

Special 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 26, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Rick Shaffer called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Chairman Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

Rick Shaffer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
Allen Balog	Robin Baker
Jerry Ware	Donald Eaton
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present was Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller.

AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Shaffer stated that the Board rules allow for 3 minutes for anyone to address the Board. At the last Board meeting a motion was made to suspend the rules and increase that time to 5 minutes per person which includes questions and answers. He asked if there were any questions on the procedure. There being none Chairman Shaffer declared that the public hearing on the Trine issue opened.

The following persons came to the podium and spoke some in favor of the proposal, some in favor in concept and some opposed and also some of them asked questions:

In favor of the proposal:

Bob Griffioen  
Julie Johns-Cole  
Scott Ferguson  
Jim Eifert, in concept  
Ken Jones  
John Wiedlea  
David Findley  
Brian McConnell  
Ryan Matthews  
Dan Colson, in concept  
Tom Langdon  
Ruth Perry, read part of a letter from Rob Sisson  
Monte Bordner

Opposed to the proposal:

Cameron Brown  
Sally Stuby  
Jan Gave  
John Barnes  
Robin Weekly  
Herb Finney  
Becky Shank

Opposed, Continued:

Judy Gilchrist  
Vincent Mifsud  
Fran Lesinski  
Judy Nelson  
Joan Kelley  
Dan Lucas  
Connie Heidbrink  
Tim Carls  
Walt Krzycki  
Andrew Brandt  
Fred Gushwa  
Jerry Manse  
Diane Zinsmaster  
Lillian Hartzell

Another lady spoke from the back of the room and did not give her name.

There being no more that wished to speak, at 9:08 p.m. Chairman Shaffer declared the public hearing closed.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Balog thanked everyone for coming and the comments did not fall on deaf ears.

Commissioner Loudenslager thanked everyone for coming and stated that we experienced democracy at its roots.

Commissioner Eaton thanked everyone for coming and is glad that we are looking at the problems that the County has.

Commissioners Baker and Ware also thanked everyone for coming and that their comments did not fall on deaf ears.

Chairman Shaffer welcomed State Representative Matt Lori who was in attendance.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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Rick Shaffer, Chairman