

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 September 15, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John L. Dobberteen 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	David J. Pueschel
John L. Dobberteen	

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller, Dan Carey, Finance Director and Elishia Arver, Human Resource Director.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the minutes for September 1, 2009 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, August 28, September 4 and September 11, 2009.
2. Letter from the South Central Michigan Compassion Club, Re: Invitation to attend the Michigan Medical Marijuana Symposium on October 3 at Wayne State University.
3. Letter from Jon Campbell, Re: Thank you for your support in his election to MAC Board of Directors.
4. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Support of House Bills 4785 and 4786 (Expansion of unemployment benefits and acceptance of federal stimulus funds.)
5. Resolution from Oceana County, Re: Support of Michigan Department of Agriculture remaining a stand-alone department.
6. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of July 20, 2009.
7. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of August 19, 2009.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

State Representative, Matt Lori, suggested to the Board that they budget prudently. He stated that the State budget picture looks bleak. He added that there is an \$863 million shortfall in the budget and that for the 2011 budget it could grow to a \$4 to \$6 billion shortfall.

David Allen from Midwest Energy stated that he was here to speak on behalf of Brad Neumann asking that the Board be creative to retain his position. He is very valuable to the County in that he strives to protect land use and knows that we need a diverse economy.

Larry Walton echoed Mr. Allen's comments concerning Mr. Neumann. He is part of the corn seed growing industry in the County and Mr. Neumann understands that the County needs industrial growth too. He knows that there is opportunity out there and by retaining Mr. Neumann it will pay great dividends in the future.

Henry Miller also spoke in favor of retaining Mr. Neumann's position. He stated that he is a member of the Farmland Preservation Board and Mr. Neumann has been very helpful. He applauded the Board of Commissioners in setting up the Land Preservation Board.

Cathy Knapp, Economic Development Director, stated that she has worked a lot with Mr. Neumann and agriculture is not his only thrust. He has been very instrumental in trying to get zoning in the County more uniform which helps tremendously in her planning. He has also been very involved with the U.S. 131 Project and coordinating community rehabilitation.

Maury Kaercher reminded everyone that the fair is next week and stated that on Friday, the 25th, they will be having a "Salute to the American Farmer" day with many unique programs planned and he encouraged the Commissioners to attend.

#### DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL CHILD CARE FUNDS

Chris Kudalski, Director of DHS, explained that there is a shortfall in the Child Care Fund and is requesting \$80,000 to pay outstanding bills and next month he will be presenting the 2010 budget.

The settlement that the State of Michigan made regarding private agencies that provide child care has become a factor in the shortfall. The caseload size is relatively the same for the past 2 years but the costs have doubled.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that he understands that Mr. Kudalski is working with Probate Judge Shumaker to work on ways to cut child care costs.

Mr. Kudalski stated that they are spending more for in-home care services as they are putting workers into the home sooner to try to keep kids there.

Commissioner Pueschel asked if they are working to get more foster parents and Mr. Kudalski stated that they are always doing that.

Commissioner Baker stated a new philosophy needs to begin to keep more kids in their homes.

Mr. Kudalski stated that they would prefer to keep kids in their homes, but they need to be removed if they are in imminent danger. They are providing more up front services. The \$80,000 being requested today is to pay for services already rendered.

Commissioner Baker asked what happens if this request is voted down.

Mr. Kudalski stated that if it is voted down then they will begin the new budget year owing all of this money.

Commissioner Dunlap commented on the fact that as a result of the settlement family members now have to be licensed as foster parents.

Chairman Dobberteen stated that the State is always passing off costs to the Counties and he is sick and tired of it and mentioned that layoffs would have to happen in order to pay these bills. He stated that he would be voting no.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that this always falls back on the County.

Mr. Kudalski stated that when children are eligible under the Title IV program then State and Federal funds are used for their care. If they are not Title IV eligible then State and County funds are used.

Judge Shumaker stated that there were bills for Child Care that carried over from 2008 to 2009 and the State is passing more and more costs to the Counties.

We no longer get 50% back from the State, it is more like 27% to 33% of the funds that we have expended.

He stated that this shortfall is not the fault of Mr. Kudalski and they try every Thursday during all of their hearings to work on this problem. Now foster homes can only have 3 kids instead of more if they can provide for them. They will soon be doing a federal audit and more money could be taken from counties.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the request for \$80,000 for the DHS Child Fund be approved.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that he has been the Commissioners liaison to the DHS Board and Mr. Kudalski always anguishes coming to the Board for additional funds.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 3–Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager and Dunlap.

Nay votes cast: 4–Commissioners Baker, Ware, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Motion defeated.

#### SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT APPLICATION

Ms. West-Wing stated that this is the annual Secondary Road Patrol Grant Application. This is for 2 officers which costs the County \$162,000 per year and the grant is for \$90,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the grant application be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT WITH JUDY WEST-WING

Chairman Dobberteen stated that everyone filled out an evaluation on the Administrator/Controller and then he and Vice-Chairman Baker reviewed the results with her. They are recommending that the contract be approved. The wages will be discussed during the budget process and the remaining wording in the contract remains the same.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the employment agreement with Judy West-Wing be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

#### CENTURY BANK AND TRUST BANK AUTHORIZATIONS

Ms. West-Wing stated that as a result of a recent bank audit Century Bank is requiring the Treasurer and the Clerk to state who has authorization to carry out specific financial functions for the County.

The Clerk and the Treasurer have provided that information and she is recommending that their authorizations be approved.

It was moved by Commissioner Dunlap and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the authorizations be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

LAKE TEMPLENE/SAND LAKE ASSESSMENT ROLL

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Lake Templene/Sand Lake Assessment Roll item be removed from the table. Motion carried.

Ms. West-Wing stated that she met with the Drain Commissioner and the Attorney for the Lake Templene Association since the last meeting and the assessment roll is now \$122,938.21 instead of \$148,222. Many of the contingencies have been removed and the interest rates have been decreased from 5% to 2.5%.

The following resolution was presented which includes the assessment roll:

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2009  
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

LAKE TEMPLENE AND SAND LAKE  
LAKE LEVEL RESOLUTION  
PURSUANT TO MCL 324.30701 et seq

WHEREAS, a normal lake level for Lake Templene and Sand Lake was established under the Inland Lake Level Act, formerly Act 146 of the Public Acts of 1961 on March 30, 1972, at a maximum level of 828.5 feet above sea level; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court entered an Order on or about May 31, 1988, authorizing a temporary reduction in the lake level; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court entered an Order on or about October 31, 2000, authorizing the reduction of the lake level; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2009, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court established and confirmed the boundaries of a special assessment district for the lake level of Lake Templene and Sand Lake; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner serves as the delegated authority and has prepared a computation of costs pursuant to MCL 324.30712, and has prepared a special assessment roll for the purpose of assessing costs for establishing the lake level special assessment district and maintaining the lake level pursuant to MCL 324.30714; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, upon proper notice, held a hearing to review the costs and the special assessment roll pursuant to MCL 324.30714(3), and after such hearing approved the costs and the special assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed the costs and the special assessment roll prepared by the Drain Commissioner and requested that the Drain Commissioner and the County Administrator meet with representatives of the Lake Templene Association to negotiate changes to the Computation of Cost; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner and County Administrator have done this and the Drain Commissioner has prepared a revised Computation of Costs and special assessment roll reducing the cost by \$25,265 and the Board has reviewed the revised costs and special assessment roll.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board hereby approves the revised project cost and revised special assessment roll developed by the Drain Commissioner, pursuant to MCL 324.30714(3).

2. The Board hereby directs the Drain Commissioner to levy special assessments for the cost of the project consistent with Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, MCL 327.30701, *et seq.*, after the expiration of the appeal period.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Commissioner Loudenslager highlighted the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 15-2009

#### ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Domestic violence affects all residents of St. Joseph County, Michigan and its damage is inflicted not only upon victims, but their children, families and communities; sadly, one in six individuals suffers abuse at the hands of their partner and these victims can be of any age, race, religion, or economic status, and can endure extreme suffering and possible long-term harm; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County has taken decisive steps to develop and strengthen policies and laws to hold domestic violence offenders accountable and to increase measures that ensure the safety of victims and their children by focusing upon improved responses from our legal, law enforcement, human services, education and healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County recognizes the importance of a comprehensive community response - and to further broaden the public's awareness and understanding of domestic violence prevention; and remains dedicated to increasing public awareness and understanding of domestic violence, and teen dating violence, through campaigns and expert materials that provide essential guidance to the community; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated response is the most effective way to combat domestic violence, and St. Joseph County has reaffirmed its commitment to this goal by supporting the St. Joseph County Task Force on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, which enables county agencies to coordinate their efforts and collaboratively identify the most effective ways to assist victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County residents join with all Americans in supporting victims of domestic violence and share the worthy goals of this month-long observance, and likewise, support the work of Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services and other public and private entities that continuously strive to provide the best coordinated response to domestic violence in our communities, therefore sending a strong and unwavering message to abusers that domestic violence will not be tolerated in our County; and

WHEREAS, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, we renew our commitment to prevent and punish the perpetrators of these tragic crimes, and bring hope and healing to those who have been impacted by them; and

WHEREAS, a Candlelight Vigil is observed the second Thursday in October to mourn those who have died because of violence, celebrate those who have survived and recognize those who work to end the violence; and

WHEREAS, local non-profit and community-based programs and their volunteers are providing critical assistance and support to victims in need, helping them find a life free from violence; and

WHEREAS, residents of St. Joseph County are encouraged to help raise awareness about how to identify and stop domestic violence and to recognize those who are working to improve the lives of violence survivors and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim October as DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH in St. Joseph County, Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners reaffirms the commitment of the County of St. Joseph to reducing violence in our homes, as well as on our streets. We urge all citizens to participate in the activities planned by Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services and the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Task Force during this month. Citizens should also take this opportunity to educate themselves about the impact of domestic violence in St. Joseph County and to become familiar with resources and programs available. This month let us remember the victims of domestic violence, celebrate the survivors, and work together to eliminate violence against women and children from our community.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

#### NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

##### Parks and Recreation

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that Edith Doenges be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Motion carried.

After discussion it was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Shaffer that the motion be rescinded.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 4—Commissioners Shaffer, Dunlap, Pueschel and Ware.

Nay votes cast: 3—Commissioners Loudenslager, Baker and Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

##### Board of Canvassers

The Clerk reported that the tally of the ballots submitted to her by the Commissioners just prior to the meeting showed that Jackie Yeomans was elected as the Republican to the Board of Canvassers and Carl Holsinger was elected as the Democrat, both for 4 year terms.

##### Economic Development Corporation

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that Cathi Abbs, Joe Bippus, Karen Carlisle, Barry Visel and Daniel Arney be appointed to the EDC for 6 years terms and Gary Black's appointment be transferred from Townships to an At-Large appointment. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Law Enforcement

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

##### Judiciary

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there was no Judiciary Committee report.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Dunlap stated that the Physical Resources Committee had not met.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker stated that everyone has a copy of the Executive Committee meeting of September 11, 2009 and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Darcy Borden, Telecommunicator, has resigned effective September 17, 2009

Joyce Dykstra, COA In-Home Service Aide, has resigned effective August 21, 2009.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Connie Glass, Human Resource Secretary, was on medical leave commencing August 25, 2009 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

SEASONAL/TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT:

Eva Beeker to work temporary, part-time for MSU Extension at \$9.25/hour effective September 15, 2009.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$40,000.00 from Secondary Road Patrol Appropriation to Secondary Road Patrol Fund.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker–5 half days 8/19, 9/2, 9/10 & 9/11/09 x 2 & 3 full days 8/25, 8/27, & 8/28/09	\$ 535.00
John Dobberteen–7 half days 8/24, 8/25, 8/26, 8/27, 8/28 & 9/11/09 x 2	350.00
Michael Dunlap–3 half days 8/28, 9/2 & 9/8/09 & 1 full day 8/27/09	245.00
Gerald Loudenslager–5 half days 7/28, 8/6, 8/8, 8/24 & 9/2/09 & 3 full days 8/16, 8/27 & 9/12/09	440.00
David Pueschel–5 half days 8/19, 8/27, 8/28, 9/10 & 9/11/09	250.00
Rick Shaffer–2 half days 7/23 & 8/24/09 & 2 full days 7/31 & 8/24/09	290.00
Jerry Ware–2 half days 9/2/09 x 2	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$2,210.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 187.90
John Dobberteen	73.70
Michael Dunlap	74.80

Gerald Loudenslager	\$ 973.23
David Puschel	83.60
Rick Shaffer	120.45
Jerry Ware	<u>16.50</u>
Total	\$1,530.18

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
August	\$ 1,077,126	\$ 931,254
Year to Date	9,192,430	8,855,630
Period Fund Balance	\$145,873.00	
Year to Date	336,800.00	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	66.67%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	62.19%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	59.91%	

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

Special Revenue Fund Budgets

Mr. Carey explained that the following special revenue fund budgets are all on the fiscal year October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010 and is recommending their adoption tonight:

	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	VARIANCE	2009/2010
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGET	REQUEST	INCREASE	RECOMMEND
	YTD	YTD			(DECREASE)	
<b>Victims Rights Advocates Fund (Fund #260)</b>						
Operating Revenues	\$52,288	\$53,505	\$53,200	\$56,900	\$3,700	\$56,900
Budgeted Use of Fund Bal.	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,832</u>	<u>1,093</u>	<u>-1,739</u>	<u>1,093</u>
Total Revenues	\$52,288	\$53,505	\$56,032	\$57,993	\$1,961	\$57,993
Payroll Expenditures	\$51,769	\$53,394	\$54,686	\$57,287	\$2,601	\$57,287
Operating Expenditures	<u>1,880</u>	<u>1,413</u>	<u>1,346</u>	<u>706</u>	<u>-640</u>	<u>706</u>
Total Expenditures	\$53,649	\$54,808	\$56,032	\$57,993	\$1,961	\$57,993
<b>Community Corrections Advisory Board (Fund #261)</b>						
Operating Revenues	\$101,505	\$101,230	\$104,100	\$104,100	\$0	\$104,100
Comm. Corrections	<u>16,398</u>	<u>15,386</u>	<u>15,842</u>	<u>16,641</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>16,641</u>
Total Revenues	\$117,903	\$116,616	\$119,942	\$120,741	\$799	\$120,741
Payroll Expenditures	\$38,404	\$41,563	\$41,842	\$42,641	\$799	\$42,641
Operating Expenditures	<u>75,505</u>	<u>75,230</u>	<u>78,100</u>	<u>78,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>78,100</u>
Total Expenditures	\$113,909	\$116,793	\$119,942	\$120,741	\$799	\$120,741

Community Corrections Program (Fund #263)

Operating Revenues	<u>\$34,393</u>	<u>\$44,618</u>	<u>\$61,305</u>	<u>\$62,104</u>	<u>\$799</u>	<u>\$62,104</u>
Total Revenues	\$34,393	\$44,618	\$61,305	\$62,404	\$799	\$62,104
Payroll Expenditures	\$15	\$16	\$50	\$50	\$0	\$50
Operating Expenditures	31,009	35,968	45,413	45,413	0	45,413
Comm. Corr. Adv. Bd.	<u>16,398</u>	<u>15,386</u>	<u>15,842</u>	<u>16,641</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>16,641</u>
Total Expenditures	\$47,422	\$51,370	\$61,305	\$62,104	\$799	\$62,104

Secondary Road Patrol (Fund #267)

Operating Revenues	\$110,538	\$98,523	\$97,722	\$90,513	-\$7,209	\$90,513
Budgeted Use of Fund Bal.	\$71,628	\$57,460	40,000	30,000	-10,000	\$30,000
CO. APPROPRIATION	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>24,587</u>	<u>33,710</u>	<u>9,123</u>	<u>33,710</u>
Total Revenues	\$182,166	\$155,983	\$162,309	\$154,223	-\$8,086	\$154,223
Payroll Expenditures	\$141,268	\$143,326	\$161,259	\$153,123	-\$8,136	\$153,123
Operating Expenditures	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,071</u>	<u>1,050</u>	<u>1,100</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>1,100</u>
Total Expenditures	\$142,318	\$144,397	\$162,309	\$154,223	-\$8,086	\$154,223

Commission on Aging (Fund #273)

Operating Revenues	<u>\$1,918,595</u>	<u>\$2,011,246</u>	<u>\$2,105,818</u>	<u>\$2,120,505</u>	<u>\$14,687</u>	<u>\$2,120,505</u>
Total Revenues	\$1,918,595	\$2,011,246	\$2,105,818	\$2,120,505	\$14,687	\$2,120,505
Payroll Expenditures	\$734,345	\$845,754	\$964,964	\$1,018,555	\$53,591	\$1,018,555
Operating Expenditures	596,671	695,151	1,032,004	1,040,150	8,146	1,040,150
Capital Expenditures	<u>49,186</u>	<u>52,962</u>	<u>108,850</u>	<u>61,800</u>	<u>-47,050</u>	<u>61,800</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1,380,202	\$1,593,867	\$2,105,818	\$2,120,505	\$14,687	\$2,120,505

Three Rivers Community Center (Fund #593)

Operating Revenues	<u>\$38,998</u>	<u>\$54,327</u>	<u>\$52,484</u>	<u>\$53,225</u>	<u>\$741</u>	<u>\$53,225</u>
Total Revenues	\$38,998	\$54,327	\$52,484	\$53,225	\$741	\$53,225
Payroll Expenditures	\$15,558	\$16,351	\$18,903	\$17,135	-\$1,768	\$17,135
Operating Expenditures	20,890	26,487	31,081	35,290	4,209	35,290
Capital Expenditures	<u>1,486</u>	<u>1,378</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>-1,700</u>	<u>800</u>
Total Expenditures	\$37,935	\$44,215	\$52,484	\$53,225	\$741	\$53,225

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Special Revenue Fund Budgets be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen asked Representative Lori to get the regulations off the County's back.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Loudenslager told every one to enjoy the fair.

Commissioner Shaffer stated that what he was going to say is awkward and stressful, but as Chairman of the County Republican Party he was asked by the County Clerk to submit 3 names for consideration for appointment by the Board of Commissioners to the Board of Canvassers. Commissioner Shaffer stated that he submitted those names and recommended the appointment of Beverly Burnham.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Board reconsider the election of Jackie Yeomans to the Board of Canvassers. Motion carried.

After further discussion regarding the Board of Canvassers with input from the County Clerk it was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the motion to reconsider the election to the Board of Canvassers be rescinded. Motion carried.

Ms. West-Wing stated that she has looked at requested expenditures and revenues for the 2010 budget and we are \$1.7 million short without planning on any revenue sharing.

Tammy Rigby spoke regarding the Lake Templene/Sand Lake Special Assessment claiming that she never received a notice regarding the hearing and neither did several others and asked for relief. Ms. West-Wing stated that she has a certificate of mailing of these notices from the attorney's office. Chairman Dobberteen suggested that she speak to the Administrator/Controller after the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Dobberteen that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 6, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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John L. Dobberteen, Chairman