

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 October 4, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Monte Bordner called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Pueschel.

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

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the minutes for September 20, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Update, September 23, 2005.
2. Letter from the Board of Directors of the St. Joseph County Conservation District, Re: Thank you for the additional appropriation.
3. Letter from United States Senator Debbie Stabenow, Re: Homeland security funding bill.
4. Invitation from Abiel Fellows Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, Re: 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration on November 5, 2005.
5. Resolution from Antrim County, Re: Eminent Domain.
6. Resolution from Lenawee County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
7. Resolution from Crawford County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
8. Resolution from Shiawassee County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
9. Minutes of the Community Mental Health Services Board meeting of August 30, 2005.
10. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of August 17, 2005.
11. Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy's Newsletter – Autumn 2005.

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

#### ADDRESS ORDINANCE

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Address Ordinance be removed from the table. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Address Ordinance go back to a work session. Motion carried.

BRANCH-HILLSDALE-ST. JOSEPH COUNTY HEALTH PLAN

Duke Anderson, District Health Director, was present to explain a County Health Plan that will be available for each County in the District.

Commissioner Bippus was present at this time.

He has been working with Representative Caswell and Representative Shafer to develop this plan. There are federal funds available through the State for health departments. The Counties' funds will be diverted from the District Health Department to the State and for every \$1.00 that we send to them we will receive \$2.31 back from the Federal government.

This will provide benefits for the very low income people who make less than \$281 per month. There are 320 such families identified in this County. These monies will provide payment for office calls, specialty office calls, limited prescriptions, outpatient laboratory work and some dental.

Mr. Anderson stated that \$300,000 has already been received this year. Part of the process is to have the County Treasurer send the money to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Baker that the County Treasurer be authorized to send \$50,375 to the Department of Community Health in Lansing either by check or electronic transfer.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast:       7 -       Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast:       0

Motion carried.

Commissioner Dobberteen told Mr. Anderson that he was worth his weight in gold. He looks out for not only Branch County but St. Joseph and Hillsdale too. He would like a letter of thanks sent to Representatives Caswell and his staff for all their work.

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that Mr. Anderson was worth twice his weight in gold.

Mr. Anderson thanked the Board and stated that this is an incredible program and he had good legal counsel in Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone.

Chairman Bordner thanked Mr. Anderson and stated what a positive impact that this would have in the Human Services arena, it is a huge step for those in need.

Mr. Anderson commented on how working together works.

SHORT TERM TAX BOND BIDS – 2005 LEVY

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for Short Term Tax Bond Bids – 2005 Levy. Bids are due November 14, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. and will be opened at the regular meeting of the Board on November 15, 2005. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Probate Judge would like the hours of the Juvenile Day Treatment Center position increased from 1720 hours per year to 2080 hours per year to accommodate a summer program among other things.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Employment Agreement with Lori Milliman employed at the Juvenile Day Treatment Center be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 7 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Motion carried.

#### NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

##### Workforce Development Board

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that Diana DeGraaf, David Allen and Bernie Stankewicz be appointed to the Workforce Development Board for terms to expire December 31, 2007 and Richard Anderson be appointed to the Workforce Development Board for a term to expire December 31, 2006. Motion carried.

##### Economic Development Corporation

Commissioner Shafer nominated Michael Hughes to the Economic Development Corporation.

##### Election Board of Canvassers

Ballots were distributed for the Election Board of Canvassers with the following results:

##### Republicans

Beverly J. Burnham	6 votes
Amy Trudell	0 votes
David Welton	1 vote

##### Democrats

Ron Clarren	6 votes
Marjorie Oxender Schroeder	0 votes
Jack Brooks	1 vote

Beverly J. Burnham and Ron Clarren were declared elected to the Board of Canvassers for 4 year terms expiring November 1, 2009.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Law Enforcement

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

##### Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the Judiciary Committee would meet on October 12, 2005.

##### Physical Resources

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

##### Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker reported on the Executive Committee Meeting held on September 29, 2005:

- discussed the Level IV certification of Judy Nelson.
- discussed the request for a color printer for LRC.
- discussed the employment contract for Lori Milliman.
- AFSCME contracts will go to mediation on October 31st.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Corey Smith, part-time Corrections Officer, has resigned effective September 16, 2005.

Camilla Chrisman, part-time Telecommunicator, has resigned effective October 3, 2005.

NEW HIRE:

Brad K. Ballard has been hired as part-time Corrections Officer at \$14.35/hr. and part-time Transport at \$12.60/hr. effective October 4, 2005.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Rondi Beckwith will change from full-time Deputy Register of Deeds to part-time Data Entry/Imaging Clerk at \$11.88/hr. (Soltysiak system, grade 3, step 5) effective October 3, 2005.

Dee Frye will change from part-time Data Entry/Imaging Clerk to full-time Deputy Data Entry at \$9.97/hr. (Soltysiak system, grade 3, minimum) effective October 3, 2005.

Virginia Trattles will change from Deputy Data Entry to Deputy Register of Deeds at \$12.01/hr. (Soltysiak system, grade 4, step 3) effective October 3, 2005.

Gary LeTourneau, Deputy Central Dispatch Director, is on medical leave commencing September 26, 2005 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

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

REQUISITION

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

One HP Color Laser Jet Printer 4650HDN for Equalization \$ 4,105.18

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT:

DECREASE EQUALIZATION'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-225-706.140 (Wages – Supervisor) \$ 4,110.00

INCREASE:

Line item 101-225-984.000 (Computer Hardware) \$ 4,110.00

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the budget adjustment be approved.

BILLS

Mr. Carey presented the following bills for payment:

<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Reimbursed Taxes	\$ 6,023.41	\$
Appropriations	36,042.91	
County Commission	336.00	3,478.02
Circuit Court	54,434.15	24,537.48
District Court	11,975.29	65,991.26
Friend of the Court	4,451.61	35,484.97
Jury Commission	61.34	
Probate Court	8,554.74	18,069.76
Juvenile Branch	19,980.05	38,963.77
Appeals Court	647.21	54.20
Administration		9,753.38
Finance Department	1,095.08	11,703.26
County Clerk	200.24	22,597.35
Equalization Department	570.03	10,920.76
Human Resources	75.00	6,777.00
Geographic Information Systems		6,945.69
Prosecutor's Office	2,450.50	39,328.48
Central Services	6,756.80	5,445.64
Register of Deeds		12,468.94
County Treasurer		13,524.30
Cooperative Extension	976.72	9,205.03
Information Technology	724.94	10,881.20
Buildings & Grounds	4,172.67	14,720.87
Courts Building Security		4,931.80
Drain Commission		5,100.71
Sheriff Department	4,154.58	87,952.95
Sheriff Reserves	35.00	
Marine Patrol	98.69	92.69
Jail & Turnkey	16,339.76	96,100.53
Emergency Services	1,020.55	4,751.18
Livestock Claims	303.94	
Animal Control	63.19	8,723.60
Board of Public Works	250.00	569.79
Child Care - Probate	6,109.95	526.75
Veterans' Services		491.32
Utilities & General Services	<u>18,856.63</u>	<u>                    </u>
Total	\$260,760.98	\$570,092.68
<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
County Road Commission	\$ 477,389.91	\$
Parks & Recreation	1,065.51	8,380.91
Emergency 911 Service	8,050.40	51,035.31
Central Dispatch - Wireless	550.00	5,017.71
Meyer Broadway/Coon Hollow Park	1,178.23	2,049.58
Friend of the Court	315.00	1,400.83

<u>OTHER FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>PAYROLL</u>
Family Counseling	\$ 90.00	\$
Cade Lake County Park	1,494.29	3,277.69
Waste Management Fund		
County Commission	6,288.56	
Resource Recovery Program		1,529.23
Traffic Safety Program Fund	16,652.09	
Economic Development Fund	144.00	8,244.94
Register of Deeds Automation Fund		993.35
Victims' Rights Advocate Fund		3,182.81
Community Corrections Advisory Board	3,560.00	2,821.99
Community Corrections Program	1,638.95	312.19
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	520.57	
Law Enforcement Fund	90.98	19,892.48
Secondary Road Patrol		9,407.85
Homeland Security Grant Fund	116,802.00	
Law Library	1,219.25	
Principal Residence Denial Fund	72.50	968.10
Commission on Aging	84,643.94	44,247.20
Community Development Block Grant	10,378.52	
Department of Human Services	86,965.80	
Child Care - Probate Court	23,911.28	3,047.43
Child Care - Department of Human Services	28,513.82	
Tax Payment Fund	124,608.40	
Inmate Store	1,490.57	
Three Rivers Community Center	1,905.88	521.16
Long Lake Level Revolving Fund	21.20	
Flexible Benefits Insurance Fund	<u>136,278.49</u>	_____
Total	\$1,135,840.14	\$166,330.76
Grand Total	\$1,342,601.12	\$736,423.44
General Fund Operating Expenditures		
Pre-Authorized	\$184,662.67	
Accounts Payable	<u>22,098.01</u>	
	\$ 206,760.68	
General Fund Payroll Expenditures	\$ 570,092.38	
Other Funds Operating Expenditures		
Pre-authorized	\$1,126,408.28	
Accounts Payable	<u>9,431.86</u>	
	\$ 1,135,840.14	
Other Funds Payroll Expenditures	\$ <u>166,330.76</u>	
Total Recorded for the Month	\$ 2,079,023.96	

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner stated that the fair was a successful venture for the Bordner family.

He again praised Duke Anderson and his staff for the institution of the County Health Plan.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Rebecca Shank, 12302 Corey Lake Road, Three Rivers stated that the Abiel Fellows Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will be celebrating their establishment 100 years ago next month.

The DAR was formed as people had a desire to record and to honor our nation's history.

They have invited the Board to a party celebrating their 100 years on November 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Carnegie Center for the Arts in Three Rivers.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 18, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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Monte Bordner, Chairman