revenue sharing is projected to be down \$204,000 from the budgeted amount. However, Ms. West-Wing stated that this could also change between now and the end of the year.

9-1-1 MEETING

Commissioner Bippus stated that Central Dispatch Director, Andy Goldberger, has been appointed as 1 of 12 people in the nation to serve on a National Committee to go to Washington, D.C. Mr. Goldberger further explained that they would be lobbying legislators and attending hearings in order to try to obtain \$500,000,000 from the federal government for dispatch centers nation-wide. He stated that he was proud to have been appointed to this committee.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Camilla Chrisman, part-time Telecommunicator, has resigned effective August 8, 2003.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dan Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 5 half days 6/19, 6/24, 7/4 & 7/9/03 x 2	\$ 200.00
Monte Bordner - 8 half days 6/26, 7/2 x 2, 7/8, 7/9 x 2 & 7/10/03 x 2 & 5 full days 6/19, 6/20, 6/21, 6/22 & 6/23/03	875.00
John Dobberteen - 12 half days 6/20, 6/26 x 2, 7/1, 7/3, 7/4 x 2, 7/8, 7/9 x 2 & 7/10/03 x 2	600.00
Gerald Loudenslager - 3 half days 6/23 & 7/14/03 x 2	150.00

David Pueschel - 7 half days 6/18, 6/19 x 2, 6/24, 6/27, 6/28 & 6/30/03	\$ 350.00
Eric Shafer - 9 half days 6/18, 6/25, 6/26, 6/30 x 2, 7/2, 7/7, 7/10 & 7/14/03	<u>450.00</u>
	\$2,625.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 9.00
Monte Bordner	130.06
John Dobberteen	43.20
Gerald Loudenslager	109.50
David Pueschel	57.24
Eric Shafer	<u>76.32</u>
	\$425.32

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

Financial Statements

	Revenues		Expenditures
June	\$ 892,003.00	\$	1,135,665.00
Year to Date	5,956,700.00		6,026,911.00

Period Fund Balance - \$(243,662)

Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	50.00%
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	48.85%
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	49.43%

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

Independent Contractor's Agreement

Dan Carey recommended approval of an Independent Contractor's Agreement with Peerless, Inc., to maintain the water softener at the jail.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Independent Contractor's Agreement with Peerless, Inc., be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bordner.

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen stated that Commissioners have asked if they could sit in on department budget hearings. Ms. West-Wing stated that when the schedule is established she will provide copies to each Commissioner.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager reminded everyone of the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Conference to be held in August.

Commissioner Bippus stated that in reference to the comments from Bryan Campbell earlier in the meeting that he knows that there are two sides to every issue and he would like to see this matter on the next Executive Committee Meeting agenda.

Commissioner Pueschel echoed Commissioner Bippus' comments.

Commissioner Shafer stated that the search for an Executive Director for the Commission on Aging has been narrowed to 4 or 5 and they are moving ahead with interviews.

The Clerk stated that the County has a team at the Relay for Life event this weekend in the fight against cancer and welcomed any contributions to the cause. She also stated that she has tickets to sell for the Republican Picnic to be held on August 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until August 5, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

John L. Dobberteen, Chairman