

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 17, 2011 at 5:00 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 Deputy County Clerk, Ladena M. Wyckoff, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

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

Absent: Robin Baker

Also present were Judy West-Wing, Administrator/Controller, Joni Smith, Finance Director, and Elishia Arver, Human Resources.

#### AGENDA

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

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Balog that the minutes for October 4, 2011 be approved. Motion carried. Commissioner Loudenslager abstained due to absence.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Update, October 7, 2011.
2. Letter from the Village of Centreville, Re: Notice of public hearing on November 7 concerning an update to the Downtown Development Authority Development and Tax Increment Financing Plan.
3. Letter from the Village of Centreville, Re Notice of public hearing on November 7 to consider a resolution establishing a Commercial Tax Abatement District.
4. Resolution from Van Buren County, Re: Loss of Personal Property Tax Revenue.
5. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of September 26, 2011.
6. Minutes of the Commission on Aging Board meeting of September 14, 2011.
7. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meeting of August 23, 2011.

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

#### EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Chairman Shaffer stated that it is a privilege to recognize the contributions and tenure that the employees have made on behalf of the county. He stated that Commissioner Dobberteen would be calling the names and asked that each employee come forward to receive their pin.

Commissioner Dobberteen read the following names (\*denotes presence) and Chairman Shaffer handed the employees their pins:

<u>10 Years:</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
*Deanna Mumby, Extension Program Aide	01/09/01
*Linda Towles, Extension Program Aide	01/09/01
T. J. Harrington, Corrections Officer	05/16/01

Jeremy Tyler, Corrections Officer	06/05/01
Sally Hippen, Deputy District Court Clerk	12/17/01

15 Years:

*Anita Buscher, Judicial Secretary	01/02/96
*Marty Chiddister, Payroll Clerk	01/24/96
*Mark Lillywhite, Undersheriff	02/20/96
Andrew Stienbarger, Corrections Officer	05/28/96
*Kathy Kline, Deputy Circuit Court Clerk	06/18/96
Dave Cover, Computer Programmer	07/30/96
Susan Dentler, FOC Enforcement Clerk	09/30/96
Ramona Metzger, Telecommunicator	10/28/96
*Joan Skinner, Deputy County Clerk	10/29/96
Sheila Clancy, FOC Caseworker	11/06/96

20 Years:

*William Welty, District Court Judge	01/01/91
*Lori Rumsey, Judicial Secretary	01/02/91
*Charles Herman, Chief Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	04/23/91
*Bonnie Walter, Deputy Probate Register	10/08/91

25 Years:

Pamela Armstrong, FOC Enforcement Clerk	02/26/86
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Pam retired on 7/19/11

30 Years:

Brenda Babcock, Deputy Equalization Director	01/13/81
Jeanette Jackson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	02/09/81
*Jeffrey Middleton, District Court Judge	05/11/81

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Tim Carls, 63044 Klinger Lake Road, stated that everyone thinks that the Trine issue is over but he saw a communication from Representative Lori and wanted to thank him for that communication. Representative Lori spoke with the Attorney General and gave some extra information. What concerns him is that with all the discussion that has gone on it looks like the money was borrowed out of the general fund to create the Delinquent Tax Fund. He asked the board whether or not that money was ever paid back to the general fund. If it was paid back and now that we are headed back into the budget time, instead of handing out pay raises to all the employees maybe the taxpayers should be given the 2% that would normally go to the employees and then we would all be even.

John McDonough, St. Joseph County Prosecutor, and Mike Scott, Retired Detective from Michigan State Police, were there to present the Mike Scott Award. Three years ago his office started giving out an award to a police officer who had gone above and beyond the call of duty. This award was named after Mike Scott for his many years of service to St. Joseph County and to the State of Michigan. This year the Prosecuting Attorney's office voted and T.J. Baker from the Three Rivers Police Department was chosen to receive the award. Mr. McDonough stated that Mr. Baker was on loan to the St. Joseph County Area Narcotic's Team from the Three Rivers Police Department. He really spearheaded the fight against methamphetamine. He came up with new and innovative ideas to crack down on meth. Mr. McDonough stated that he will be sorely missed. Three Rivers is very lucky to have him and thanked Mr. Baker for his work. Chairman Shaffer thanked Mr. Baker for his service as well as Mr. McDonough and Mr. Scott.

Dan Lucas, Constantine, stated that he wanted to talk about the Economic Development Corporation. He urged the board to move cautiously when signing agreements with Southwest Michigan First. When the Board signs contracts they should move cautiously. He stated that the Board needs to ask what kind of guarantees we are getting and no one seems to be able to answer that, that is why he thinks that the equal value clause comes into play as far as contracts go. We need to look at that because now we are looking at \$375,000 for the first year and then another \$300,000 the next year so we have \$675,000 invested over a 2 year period even though we can opt out after 2 years we still have no guarantees. The board needs to move slowly and take their time.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

John McDonough, Prosecuting Attorney, gave an overview of the Annual Report for 2010. Mr. McDonough apologized for the lateness of his report. He stated that the staff did not change; there were a few more felony convictions in 2010 than 2009. There were about 1100 warrant requests for felonies. District Court had about 1200 warrant requests. In 2010 the Springers were tried which took the majority of their trial budget. There were 100 more controlled substance charges from last year which is directly related to the increase in methamphetamine. The area narcotics team is to be commended for their fight in trying to control methamphetamine. Mr. McDonough further stated that it has been a privilege to be the Prosecutor and that he has a great staff. They work hard on the day to day issues and he is fortunate to have two of his staff with a combined total of 50 years of service. He added that he also has a rewarding side to his job which is speaking to school children and senior citizens. He stated that he is honored to serve as Prosecutor.

Commissioner Balog thanked Mr. McDonough for the very detailed report and for the great job he is doing especially with the two high profile cases that he has had and been successful.

Commissioner Loudenslager echoed Commissioner Balog's comments and asked if anything was happening either at the state or federal level about cost for cleaning up meth?

Mr. McDonough responded by stating that Undersheriff Lillywhite has been working with Kalamazoo City and their container program. This should be in place very soon. This will be tremendously cost effective. In 2010 approximately a quarter of a million dollars was spent for clean up, but no County funds were expended. Mr. McDonough stated that it will not cost anywhere near that in the future. Judge Middleton's Sobriety Court will also help. This will have a methamphetamine component.

Chairman Shaffer echoed his appreciation to both Mr. McDonough and his staff. He also thanked Mr. McDonough for being the keynote speaker for Domestic Violence Awareness and for getting the awareness out into the community.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Prosecuting Attorney's Annual Report for 2010 be accepted. Motion carried.

2011 APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, presented the 2011 Apportionment Report. She reported that mostly they are identical to last year. The report is done in two parts because the board certifies to the millage rates and the special assessments for the drains. These reports were filed in the County Clerk's Office by the last Wednesday in September. Mrs. Nelson pointed out that the cover shows pictures that were taken at the Treasurers' Meetings which have proven to be an excellent tool. Every Treasurer is invited and they are productive. The meetings are very well attended by both Treasurers and Assessors. She asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Shaffer asked how long they have been doing these meetings.

Mrs. Nelson responded by saying they have been meeting for seven years.

UNIT	STATE	TAXABLE	MILLAGES	EXTRA VOTED		DOLLARS OF
	EQUALIZED			ALLOCATED	DEBT	
	VALUE	VALUE		OPERATING		TAXES LEVIED
St. Joseph County	\$2,447,661,197	\$1,886,113,996	4.5482			\$8,578,423.68
E-911	\$2,447,661,197	\$1,886,113,996		0.7500		\$1,414,585.50
Comm. on Aging	\$2,447,661,197	\$1,886,113,996		0.7500		\$1,414,585.50
Road						
Maintenance	\$2,447,661,197	\$1,886,113,996		0.9932		\$1,873,288.42
Transportation						
Auth.	\$2,447,661,197	\$1,886,113,996		0.3300		\$622,417.62
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,447,661,197	\$1,886,113,996	4.5482	2.8232		\$13,903,300.72
Sturgis District Lib.	\$544,094,850	\$465,309,462	1.1000			\$511,840.41
Fawn River, Sturgis, Sherman Townships, Sturgis City						
GRAND TOTAL	\$544,094,850	\$465,309,462	1.1000			\$511,840.41

UNIT	STATE EQUALIZED VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	ALLOCATED	MILLAGES OPERATING	EXTRA DEBT	VOTED PURPOSE	DOLLARS OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED
Health Authority	\$882,970,340	\$698,032,125	0.4000				\$279,212.85
Three Rivers City, Constantine, Fabius, Lockport, Park Townships							
GRAND TOTAL	\$882,970,340	\$698,032,125	0.4000				\$279,212.85
<b>TOWNSHIPS</b>							
Burr Oak	\$89,817,400	\$56,735,356	0.9218				\$52,298.65
Colon	\$135,665,100	\$91,926,152	0.8947	1.6428	1.6447	Fire/Amb/ Lib. Debt	\$384,453.55
Constantine	\$147,885,340	\$114,604,370	0.5000	0.9452		Library	\$165,626.24
Fabius	\$233,878,300	\$157,742,563	0.0000				\$0.00
Fawn River	\$49,861,000	\$33,724,843	0.0000				\$0.00
Florence	\$65,905,200	\$37,664,757	0.9229				\$34,760.80
Flowerfield	\$78,573,307	\$50,053,753	0.9170				\$45,899.29
Leonidas	\$62,641,300	\$32,400,418	0.9194	1.6966		Fire/Amb.	\$84,759.49
Lockport	\$125,003,100	\$102,174,596	0.8894	0.6000		Fire Oper.	\$152,178.84
Mendon	\$110,753,300	\$76,491,814	0.9726	2.6580		Lib/Fire/Amb	\$277,711.18
Mottville	\$73,396,400	\$59,104,444	0.9401				\$55,564.09
Nottawa	\$160,763,500	\$115,943,924	0.8643	1.6351	0.1725	Library/Amb.	\$309,790.57
Park	\$154,114,800	\$113,135,336	0.9587	0.63572		Fire Oper.	\$180,385.24
Sherman	\$154,852,900	\$118,390,967	0.5000				\$59,195.48
Sturgis	\$66,815,300	\$51,363,151	0.0000				\$0.00
White Pigeon	\$243,080,500	\$202,451,791	0.9082	0.9447		Library	\$375,122.92
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,953,006,747	\$1,413,908,235					\$2,177,746.34
<b>CITIES</b>							
Sturgis	\$272,565,650	\$261,830,501	10.0285	0.0000	0.0000		\$2,625,767.18
Three Rivers	\$222,088,800	\$210,375,260	11.4253	7.7309	0.0000	Lib/SW/Amb.	\$4,029,990.56
Three Rivers DDA*		\$12,751,785		1.0000	0.0000		\$12,751.79
*DDA Values are a part of the unit SEV/taxable and are not therefore part of the grand totals for SEV/taxable							
GRAND TOTAL	\$494,654,450	\$472,205,761					\$6,668,509.53
<b>VILLAGES</b>							
Burr Oak	\$9,767,500	\$8,858,272	11.2589	3.5582		Mun.Hwy.	\$131,253.90
Centreville	\$24,609,500	\$21,426,868	12.2461				\$262,395.57
Colon	\$30,939,300	\$26,084,392	11.0209	3.18180		Fire/Amb.	\$370,468.79
Constantine	\$58,349,740	\$51,101,910	10.7500		5.3000	Sewer/Water	\$820,185.66
Mendon	\$26,923,200	\$25,392,025	9.1643				\$232,700.13
White Pigeon	\$33,407,500	\$29,615,410	9.8737				\$292,413.67
TOTAL VILLAGES	\$183,996,740	\$162,478,877					\$2,109,417.72
GRAND TOTAL LEVY - ALL LOCAL UNITS							\$11,746,726.85

UNIT	TAXABLE LESS MBT INDUSTRIAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NON-PRE TAXABLE*	MILLAGES							
			0 MILLS MBT IND. PERS. TAXABLE	6 MILLS MBT COMM. PERS. TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	ST OP MLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DBT MLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	
<b>ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS</b>										
Leonidas	\$263,083	\$6,100	\$0	\$0	\$263,083	6	18.0000	4.45		\$2,859.02
TOTAL	\$263,083	\$6,100	\$0	\$0	\$263,083	6	18.0000	4.45		\$2,859.02
<b>MARCELLUS SCHOOLS</b>										
Flwfd.	\$5,426,135	\$944,179	\$0	\$111,662	\$5,426,135	6	17.9010	6.35		\$84,573.43
TOTAL	\$5,426,135	\$944,179	\$0	\$111,662	\$5,426,135	6	17.9010	6.35		\$84,573.43

UNIT	TAXABLE		IND. PERS. TAXABLE	COMM. PERS. TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	ST OP MLS	MILLAGES		TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY
	LESS MBT INDUSTRIAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NON-PRE TAXABLE*					SCHOOL OP MILLS	DBT MLS	
<b>VICKSBURG SCHOOLS</b>									
Leonidas	\$1,029,823	\$159,976	\$0	\$0	\$1,029,823	6	18.0000	4.57	\$13,764.80
Mendon	\$4,622,232	\$1,685,610	\$0	\$80,500	\$4,622,232	6	18.0000	4.57	\$79,680.97
Park	\$7,024,272	\$567,127	\$0	\$0	\$7,024,272	6	18.0000	4.57	\$84,454.84
Park 39168 Vicksburg Operating/Mendon Debt	\$83,495	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$83,495	6	18.0000	0.00	\$500.97
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,759,822</b>	<b>\$2,412,713</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$80,500</b>	<b>\$12,759,822</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18.0000</b>	<b>4.57</b>	<b>178,401.58</b>
<b>BRONSON SCHOOLS</b>									
Burr Oak	\$55,160	\$4,140	\$0	\$0	\$55,160	6	17.7264	0.00	\$404.35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,160</b>	<b>\$4,140</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$55,160</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17.7264</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$404.35</b>
<b>NOTTAWA SCHOOLS</b>									
Burr Oak	\$403,744	\$17,328	\$0	\$0	\$403,744	6	18.0000	0.00	\$2,734.37
Colon	\$1,940,107	\$270,657	\$0	\$0	\$1,940,107	6	18.0000	0.00	\$16,512.47
Nottawa	\$46,343,083	\$16,249,772	\$0	\$143,900	\$46,343,083	6	18.0000	0.00	\$571,417.79
Sherman	\$7,978,884	\$3,565,387	\$0	\$63,400	\$7,978,884	6	18.0000	0.00	\$112,430.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$56,665,818</b>	<b>\$20,103,144</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$207,300</b>	<b>\$56,665,818</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18.0000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$703,095.30</b>
<b>STURGIS SCHOOLS</b>									
Burr Oak	\$20,292,436	\$3,389,256	\$0	\$16,200	\$20,292,436	6	17.6301	8.37	\$351,446.44
F. River	\$33,724,843	\$5,796,458	\$0	\$151,900	\$33,724,843	6	17.6301	8.37	\$587,673.34
Sherman	\$57,699,927	\$12,906,447	\$46,200	\$132,300	\$57,746,127	6	17.6301	8.37	\$1,057,434.76
Stg. Twp.	\$51,331,751	\$15,980,227	\$31,400	\$1,883,500	\$51,363,151	6	17.6301	8.37	\$1,029,974.56
Stg. City	\$210,932,901	\$112,540,357	\$50,897,600	\$9,198,600	\$261,830,501	6	17.6301	8.37	\$5,066,992.57
Rensse.	\$803,500	\$1,147,414							
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$373,981,858</b>	<b>\$150,612,745</b>	<b>\$50,975,200</b>	<b>\$11,382,500</b>	<b>\$424,957,058</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17.6301</b>	<b>8.37</b>	<b>\$8,093,521.67</b>
<b>BURR OAK SCHOOLS</b>									
Burr Oak	\$31,895,206	\$7,543,882	\$352,300	\$78,800	\$32,247,506	6	18.0000	0.00	\$327,633.91
Colon	\$2,245,261	\$939,153	\$0	\$23,400	\$2,245,261	6	18.0000	0.00	\$30,516.72
Sherman	\$3,600	\$3,600		\$0	\$3,600	6	18.0000	0.00	\$86.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$34,144,067</b>	<b>\$8,486,635</b>	<b>\$352,300</b>	<b>\$102,200</b>	<b>\$34,496,367</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18.0000</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$358,237.03</b>
<b>CENTREVILLE SCHOOLS</b>									
Florence	\$15,720,303	\$1,640,766	\$0	\$36,000	\$15,720,303	6	18.0000	3.95	\$186,166.80
Lockport	\$24,435,180	\$4,651,122	\$127,200	\$47,100	\$24,562,380	6	18.0000	3.95	\$327,132.84
Nottawa	\$55,317,269	\$16,515,076	\$158,400	\$1,282,500	\$55,475,669	6	18.0000	3.95	\$855,373.19
Sherman	\$52,525,956	\$15,313,137	\$0	\$45,600	\$52,525,956	6	18.0000	3.95	\$798,543.33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$147,998,708</b>	<b>\$38,120,101</b>	<b>\$285,600</b>	<b>\$1,411,200</b>	<b>\$148,284,308</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18.0000</b>	<b>3.95</b>	<b>\$2,167,216.16</b>
<b>COLON SCHOOLS</b>									
Burr Oak	\$3,736,510	\$663,993	\$0	\$0	\$3,736,510	6	18.0000	5.60	\$55,295.39
Colon	\$86,322,500	\$33,309,765	\$1,042,700	\$1,087,000	\$87,365,200	6	18.0000	5.60	\$1,607,438.77
Leonidas	\$29,466,948	\$5,276,894	\$0	\$125,400	\$29,466,948	6	18.0000	5.60	\$437,553.09
Nottawa	\$3,130,027	\$515,153	\$0	\$40,200	\$3,130,027	6	18.0000	5.60	\$45,822.27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$122,655,985</b>	<b>\$39,765,805</b>	<b>\$1,042,700</b>	<b>\$1,252,600</b>	<b>\$123,698,685</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18.0000</b>	<b>5.60</b>	<b>\$2,146,109.52</b>
<b>CONSTANTINE SCHOOLS</b>									
Const.	\$96,317,559	\$40,389,935	\$13,780,100	\$1,582,600	\$110,097,659	6	16.6753	6.80	\$1,913,778.17
Fabius	\$250,111	\$130,282	\$0	\$0	\$250,111	6	16.6753	6.80	\$5,373.91
Florence	\$11,809,800	\$1,540,125	\$0	\$289,700	\$11,809,800	6	16.6753	6.80	\$178,201.92
Mottville	\$10,574,564	\$1,882,038	\$0	\$150,900	\$10,574,564	6	16.6753	6.80	\$167,443.47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$118,952,034</b>	<b>\$43,942,380</b>	<b>\$13,780,100</b>	<b>\$2,023,200</b>	<b>\$132,732,134</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>16.6753</b>	<b>6.80</b>	<b>\$2,264,797.47</b>

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							LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DBT MLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY
MENDON COM. SCHOOLS									
Colon	\$375,584	\$100	\$0	\$0	\$375,584	6	18.0000	7.00	\$4,884.39
Leonidas	\$1,640,564	\$51,075	\$0	\$5,400	\$1,640,564	6	18.0000	7.00	\$22,279.08
Lockport	\$1,080,224	\$127,154	\$0	\$0	\$1,080,224	6	18.0000	7.00	\$16,331.68
Mendon	\$62,280,382	\$20,172,191	\$9,589,200	\$465,100	\$71,869,582	6	18.0000	7.00	\$1,175,535.00
Nottawa	\$10,995,145	\$2,086,682	\$0	\$242,700	\$10,995,145	6	18.0000	7.00	\$181,953.36
Park	\$30,991,706	\$11,718,237	\$3,052,800	\$136,100	\$34,044,506	6	18.0000	7.00	\$614,637.04
Park	\$83,495	\$0				0	0.0000	7.00	\$584.47
39168	Vicksburg Operating/Mendon Debt								
TOTAL	\$107,363,605	\$34,155,439	\$12,642,000	\$849,300	\$120,005,605	6	18.0000	7.00	\$2,016,205.02

WHITE PIGEON SCHOOLS									
Const.	\$859,649	\$354,524	\$0	\$0	\$859,649	6	18.0000	3.00	\$14,118.27
Florence	\$5,865,813	\$883,591	\$0	\$25,000	\$5,865,813	6	18.0000	3.00	\$68,846.96
Mottville	\$43,362,280	\$19,177,195	\$5,167,600	\$2,330,500	\$48,529,880	6	18.0000	3.00	\$749,433.03
Sherman W.	\$136,400	\$0	\$0		\$136,400	6	18.0000	3.00	\$1,227.60
Pigeon	\$198,201,591	\$113,379,737	\$4,250,200	\$1,272,800	\$202,451,791	6	18.0000	3.00	\$3,832,286.39
TOTAL	\$248,425,733	\$133,795,047	\$9,417,800	\$3,628,300	\$257,843,533	6	18.0000	3.00	\$4,665,912.25

THREE RIVERS SCHOOLS									
Const.	\$3,647,062	\$389,682	\$0	\$0	\$3,647,062	6	17.7242	6.40	\$52,130.37
Fabius	\$156,834,452	\$63,108,622	\$329,00	\$1,653,900	\$157,492,452	6	17.7242	6.40	\$3,072,764.30
Florence	\$4,268,841	\$974,472	\$0	\$500	\$4,268,841	6	17.7242	6.40	\$70,208.23
Flwfd.	\$44,585,886	\$9,245,406	\$41,732	\$515,608	\$44,627,618	6	17.7242	6.40	\$719,683.85
Lockport	\$76,531,992	\$17,655,730	\$0	\$927,000	\$76,531,992	6	17.7242	6.40	\$1,267,236.72
Park	\$69,914,963	\$25,110,162	\$2,068,100	\$618,300	\$71,983,063	6	17.7242	6.40	\$1,315,542.35
T. Rivers	\$161,170,960	\$101,134,242	\$49,204,300	\$11,626,500	\$210,375,260	6	17.7242	6.40	\$3,857,595.85
TOTAL	\$516,954,156	\$217,618,316	\$51,643,132	\$15,341,808	\$568,926,288	6	17.7242	6.40	\$10,355,161.67

SCHOOLS GRAND TOTAL									
	\$1,745,646,164	\$689,966,744	\$140,138,832	\$36,390,570	\$1,886,058,836				33,036,494.47

>Cities of Three Rivers and Sturgis for Three Rivers School and Sturgis School only, levy 50% summer and 50% winter millage rates, report indicates the total authorized.

\* Homestead/non-homestead taxable values are as reported on or before May 5, 2010

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	MILLAGES			
			ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
BRANCH CO. INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$55,160	0.1716	\$9.47	8.0345	\$443.18	\$452.65
Bronson School District						
GRAND TOTAL	\$55,160	0.1716	\$9.47	8.0345	\$443.18	\$452.65
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$56,680,196	0.2283	\$12,940.09	2.4554	\$139,172.55	\$152,112.64
Colon	\$91,926,152	0.2283	\$20,986.74	2.4554	\$225,715.47	\$246,702.21
Constantine	\$114,604,370	0.2283	\$26,164.18	2.4554	\$281,399.57	\$307,563.75
Fabius	\$157,742,563	0.2283	\$36,012.63	2.4554	\$387,321.09	\$423,333.72
Fawn River	\$33,724,843	0.2283	\$7,699.38	2.4554	\$82,807.98	\$90,507.36
Florence	\$37,664,757	0.2283	\$8,598.86	2.4554	\$92,482.04	\$101,080.90
Flowerfield	\$44,627,618	0.2283	\$10,188.49	2.4554	\$109,578.65	\$119,767.14
Leonidas	\$31,107,512	0.2283	\$7,101.84	2.4554	\$76,381.38	\$83,483.22

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	MILLAGES				
		ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
Lockport	\$102,174,596	0.2283	\$23,326.46	2.4554	\$250,879.50	\$274,205.96
Mendon	\$71,869,582	0.2283	\$16,407.83	2.4554	\$176,468.57	\$192,876.40
Mottville	\$59,104,444	0.2283	\$13,493.54	2.4554	\$145,125.05	\$158,618.59
Nottawa	\$115,943,924	0.2283	\$26,470.00	2.4554	\$284,688.71	\$311,158.71
Park	\$106,027,569	0.2283	\$24,206.09	2.4554	\$260,340.09	\$284,546.18
exc. Debt 39168						
Sherman	\$118,390,967	0.2283	\$27,028.66	2.4554	\$290,697.18	\$317,725.84
Sturgis	\$51,363,151	0.2283	\$11,726.21	2.4554	\$126,117.08	\$137,843.29
White Pigeon	\$202,451,791	0.2283	\$46,219.74	2.4554	\$497,100.13	\$543,319.87
Sturgis City	\$261,830,501	0.2283	\$59,775.90	2.4554	\$642,898.61	\$702,674.51
Three Rivers	\$210,375,260	0.2283	\$48,028.67	2.4554	\$516,555.41	\$564,584.08
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,867,609,796	0.2283	\$426,375.31	2.4554	\$4,585,729.06	\$5,012,104.37
LEWIS-CASS INTERMEDIATE						
Flowerfield	\$5,426,135	0.2026	\$1,099.33	2.0291	\$11,010.17	\$12,109.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,426,135	0.2026	\$1,099.33	2.0291	\$11,010.17	\$12,109.50
CALHOUN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$263,083	1.7057	\$448.74	4.5000	\$1,183.87	\$1,632.61
GRAND TOTAL	\$263,083	1.7057	\$448.74	4.5000	\$1,183.87	\$1,632.61
KRESA - Vicksburg School District						
Leonidas	\$1,029,823	0.3200	\$329.54	4.5416	\$4,677.04	\$5,006.58
Mendon	\$4,622,232	0.3200	\$1,479.11	4.5416	\$20,992.33	\$22,471.44
Park	\$7,107,767	0.3200	\$2,274.49	4.5416	\$32,280.63	\$34,555.12
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,759,822	0.3200	\$4,083.14	4.5416	\$57,950.00	\$62,033.14
GRAND TOTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS						
	\$1,886,113,996		\$432,015.99		\$4,656,316.28	\$5,088,332.27

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Burr Oak	\$56,680,196	2.7249	\$154,447.87	0.0000	\$0.00	\$154,447.87
Colon	\$91,926,152	2.7249	\$250,489.57	0.0000	\$0.00	\$250,489.57
Constantine	\$114,604,370	2.7249	\$312,285.45	0.0000	\$0.00	\$312,285.45
Fabius	\$157,742,563	2.7249	\$429,832.71	0.0000	\$0.00	\$429,832.71
Fawn River	\$33,724,843	2.7249	\$91,896.82	0.0000	\$0.00	\$91,896.82
Florence	\$37,664,757	2.7249	\$102,632.70	0.0000	\$0.00	\$102,632.70
Flowerfield	\$44,627,618	2.7249	\$121,605.80	0.0000	\$0.00	\$121,605.80
Leonidas	\$31,107,512	2.7249	\$84,764.86	0.0000	\$0.00	\$84,764.86
Lockport	\$102,174,596	2.7249	\$278,415.56	0.0000	\$0.00	\$278,415.56
Mendon	\$71,869,582	2.7249	\$195,837.42	0.0000	\$0.00	\$195,837.42
Mottville	\$59,104,444	2.7249	\$161,053.70	0.0000	\$0.00	\$161,053.70
Nottawa	\$115,943,924	2.7249	\$315,935.60	0.0000	\$0.00	\$315,935.60
Park	\$106,027,569	2.7249	\$288,914.52	0.0000	\$0.00	\$288,914.52
Sherman	\$118,390,967	2.7249	\$322,603.55	0.0000	\$0.00	\$322,603.55
Sturgis	\$51,363,151	2.7249	\$139,959.45	0.0000	\$0.00	\$139,959.45
White Pigeon	\$202,451,791	2.7249	\$551,660.89	0.0000	\$0.00	\$551,660.89
Sturgis City	\$261,830,501	2.7249	\$713,461.93	0.0000	\$0.00	\$713,461.93
Three Rivers	\$210,375,260	2.7249	\$573,251.55	0.0000	\$0.00	\$573,251.55
TOTAL	\$1,867,609,796	2.7249	\$5,089,049.95	0.0000	\$0.00	\$5,089,049.95

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Athens School District						
Leonidas	\$263,083	3.7106	\$976.20	0.0000	\$0.00	\$976.20
GRAND TOTAL	\$263,083	3.7106	\$976.20	0.0000	\$0.00	\$976.20
KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE - Vicksburg School District						
Leonidas	\$1,029,823	2.8135	\$2,897.41	0.0000	\$0.00	\$2,897.41
Mendon	\$4,622,232	2.8135	\$13,004.65	0.0000	\$0.00	\$13,004.65
Park	\$7,024,272	2.8135	\$19,762.79	0.0000	\$0.00	\$19,762.79
GRAND TOTAL	\$12,676,327	2.8135	\$35,664.85	0.0000	\$0.00	\$35,664.85
GRAND TOTAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES						
	\$1,880,549,206		\$5,125,691.00		\$0.00	\$5,125,691.00

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Ware that the 2011 Apportionment Report be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Balog, Ware, Eaton and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Baker

Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC HEARING ON 2012 BUDGET

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Balog that the Public Hearing on the 2012 budget be held on November 1, 2011 at 5:05 p.m. Motion carried.

#### RESOLUTION 18-2011 SUPPORTING EMPLOYEE FREEDOM TO WORK ACT

The following resolution was presented:

WHEREAS, we agree with President John F. Kennedy's executive order regarding federal employees, that all persons "should have the right, freely and without fear of penalty, to form, join or assist a labor organization," and of equal importance, "or to refrain from any such activity"; and

WHEREAS, to ensure individual freedom of choice, we believe that no person should be compelled, as a condition of employment, to: (1) refrain from voluntary membership or financial support of a labor organization, or (2) become or remain a member of a labor organization, or (3) pay any dues, fees, or assessments to a labor organization; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the freedom to choose regarding union membership or financial support is a civil right, and that job discrimination on the basis of union membership or non-membership or financial support or nonsupport should be prohibited by law; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a matter of individual freedom and civil rights, those states that have enacted laws prohibiting the threat of being discriminated against or fired based on union affiliation have experienced dramatically higher job creation and income growth, a benefit Michigan can no longer afford to do without; and

WHEREAS, over the last decade, Michigan suffered the biggest loss of jobs of any state in the nation, while the top five states for the creation of new private sector jobs over the same time were all states that protect employees' individual freedom of choice regarding union membership and financial support; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, two-thirds of the states which guarantee employees individual freedom to choose regarding union membership and support have higher per capita income than do the citizens of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, over the last half-century, eight of the top ten states with the highest average annual growth in income were such voluntary unionism states, which Michigan ranked 50<sup>th</sup> among the states; and

WHEREAS, when adjusted for taxes and the cost of living, families in voluntary unionism states have been found to have over \$2,000 more disposable income each year than in states such as Michigan, where employees face the threat of being discriminated against and fired if they choose not to join or financially support a labor organization; and

WHEREAS, we conclude that in addition to protecting our citizens' individual freedom and civil rights, passage of a state law guaranteeing voluntary unionism and prohibiting job discrimination based on union affiliation will also dramatically improve Michigan's ability to attract and create new jobs and thus stimulate our economy.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby calls on Governor Rick Snyder and the Legislature to propose and enact an Employee Freedom to Work Act that will safeguard our individual freedom and civil rights by guaranteeing that all persons in Michigan have the right, freely and without fear of penalty, to form, join or assist a labor organization, or to refrain from any such activity in order to acquire, keep or maintain employment. The Act should not create right to work zones only.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be distributed to Governor Rick Snyder, Senator Bruce Caswell, Representative Matt Lori, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Balog, Ware, Eaton and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1- Commissioner Baker

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2011  
RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIMMICK FAMILY'S CONTRIBUTION  
TO ST. JOSEPH COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Commissioner Loudenslager read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Charles Mahlon Dimmick and Isabella Coats had four children, Clyde, Lott, James and Lorena; and

WHEREAS, in 1951 Charles and Isabella's grandson, Robert Leroy Dimmick (son of Lott Dimmick) and his wife Rose Mayer Dimmick purchased a farm which the family owned until the 1980's and that farm is now part of Meyer Broadway Park; and

WHEREAS, Dave and John Dimmick (great-grandsons of Charles Dimmick) expressed an interest in installing a flagpole at Meyer Broadway Park to honor all military veterans and current service members; and

WHEREAS, Dimmick family members paid for all the expenses of installing a flag pole, the lighting to illuminate the flags and the provision of flags.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners recognizes all of the Dimmick family members for their generous contribution as this flag pole will be enjoyed by citizens and visitors of Meyer Broadway Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011 and be presented to the Dimmick family during a gathering and dedication of the flagpole on October 29th.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Balog, Ware, Eaton and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1- Commissioner Baker

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2011  
EXEMPTING ST. JOSEPH COUNTY GOVERNMENT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PA 152 OF 2011 FOR  
CALENDAR YEAR 2012

Commissioner Loudenslager read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2011, P.A. 152 of 2011, an act to limit a public employer's expenditures for employee medical benefit plans, became immediately effective; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has reviewed the requirements of that Act and discussed her conclusions regarding compliance with the same with the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the County's established, long-range budgeting practices that actively balance the interests of taxpayers and county employees, St. Joseph County Employees have been paying premium contributions toward their health care coverage since 2001; and

WHEREAS, for the health plan currently available, St. Joseph County employees already pay 14% of the annual premium for health and dental, up to \$250 for single coverage and up to \$500 for two-person and family coverage for annual deductibles, \$30 for each office visit, \$100 for emergency room visits, \$10 generic/\$40 brand prescription co-pay; and

WHEREAS, significant time and expense is required to adequately research, analyze, plan and implement health care reform to ensure quality results in order to meet the intended outcomes envisioned by the Legislators in the passage of Act 152 and the demand to complete this in two months is unreasonable if not impossible to expect implementation by January 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Act 152 authorizes a local unit of government, defined to include a county government, upon a 2/3 vote of the governing body, to exempt itself from the requirements of the Act for the next succeeding year; and

WHEREAS, by exempting itself under Section 8 of Act 152 for calendar year 2012, St. Joseph County is allowed prudent time to continue making changes over time that yield significant reductions in health care costs in a manner that is fair to both taxpayers and employees; and

WHEREAS, exempting St. Joseph County from Act 152 for calendar year 2012 is equitable considering that St. Joseph County's employees have already demonstrated by their actions a continuing willingness to fairly share in the burden of meeting the significant economic challenges associated with Michigan's long recession; and

WHEREAS, in addition to sharing the burden of health care costs since 2001, St. Joseph County's employees have made significant wage and salary concessions by accepting wage freezes for 2 out of the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS, the equitable nature of a 2012 exemption for St. Joseph County employees is further demonstrated by the fact that the State of Michigan, as the employer of some 45,000 workers, effectively exempted itself from the mandate of Act 152 by refusing to place the question of applying Act 152's limitations to state workers on the ballot.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that acting pursuant to the authority granted a county under Section 8 of Act 152, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby exempts St. Joseph County Government from the requirements of P.A. 152 of 2011 for calendar year 2012.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 - Commissioners Shaffer, Loudenslager, Balog, Ware, Eaton and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1- Commissioner Baker

Resolution adopted.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Law Enforcement

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there was no report.

##### Judiciary

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that the next meeting is November 9, 2011.

##### Physical Resources

Commissioner Ware stated that they had not met.

##### Executive Committee

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Executive Committee met on October 14, 2011 and everyone has a copy of the minutes and he would answer any questions that anyone may have.

#### PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

##### NEW HIRE:

Karen C. Willis has been hired as part-time Parks & Recreation Secretary at \$10.13/hr. (Soltysiak system, grade 1, minimum) effective October 13, 2011.

##### MISCELLANEOUS:

Jackie Wells, Deputy County Clerk, is on intermittent family leave commencing October 7, 2011 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Approve new job description of HDM Route Driver Working Supervisor, pay grade 6 under the COA system.

Arthur Fox changed from Nutrition HDM Driver to HDM Route Driver Working Supervisor at \$10.57/hr. (COA system, grade 6, minimum) effective October 7, 2011.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

BUDGET AMENDMENTS:

DECREASE GENERAL FUND CONTINGENCY:

Line item 101-890-941.000 (Contingency) \$ 1,600.00

INCREASE COUNTY COMMISSION'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-101-802.130 (Professional Services) \$ 1,600.00

DECREASE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Line item 101-301-743.030 (Supplies – Breathalyzer) \$ 85.00

INCREASE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET:

Line item 101-301-803.000 (Dues & Subscription) \$ 85.00

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Smith presented the following bills for payment:

Per Diem

Robin Baker - 8 half days, 9/21, 9/22, 9/29 x 2, 10/03, 10/04, 10/05, 10/07 & 4 full days 10/05, 10/09, 10/10 & 10/11	\$ 875.00
Allen Balog - 6 half days, 9/22, 9/30, 10/03, 10/11, 10/12, 10/14	300.00
John Dobberteen - 4 half days, 09/09, 10/03, 10/05, 10/14	200.00
Gerald Loudenslager - 5 half days, 9/27, 9/30, 10/03, 10/12, 10/14 & 1 full day 9/22	345.00
Jerry Ware - 2 half days, 10/03, 10/05	100.00
	\$1,820.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 537.29
Allen Balog	79.92
John Dobberteen	15.54
Gerald Loudenslager	63.27
Jerry Ware	33.30
	\$ 729.32

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

Financial Statements

	Revenues	Expenditures
September	\$ 1,399,710	\$ 1,038,088
Year to Date	10,453,122	10,455,017
Period Fund Balance	\$361,622	
Year to Date	(\$1,895)	

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the financial statements be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Shaffer stated that he wanted to remind everyone of the budget work session on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the History Room. An additional meeting if necessary will be held on Thursday at 3:00 p.m.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Vincent Mifsud, 24785 Sauger Lake Road, Sturgis, wanted to know what the work session was about.

Chairman Shaffer stated that the meeting was a budget work session and it is open to the public.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ware stated that Robert Wells a long time employee for the St. Joseph County Road Commission passed away last week.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Ladena M. Wyckoff, Deputy County Clerk

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Rick Shaffer, Chairman