

Annual 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 16, 2003, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John L. 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
Robin Baker	Monte Bordner
David J. Pueschel	John L. Dobberteen

Absent: John W. Bippus

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

#### AGENDA

Chairman Dobberteen stated that approval of the Command Officers Contract and the Corporals Contract needed to be added under new business.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the minutes for September 2, 2003 be approved. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Update, September 5.
2. Letter from Michigan Association of Counties, Re: Deferred compensation informational seminar.
3. Letter from Esther Wolf, Re: Judge Noecker.
4. Letter from Emily and Joseph Yankovich, Re: Judge Noecker.
5. Letter from Maxine Ropp, Re: Judge Noecker.
6. Resolution from Oakland County, Re: Support for local law enforcement agencies use of State owned communications towers.
7. Minutes of Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of July 21, 2003.
8. Animal Control's Monthly Report – June 2003.
9. Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's Newsletter – Summer/Autumn 2003.

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

#### G.I.S. DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2002

Lotta Jarnefelt, G.I.S. Director, presented the Annual Report for 2002. Mrs. Jarnefelt stated that there were sweeping changes in the department last year including the move to Annex I of which there have been no problems. A CD containing the Plat Book was created in 2002 and there were changes in personnel. Sally Anderson was hired as a cartographer and Gary Phelps was hired as an intern.

Deeds and other documents were able to be attached electronically to land descriptions and they have experienced various requests for aerial maps of which they have many options.

They now have a Countywide parcel layer to their maps and information can be linked electronically. Special orders for maps have been requested to meet unique needs.

Many requests are for information in digital form and they have completed many jobs for the Drain Commissioner.

An address technician has been hired.

Revenues have exceeded expectations because of the sales of the plat book on CD.

Their expenses were down from 2001 and revenues increased over the same time period.

When their web page is developed, tax maps will be available which should save a substantial amount of time that staff spends on the telephone. An internet mapping system will be added as well.

Mrs. Jarnefelt welcomed the Commissioners into her office at any time.

Commissioner Shafer congratulated Mrs. Jarnefelt on a nice report and commended her staff for being highly competent.

Mrs. Jarnefelt stated that they are trying to find out how G.I.S. applications can be used for assistance to the Emergency Response Committee.

Commissioner Loudenslager commended Mrs. Jarnefelt and encouraged her to keep up the good work.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the G.I.S. Annual Report for 2002 be accepted. Motion carried.

#### CONSTANTINE VILLAGE ANNEXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Dobberteen declared the public hearing opened on the proposed Constantine Village Annexation. Attorney Howard Bush explained that the property to be annexed is owned by the school and is where the new high school is being constructed. The school needs to secure village services.

There was no public comment.

The following resolution was presented:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 19-2003

#### RESOLUTION AND ORDER CHANGING THE CORPORATE VILLAGE BOUNDARIES OF THE VILLAGE OF CONSTANTINE, ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

At a regular session of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, held in the Commissioners' Room in the Historic County Courthouse, in the Village of Centreville, St. Joseph County, Michigan, on the 16th day of September 2003, the following resolution was duly offered for adoption by County Commissioner Baker and supported by County Commissioner Loudenslager:

WHEREAS, The Village of Constantine has made and filed a Petition requesting a change of its corporate limits and boundaries by annexing and including the following premises owned by the Constantine Public Schools.

#### Description of Premises:

A part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 26 , Town 7 South, Range 12 West, described as follows:

Beginning at the center of said Section 26 , thence S. 00 degrees 04 minutes 32 seconds E., along the South Quarter line 660 feet; thence N. 89 degrees 40 minutes 24 seconds W., 1384.92 feet; thence N. 39 degrees 16 minutes 30 seconds W., 263.23 feet; thence N. 50 degrees 43 minutes 30 seconds E., along the centerline of Constantine-Mottville Highway 717.19 feet; thence S. 89 degrees 40 minutes 24 seconds E., along the East-West quarter line, 995.50 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 20.2 acres, more or less.

Said Parcel Being known as Tax Parcel #: 75-003-026-001-01

WHEREAS, The described premises are adjacent and contiguous to the present corporate limits of the Village of Constantine, and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Presentment and Hearing on said Petition has been posted/published as required by law, and

WHEREAS, The St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners determined that the Petition and the procedure in which it was presented to be in proper order, and the Board is fully advised in the matter.

Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that after due deliberation and discussion, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and approve the Petition of the Village of Constantine and does hereby ORDER that the boundaries of the Village of Constantine be altered and changed to include within the corporate limits and boundaries of the Village of Constantine the premises described herein.

It is further ORDER of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners that a copy of this Determination and Resolution be entered upon the records of said Board and that Certified Copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Constantine Village Clerk and to the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan as required by Statute.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Resolution adopted.

FEE SCHEDULE FOR ORTHO AND MAP CDs

Mrs. Jarnefelt requested approval of a proposed fee schedule for Ortho and Map CDs. These are introductory rates:

	Entire County Data	Annual Fee for Monthly Layer Updates
Local government with Service Contract	\$400	\$200
Local Government Non-Contract	800	400
Others	800	400

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	Entire County Data	Per Selected Twp(s)	Per Individual Sections
Local Government with Service Contract	\$400	\$ 50	\$15
Local Government Non-Contract	800	100	15
Others	800	100	15

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	Entire County Data	Per Selected Twp(s)	Per Individual Sections
Local Government with Service Contract	\$450	\$ 65	\$15
Local Government Non-Contract	850	115	15
Others	850	115	15

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the introductory rate fee schedules be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Motion carried.

#### GLEN OAKS MILLAGE INFORMATION

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that information regarding the Glen Oaks Millage vote on September 29, 2003 be included in the employees' paychecks on September 26, 2003. Motion carried.

#### COMMAND OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN (COAM) CONTRACT

Ms. West-Wing read the following highlights on the COAM Bargaining Unit Contract:

THIS IS THE FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS BARGAINING UNIT COVERING 4 EMPLOYEES.

1. CONTRACT DURATION: 3 years - January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003.

2. WAGES: January 1, 2001 3% increase applied to each step  
January 1, 2002 3% increase applied to each step  
January 1, 2003 3% increase applied to each step  
Added 3 year-in-classification step at 2% higher than start step (total increase of 5%)

Changed language to allow employees that retired prior to ratification of the contract to receive retroactive pay.

3. LONGEVITY: Eliminated completely for all employees effective December 31, 2002.

4. INSURANCE:

Effective as soon after ratification of the contract as possible, employees shall pay via pretax payroll deduction, 5% of the health and dental insurance premium cost.

Effective as soon after ratification of the contract as possible, prescription co-pay shall increase from \$5.00 to \$10.00 per prescription.

Effective as soon after ratification of the contract as possible, opt out payment shall increase from \$1,000 to \$2,000, and no longer be available for new occurrences of both spouses working for St. Joseph County. Existing situations are grandfathered.

5. Miscellaneous Language Changes, such as:

Removed detective and deputy language from this contract as they are covered under another contract.

Clarified grievance time frames.

Eliminated obsolete compensatory time language.

Established 1 year promotion list, Sheriff can select from among the top three candidates.

Removed advance vacation check language due to direct deposit availability.

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – clarification.

Eliminated obsolete pension language.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Baker that that the COAM Contract be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Motion carried.

#### CORPORALS CONTRACT

Ms. West-Wing read the highlights of the Corporals Bargaining Unit Contract:

THIS IS THE FIRST CONTRACT WITH THIS BARGAINING UNIT COVERING 4 EMPLOYEES.

This contract is the same as the Corrections Division Contract that has been in place with the exception that it separates the corporals into their own bargaining unit.

Wages and benefits are the same as previously agreed to by the parties. The contract will expire December 31, 2003.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Corporals Contract be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 20-2003

##### Defense Expenses for Judicial Tenure Commission Complaint

Chairman Dobberteen read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the County has for a number of years been a member of Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) a self insured, member driven, liability and property insurance pool; and

WHEREAS, it was recently learned that a part of the coverage provided to the County through MMRMA included coverage up to \$100,000 for Judicial Tenure Commission complaints filed against judges; and

WHEREAS, under this coverage the first \$75,000 in expenses comes from the County's self insured retention fund with the additional up to \$25,000 from the re-insurance coverage purchased through MMRMA; and

WHEREAS, on August 20, 2003 the Judicial Tenure Commission filed a complaint against Judge James P. Noecker for violating his judicial and professional duties; and

WHEREAS, Judge James P. Noecker through his attorney has advised MMRMA that he intends to use this coverage to pay for his defense expenses associated with this Judicial Tenure Commission complaint; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners does not believe the taxpayers of St. Joseph County should be burdened with paying the expenses associated with Judge Noecker's defense of this complaint; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this incident future coverage with MMRMA will not include Judicial Tenure Commission complaints filed against judges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners requests that Judge James P. Noecker personally pay the expenses associated with his defense of this complaint and not ask the taxpayers of St. Joseph County to bear this expense.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Judge James P. Noecker.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the resolution be adopted and second reading waived.

Commissioner Shafer stated that he is as upset as are his constituents concerning this issue. He asked what would happen if we just say no.

Chairman Dobberteen stated that we cannot do that, they discussed it in Executive Committee.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that it is sad that the central rudder of the County is broken. Hopefully the Judge will pay for his defense himself.

Tim Carls, of 63044 Klinger Lake Road, Centreville stated that he was confused and Chairman Dobberteen stated that the Judicial Tenure Commissioner decides the punishment of the Judge.

Richard Long of 29826 E. Lafayette stated that this is outrageous. He also asked if the taxpayers have been paying for treatment for the Judge.

Ms. West-Wing responded by saying that this may be covered under insurance costs but no other bills have been submitted for the treatment centers costs.

Rebecca Shank, 12302 Corey Lake Road, Three Rivers asked the Board to respectfully request Judge Noecker that he not use the funds and ask him to retire.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2003  
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AUDIT PROGRAM  
PUBLIC ACT 105 of 2003

Ms. West-Wing read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this County Board of Commissioners prides itself for its commitment for a fair and equitable community; and

WHEREAS, the employees of the Land Resource Centre have been proactive in an effort to assure fair and equitable treatment for the citizens of St. Joseph County and the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the employees of Land Resource Centre actively sought as a goal changes in the law governing homestead exemptions since 1995; and

WHEREAS, by taking an active part in the revision process they represented St. Joseph County in making a difference; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners chooses to continue to maintain an active roll in the review and denial process.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commissioners of St. Joseph County take this opportunity and join with the State of Michigan and its local governmental units, by and through their Equalization Director, to take part in the “principle residence exemption” audit program under the provisions of MCL 211.77cc(10).

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the resolution be adopted and second reading waived.

Commissioner Loudenslager commended staff at the Land Resource Centre for being active in getting the Public Act passed by the Legislature.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2003  
GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE MILLAGE

Commissioner Bordner read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Glen Oaks Community College is an educational training partner with the local government and businesses, both on campus and on business sites; and

WHEREAS, Glen Oaks provides customized training, NAFTA training for exported jobs, apprenticeships with manufacturers and provides seminars and short courses; and

WHEREAS, Glen Oaks provides local and affordable higher education to about one in every five of our County’s high school graduates; and

WHEREAS, Glen Oaks maintains a membership and partnership in St. Joseph County Economic Development, Manufacturer’s Council, CEO Roundtable, Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce and Sturgis Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, we encourage Glen Oaks to continue the community college concept of partnership with local industry to meet changing needs with high quality information and training for our businesses even with eroding State appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners would like to go on record of supporting the 7/10 of a mill increase for Glen Oaks operations to be voted on at the Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> Special Election.

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

Commissioner Bordner stated that it is important that we support this. Glen Oaks is an integral part of the County and they are very active with the business people.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Resolution adopted.

### NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

#### Workforce Development Board

Ms. West-Wing stated that we have been requested by the Michigan Works/Upjohn Institute to appoint and reappoint the following individuals to the Workforce Development Board:

David Allen

Economic Development - 2 year term - January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2005

Margie Hojara-Hadsell

MI Rehabilitation Services - 2 year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2004

Bernie Stankewicz

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District - balance of a 2 year term beginning immediately and ending December 31, 2003 and for a 2 year term beginning January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2005

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the foregoing persons be appointed and/or reappointed to the Workforce Development Board for the specified terms. Motion carried.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Law Enforcement

Chairman Dobberteen stated that there had been no meeting.

#### Judiciary

Commissioner Bordner stated that Judiciary is scheduled for October 8, 2003 at noon.

#### Physical Resources

No meeting has been held. Ms. West-Wing stated that there will be a contractor's pre-bid meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 23rd at Central Dispatch. Bids are scheduled to be opened on November 5th.

#### Executive Committee

Commissioner Bordner stated that most items have been covered tonight that were discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 11th.

Mostly discussed were the proposed fee schedules for Ortho and Map CDs and the resolution regarding Judicial Tenure Commission. Also, discussed were the drain assessments.

### PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

#### RESIGNATION:

Gary Frizzle, Park and Recreation Ranger, has resigned effective August 28, 2003.

#### NEW HIRE:

Kristin Marie King has been hired as CTE Intern at \$5.15/hr. effective September 9, 2003. (This position is 20 hours per week; the cost is to be shared between the Register of Deeds and the County Treasurer.)

William John Burgoyne has been hired as Road Patrol Officer at \$16.89/hr. effective September 23, 2003.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

INCREASE REVENUES:

Line item 218-136-676.000 (Budgeted Use of Fund Balance) \$ 200.00

INCREASE EXPENDITURES:

Line item 218-136-980.000 (Office Equipment) \$ 200.00

DECREASE:

Line item 101-306-745.000 (Uniforms) \$ 810.00

INCREASE:

Line item 101-306-977.000 (Equipment) \$ 810.00

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dan Carey, Finance Director, presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 2 half days 9/9 & 9/10/03 & 6 full days 8/21, 8/25, 8/26, 9/5, 9/9 & 9/10/03	\$ 620.00
Monte Bordner - 5 half days 8/28, 8/29, 9/3, 9/10 & 9/11/03 & 2 full days 8/26 & 9/5/03	440.00
John Dobberteen - 8 half days 8/26, 8/27, 8/28, 8/29, 9/3, 9/8, 9/9 & 9/11/03 & 2 full days 9/5 & 9/15/03	590.00
David Pueschel - 6 half days 8/18, 8/20, 8/22, 8/26, 8/28 & 9/15/03 & 2 full days 8/25 & 9/5/03	490.00
Eric Shafer - 3 half days 8/21, 9/2 & 9/10/03 & 1 full day 9/11/03	<u>245.00</u>
	\$2,385.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 76.32
Monte Bordner	77.76
John Dobberteen	89.64
Gerald Loudenslager	51.48
David Pueschel	105.12
Eric Shafer	<u>17.28</u>
	\$ 417.60

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

Financial Statements

	Revenues	Expenditures
August	\$ 781,729.00	\$ 956,653.00
Year to Date	7,821,525.00	7,887,486.00

Period Fund Balance (\$174,924)

Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	66.67%
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	63.99%
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	64.53%

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

2003/2004 SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGETS  
Fiscal Year October 1, 2003 through September 30, 2004

	2000/2001 ACTUAL YTD	2001/2002 ACTUAL YTD	2002/2003 BUDGET	2003/2004 REQUEST	VARIANCE INCREASE (DECREASE)	PERCENTAGE INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>Victims Rights Advocates Fund (Fund #260)</b>						
Operating Revenues	\$49,557	\$49,816	\$56,915	\$54,108	-\$2,807	-0.0493
Payroll Expenditures	\$38,250	\$48,896	\$53,415	\$48,833	-\$4,582	-0.0858
Operating Expenditures	<u>1,585</u>	<u>5,600</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>5,275</u>	<u>1,775</u>	0.5071
Total Expenditures	\$39,835	\$54,496	\$56,915	\$54,108	-\$2,807	-0.0493
<b>Community Corrections Advisory Board (Fund #261)</b>						
Operating Revenues	\$95,968	\$92,174	\$104,100	\$104,100	\$0	0.00%
Comm. Corrections	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>500</u>	5.00%
Total Revenues	\$95,968	\$92,174	\$114,100	\$114,600	\$500	0.44%
Payroll Expenditures	\$17,565	\$17,467	\$27,955	\$36,500	\$8,545	30.57%
Operating Expenditures	<u>78,826</u>	<u>74,716</u>	<u>86,145</u>	<u>78,100</u>	<u>-8,045</u>	-9.34%
Total Expenditures	\$96,391	\$92,183	\$114,100	\$114,600	\$500	0.44%
<b>Secondary Road Patrol (Fund #267)</b>						
Operating Revenues	\$108,135	\$99,209	\$95,319	\$95,319	\$0	0.00%
CO. APPROP.	<u>10,867</u>	<u>22,069</u>	<u>22,586</u>	<u>30,610</u>	<u>8,024</u>	35.53%
Total Revenues	\$119,002	\$121,278	\$117,905	\$125,929	\$8,024	6.81%
Payroll Expenditures	\$113,522	\$110,226	\$116,905	\$124,929	\$8,024	6.86%
Operating Expenditures	<u>1,000</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	0.00%
Total Expenditures	\$114,522	\$110,976	\$117,905	\$125,929	\$8,024	6.81%

	2000/2001	2001/2002	VARIANCE	PERCENTAGE
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	ACTUAL YTD	ACTUAL YTD	2002/2003 BUDGET	2003/2004 REQUEST	INCREASE (DECREASE)	INCREASE (DECREASE)
Commission on Aging (Fund #273)						
Operating Revenues	\$1,112,673	\$1,163,042	\$1,180,405	\$1,171,164	-\$6,241	-0.53%
Payroll Expenditures	\$744,006	\$788,688	\$717,369	\$717,679	\$310	0.04%
Operating Expenditures	334,986	333,657	423,896	423,097	-799	-0.19%
Capital Expenditures	<u>19,871</u>	<u>35,272</u>	<u>39,140</u>	<u>33,388</u>	<u>-5,752</u>	-14.70%
Total Expenditures	\$1,098,863	\$1,157,617	\$1,180,405	\$1,174,164	-\$6,241	-0.53%

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the Special Revenue budgets be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Budgets adopted.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen stated that he thinks that it is sad that the Board had to pass the resolution regarding Judge Noecker and the Judicial Tenure Commission defense fees.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Pueschel stated that he would like to go on record as supporting the Glen Oaks Community College millage.

Commissioner Bordner concurred with Commissioner Pueschel that the passage of this mileage is critical.

Commissioner Bordner encouraged everyone to attend the fair this week. He stated that there are some tremendously talented kids in the County and volunteers as well.

The Clerk reminded everyone of the work session scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rebecca Shank, President of the Fabius Township Citizens Coalition, thanked Brenda Babcock, employee at the Land Resource Centre for her assistance in getting the legislation passed regarding homestead exemptions. She urged the Commissioners to study information regarding the Michigan Land/Michigan Future Land Use Task Force. It is very important to the citizens of this State.

#### ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 7, 2003 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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John L. Dobberteen, Chairman