

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 18, 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	John W. Bippus
Monte Bordner	David J. Pueschel

Absent: John L. Dobberteen

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

AGENDA

Ms. West-Wing asked that 3 Contracts be added to the agenda; a Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Prosecuting Attorney, a Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Friend of the Court and a Medical Support Enforcement Contract for the Friend of the Court.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the minutes for October 4, 2005 be approved. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Update, October 7, 2005.
2. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on October 12 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to VCI, Inc.
3. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on October 12 to consider issuing an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption Certificate to Bucephalus.
4. Letter from Henry Green, Executive Director of the Bureau of Construction Codes, Re: Copy of seventh biennial report to the Legislature regarding the activities and progress of survey and remonumentation in the State of Michigan.
5. Letter from Michigan Milk Producers Association, Re: Copy of resolution urging county governments to continue their support for local MSU Extension.
6. Resolution from St. Clair County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
7. Resolution from Livingston County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
8. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Eminent Domain.
9. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
10. Resolution from Lake County, Re: Urging all local Department of Human Services offices to review their files for completeness.
11. Resolution from Osceola County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
12. Resolution from Isabella County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
13. Resolution from Wexford County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
14. Resolution from Roscommon County, Re: Opposing House Bill 5124.
15. Minutes of the Department of Human Services Board meeting of August 30, 2005.
16. Minutes of the Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of September 19, 2005.

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Maury Kaercher, Director of MSUE, introduced Brad Neumann who is the new Land Policy Educator. He began his duties on October 10th. Mr. Kaercher stated that he has a lot of background on Land Policy issues and is glad to have him as part of the team. This position is funded by the County and MSUE.

Mr. Neumann thanked the Commission and stated that without their support he would not be here and he is looking forward to working here.

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Chairman Bordner stated that this is the time to honor the employees for their service to the County. Each Commissioner came down to stand in front to greet each employee as Chairman Bordner called their names and Commissioner Baker presented them with their pin:

The following persons were called and those with an asterisk (*) were present to receive their award:

10 Years:

Date of Hire

*Nancy Pick, Community Corrections Coordinator	1/10/95
Joan E. Kelley, Court Liaison Secretary	1/24/95
*Phyllis Lung, Deputy County Clerk	4/12/95
*Kathy Pangle, Court Security	4/18/95
*Andy Goldberger, Central Dispatch Director	5/24/95
Rose Risko, Resource Recovery Secretary	8/08/95
*Karen Keene, Child Support Division Secretary	11/08/95
Lois Devlin, Telecommunicator	12/02/95
*Mary Herendeen, Friend of the Court Caseworker	12/12/95

15 Years:

Ronald Coleman, Maintenance Worker	2/13/90
*Vicki Allen, Office Assistant	2/27/90
*Eva Sylvester, Probate Register	2/27/90
*Tim Schuler, Corrections Sergeant	3/30/90
Mike Wetherbee, Corrections Officer	5/02/90
William Thistlethwaite, Friend of the Court	5/07/90
Paul Martin, Corrections Officer	6/05/90
*Alice DeJongh, District Court Probation Officer	9/05/90
*Maxine Kennedy, Office Manager	9/18/90
*Richard Bunce, Family Division Caseworker	10/09/90

20 Years:

Rose Even, Purchasing Coordinator	8/28/85
*Linda Baker, Victim Services Coordinator	9/03/85

25 Years:

James Clawson, Road Patrol Officer	4/02/80
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30 Years:

*Sandra Bowen, Chief Deputy County Clerk	2/18/75
*Karen Truckenmiller, Senior Deputy District Court Clerk	2/24/75

35 Years:

*Pattie Bender, County Clerk

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Chairman Bordner stated that he appreciated the dedication of all employees through thick and thin and unfortunately this is a thin time now.

He thanked them on behalf of the Board.

ANNUAL CHILD CARE FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

Scott Ryder, Juvenile Division Administrator/Referee, gave an overview of the Child Care Fund Plan and Budget. He stated that they try very hard to hold the line on their budget but did have to request additional funds for Court Appointed Attorneys. They have had a number of appeals which are hard to predict.

In addition, the hours for Lori Milliman who works at the Juvenile Day Treatment Center, were increased adding to the budget expenses.

Mr. Ryder stated that we have had a relationship with Kalamazoo County renting 3 detention beds at \$95 per day for the last 12 years. The costs are much more at other places.

Beginning on January 1, 2006 they are raising their rates to \$160 per day. Mr. Ryder stated that he did a detention day study and we usually only use 2 of these beds therefore he made an offer to Kalamazoo County to rent 2 beds for the current price of 3, or \$95 per day. He has not yet heard from them.

He mentioned that we do have a holdover site at the jail to be used in case of an emergency.

Chris Kudalski, Director of the Department of Human Services, stated that the Child Care Fund is a joint effort between DHS and Probate Court.

The majority of children are in Title IV which is paid 50% by the State and 50% by the Federal Governments. They stayed within their budget this year and are requesting the same for next year.

Thomas E. Shumaker, Probate Judge, stated that the Child Care Budget is one account with 2 line items, one for Probate Court and one for DHS.

The County did receive a JAIBG Grant this year but small counties have been cut for next year.

He and Mr. Kudalski work hard to get children to be qualified under Title IV to save the County money.

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Annual Child Care Fund Plan and Budget be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

PROBATE COURT ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2004

Judge Shumaker presented the 2004 Annual Report for Probate Court. He mentioned that the State's J.I.S. System is installed in Probate Court so that the casflow management can be done according to the strong guidelines that the State requires. He has requested the J.I.S. System for the Juvenile Court for the same reasons for the 2006 budget.

He stated that the State is requiring Probate Courts to get tougher on conservatorships because they are dealing with other peoples' money.

The 2006 Adoption Day is scheduled for November 22nd.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the 2004 Annual Report of the Probate Court be accepted. Motion carried.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Judy Nelson, Equalization Director, presented the 2005 Apportionment Report. She stated that a number of Treasurers are new this year and they are trying to understand the process so they held some meetings with the Treasurers and also invited the Assessors and the meetings were very successful and they had a good turnout.

They continue to work on staffing issues as they restructure the office. They have lost their independently contracted assessor that did the commercial and industrial field work.

She also stated that the reports from the local entities were not completely in until 1:00 today. They supplied them with the forms months ago all filled out except for the amount of millage that they are requesting.

They also had to prepare 2 reports, one of them for the Department of Natural Resources because the DNR does not have to pay taxes anymore than last year.

The report is as follows:

UNIT	STATE	TAXABLE	MILLAGES	EXTRA VOTED		DOLLARS OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED
	EQUALIZED			ALLOCATED	DEBT	
	VALUE	VALUE		OPERATING		
St. Joseph County	\$2,137,015,063	\$1,551,439,937	4.5482			\$7,056,259.12
E-911	\$2,137,015,063	\$1,551,439,937		0.7113		\$1,103,539.23
Comm. on Aging	\$2,137,015,063	\$1,551,439,937		0.3295		\$511,199.46
Road Maintenance	\$2,137,015,063	\$1,551,439,937		0.9932		\$1,540,890.15
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,137,015,063	\$1,551,439,937	4.5482	2.034		\$10,211,887.96
TOWNSHIPS						
Burr Oak	\$77,587,700	\$48,385,539	0.9257			\$44,790.49
Colon	\$116,855,700	\$77,572,000	0.9065	0.9065	0.9000	Lib/Fire Amb/FB \$210,452.84
Constantine	\$130,687,700	\$100,757,712	0.5000	0.9452		Library \$145,615.05
Fabius	\$219,677,683	\$128,630,625	0.0000			\$0.00
Fawn River	\$45,310,559	\$29,108,209	0.0000			\$0.00
Florence	\$50,867,900	\$31,424,178	0.9424			\$29,614.15
Flowerfield	\$67,060,797	\$41,953,463	0.9221			\$38,685.29
Leonidas	\$49,466,700	\$28,854,581	0.9213	2.8932		Fire/Amb. \$110,065.80
Lockport	\$115,504,200	\$85,918,606	0.9160			\$78,701.44
Mendon	\$93,812,100	\$67,432,822	0.9726	2.6422		Lib/Fire/Amb \$243,756.16
Mottville	\$56,502,500	\$45,233,072	0.9521			\$43,066.41
Nottawa	\$135,494,500	\$94,439,391	0.8906	1.6735		Library \$242,152.04
Park	\$121,512,000	\$86,698,175	0.96			\$83,230.25
Sherman	\$139,871,950	\$95,755,568	0.5000			\$47,877.78
Sturgis	\$63,052,500	\$48,139,454	0.0000			\$0.00
White Pigeon	\$189,080,800	\$140,252,044	0.9203	0.9392		Library/Fire \$260,798.68
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,672,345,289	\$1,150,555,439				\$1,578,806.38
CITIES						
Sturgis	\$279,190,100	\$246,960,757	10.82	0.0000	0.0000	\$2,672,115.39
Three Rivers	\$185,479,674	\$153,945,748	11.4253	6.8559	0.0000	Lib/SW/Amb. \$2,814,313.01
Three Rivers DDA*		\$5,303,236		1.9167	0.0000	\$10,164.71
*DDA Values are a part of the unit SEV/taxable and are not therefore part of the grand totals for SEV/taxable						
TOTAL CITIES	\$464,669,774	\$400,906,505				\$5,496,593.11

UNIT	STATE	TAXABLE	ALLOCATED	MILLAGES		DOLLARS OF	
	EQUALIZED			VALUE	OPERATING		EXTRA VOTED
	VALUE	VALUE			DEBT	PURPOSE	TAXES LEVIED
VILLAGES							
Burr Oak	\$11,713,200	\$8,992,177	11.2589	3.2500		Mun.Hwy.	\$130,466.60
Centreville	\$25,250,800	\$21,240,401	12.5152				\$265,827.87
Colon	\$30,415,300	\$24,322,287	11.1777				\$271,867.23
Constantine	\$51,951,600	\$46,878,051	10.5000		4.5000	Sewer/Water	\$719,578.08
Mendon	\$26,140,600	\$24,587,837	9.1643				\$225,330.31
White Pigeon	\$31,880,500	\$26,107,196	9.1461				\$238,779.03
TOTAL VILL.	\$177,352,000	\$152,127,949					\$1,851,849.12
GRAND TOTAL LEVY - ALL LOCAL UNITS							\$19,139,136.57

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	COMMENTS
					SCHOOL OP MILLS			
ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$216,925	\$26,612	\$216,925	6.0000	17.9568	4.3500	\$2,723.04	
TOTAL	\$216,925	\$26,612	\$216,925	6.0000	17.9560	4.3500	\$2,723.04	
MARCELLUS SCHOOLS								
Flowerfield	\$4,519,372	\$886,682	\$4,519,372	6.0000	18.0000	5.9900	\$70,147.55	
TOTAL	\$4,519,372	\$886,682	\$4,519,372	6.0000	18.0000	5.9900	\$70,147.55	
VICKSBURG SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$827,741	\$35,078	\$827,741	6.0000	17.8769	4.6700	\$9,459.08	
Mendon	\$3,390,797	\$1,371,869	\$3,390,797	6.0000	17.8769	4.6700	\$60,704.57	
Park	\$5,916,999	\$625,220	\$5,916,999	6.0000	17.8769	4.6700	\$74,311.37	
Park	\$78,234	\$0	\$0	6.0000	17.8769	0.0000	\$469.40	Vicks Op/ Men Debt
TOTAL	\$10,213,771	\$2,032,167	\$10,135,537	6.0000	17.8769	4.6700	\$144,944.42	
BRONSON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$47,554	\$3,569	\$47,554	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$348.59	
TOTAL	\$47,554	\$3,569	\$47,554	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$348.59	
NOTTAWA SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$357,259	\$43,600	\$357,259	6.0000	16.6586	0.0000	\$2,869.87	
Colon	\$1,569,428	\$153,982	\$1,569,428	6.0000	16.6586	0.0000	\$11,981.69	
Nottawa	\$35,063,985	\$11,460,816	\$35,063,985	6.0000	16.6586	0.0000	\$401,305.06	
Sherman	\$5,555,391	\$1,745,618	\$5,555,391	6.0000	16.6586	0.0000	\$62,411.90	
TOTAL	\$42,546,063	\$13,404,016	\$42,546,063	6.0000	16.6586	0.0000	\$478,568.52	
STURGIS SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$16,979,125	\$2,377,032	\$16,979,125	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$288,953.58	
Fawn River	\$29,108,209	\$5,007,920	\$29,108,209	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$511,814.57	
Sherman	\$48,614,413	\$10,440,979	\$48,614,413	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$891,412.00	
Sturgis Twp.	\$48,139,454	\$17,114,813	\$48,139,454	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$1,002,164.92	
Sturgis City	\$246,960,757	\$157,553,009	\$246,960,757	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$6,370,954.32	
Sherman	\$54,404	\$0	\$54,404	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$791.58	Stg-op/debt- Cent/debt (exp. 2005)
TOTAL	\$389,856,362	\$192,493,571	\$389,856,362	6.0000	17.6301	8.5500	\$9,066,090.97	

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	COMMENTS
BURR OAK SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$28,036,834	\$7,195,862	\$28,036,834	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$294,637.19	
Colon	\$1,740,676	\$708,913	\$1,740,676	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$22,898.17	
Sherman	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$94.27	
TOTAL	\$29,781,510	\$7,908,775	\$29,781,510	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$317,629.63	
CENTREVILLE SCHOOLS								
Florence	\$12,904,923	\$1,507,291	\$12,904,923	6.0000	18.0000	4.5000	\$162,632.93	
Lockport	\$19,314,492	\$4,119,268	\$19,314,492	6.0000	18.0000	4.5000	\$276,948.99	
Nottawa	\$48,226,478	\$14,894,925	\$48,226,478	6.0000	18.0000	4.5000	\$774,486.67	
Sherman	\$41,395,718	\$11,038,714	\$41,395,718	6.0000	18.0000	4.5000	\$633,351.89	
Sherman	\$0	\$0	\$54,404	0.0000	0.0000	4.5000	\$244.82	Stg Op/debt-Cent/debt (exp. 2005)
TOTAL	\$121,841,611	\$31,560,198	\$121,896,015	6.0000	18.0000	4.5000	\$1,847,665.30	
COLON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$2,964,767	\$735,793	\$2,964,767	6.0000	16.6421	0.0000	\$30,033.74	
Colon	\$73,962,455	\$28,020,466	\$73,962,455	6.0000	16.6421	0.0000	\$910,094.13	
Leonidas	\$26,282,830	\$3,862,767	\$26,282,830	6.0000	16.6421	0.0000	\$221,981.53	
Nottawa	\$2,340,086	\$156,438	\$2,340,086	6.0000	16.6421	0.0000	\$16,643.97	
TOTAL	\$105,550,138	\$32,775,464	\$105,550,138	6.0000	16.6421	0.0000	\$1,178,753.37	
CONSTANTINE SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$97,052,410	\$47,253,136	\$97,052,410	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$2,051,599.21	
Fabius	\$148,432	\$45,789	\$148,432	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$2,681.46	
Florence	\$10,105,637	\$1,566,321	\$10,105,637	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$155,834.90	
Mottville	\$8,617,778	\$1,682,280	\$8,617,778	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$138,862.69	
TOTAL	\$115,924,257	\$50,547,526	\$115,924,257	6.0000	17.2302	6.7500	\$2,348,978.26	
MENDON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS								
Colon	\$299,441	\$100	\$299,441	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$3,894.52	
Leonidas	\$1,527,085	\$40,974	\$1,527,085	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$20,586.10	
Lockport	\$774,714	\$44,328	\$774,714	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$10,865.36	
Mendon	\$64,017,729	\$26,232,648	\$64,017,729	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$1,302,151.64	
Nottawa	\$8,808,842	\$1,634,561	\$8,808,842	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$143,795.82	
Park	\$24,280,651	\$10,051,743	\$24,280,651	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$495,711.37	
Park	\$0	\$0	\$78,234	0.0000	0.0000	7.0000	\$547.64	Vicks-Op Men-Debt
TOTAL	\$99,708,462	\$38,004,354	\$99,786,696	6.0000	17.9136	7.0000	\$1,977,552.45	
WHITE PIGEON SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$820,241	\$304,486	\$820,241	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$10,402.19	
Florence	\$4,917,728	\$750,734	\$4,917,728	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$43,019.58	
Mottville	\$36,615,294	\$16,827,588	\$36,615,294	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$522,588.35	
Sherman	\$131,642	\$0	\$131,642	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$789.85	
White Pigeon	\$140,252,044	\$67,314,755	\$140,252,044	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$2,053,177.85	
TOTAL	\$182,736,949	\$85,197,563	\$182,736,949	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$2,629,977.82	

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	COMMENTS
THREE RIVERS SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$2,885,061	\$445,164	\$2,885,061	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$43,769.68	
Fabius	\$128,482,193	\$49,502,195	\$128,482,193	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$2,482,213.86	
Florence	\$3,495,890	\$664,552	\$3,495,890	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$55,284.06	
Flowerfield	\$37,434,091	\$9,287,884	\$37,434,091	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$630,988.48	
Lockport	\$65,829,671	\$14,401,239	\$65,829,671	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$1,074,926.97	
Park	\$56,422,294	\$19,684,484	\$56,422,294	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$1,053,159.94	
Three Rivers	\$153,945,748	\$105,182,895	\$153,945,748	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$3,797,959.48	
TOTAL	\$448,494,948	\$199,168,413	\$448,494,948	6.0000	17.9595	6.4000	\$9,138,302.47	
SCHOOLS GRAND TOTAL								
	\$1,551,437,922	\$654,008,910	\$1,551,492,326				\$29,201,682.13	

>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, 2005

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
BRANCH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$47,554	0.1727	\$8.21	8.0839	\$384.42	\$392.63
TOTAL	\$47,554	0.1727	\$8.21	8.0839	\$384.42	\$392.63
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$48,337,985	0.2283	\$11,035.56	2.4554	\$118,689.09	\$129,724.65
Colon	\$77,572,000	0.2283	\$17,709.69	2.4554	\$190,470.29	\$208,179.98
Constantine	\$100,757,712	0.2283	\$23,002.99	2.4554	\$247,400.49	\$270,403.48
Fabius	\$128,630,625	0.2283	\$29,366.37	2.4554	\$315,839.64	\$345,206.01
Fawn River	\$29,108,209	0.2283	\$6,645.40	2.4554	\$71,472.30	\$78,117.70
Florence	\$31,424,178	0.2283	\$7,174.14	2.4554	\$77,158.93	\$84,333.07
Flowerfield	\$37,434,091	0.2283	\$8,546.20	2.4554	\$91,915.67	\$100,461.87
Leonidas	\$27,809,915	0.2283	\$6,349.00	2.4554	\$68,284.47	\$74,633.47
Lockport	\$85,918,606	0.2283	\$19,615.22	2.4554	\$210,964.55	\$230,579.77
Mendon	\$64,042,025	0.2283	\$14,620.79	2.4554	\$157,248.79	\$171,869.58
Mottville	\$45,233,072	0.2286	\$10,326.71	2.4554	\$111,065.28	\$121,391.99
Nottawa	\$94,439,391	0.2283	\$21,560.51	2.4554	\$231,886.48	\$253,446.99
Park	\$80,702,942	0.2283	\$18,424.48	2.4554	\$198,158.00	\$216,582.48
Sherman	\$95,755,568	0.2283	\$21,861.00	2.4554	\$235,118.22	\$256,979.22
Sturgis	\$48,139,454	0.2283	\$10,990.24	2.4554	\$118,201.62	\$129,191.86
White Pigeon	\$140,252,044	0.2283	\$32,019.54	2.4554	\$344,374.87	\$376,394.41
Sturgis City	\$246,960,757	0.2283	\$56,381.14	2.4554	\$606,387.44	\$662,768.58
Three Rivers	\$153,945,748	0.2283	\$35,145.81	2.4554	\$377,998.39	\$413,144.20
TOTAL	\$1,536,464,322	0.2283	\$350,774.79	2.4554	\$3,772,634.52	\$4,123,409.31
LEWIS-CASS INTERMEDIATE						
Flowerfield	\$4,519,372	0.2101	\$949.52	2.1035	\$9,506.50	\$10,456.02
TOTAL	\$4,519,372	0.2101	\$949.52	2.1035	\$9,506.50	\$10,456.02
CALHOUN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$216,925	0.2519	\$54.64	5.9555	\$1,291.90	\$1,346.54
TOTAL	\$216,925	0.2519	\$54.64	5.9555	\$1,291.90	\$1,346.54

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
KALAMAZOO VALLEY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$827,741	0.1446	\$119.69	4.3970	\$3,639.58	\$3,759.27
Mendon	\$3,390,797	0.1446	\$490.31	4.3970	\$14,909.33	\$15,399.64
Park	\$5,995,233	0.1446	\$866.91	4.3970	\$26,361.04	\$27,227.95
TOTAL	\$10,213,771	0.1446	\$1,476.91	4.3970	44,909.95	46,386.86
GRAND TOTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS						
	\$1,551,461,944		\$353,264.07		\$3,828,727.29	\$4,181,991.36

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Burr Oak	\$48,337,985	2.7088	\$130,937.93	0.0000	\$0.00	\$130,937.93
Colon	\$77,572,000	2.7088	\$210,127.03	0.0000	\$0.00	\$210,127.03
Constantine	\$100,757,712	2.7088	\$272,932.49	0.0000	\$0.00	\$272,932.49
Fabius	\$128,630,625	2.7088	\$348,434.64	0.0000	\$0.00	\$348,434.64
Fawn River	\$29,108,209	2.7088	\$78,848.32	0.0000	\$0.00	\$78,848.32
Florence	\$31,424,178	2.7088	\$85,121.81	0.0000	\$0.00	\$85,121.81
Flowerfield	\$37,434,091	2.7088	\$101,401.47	0.0000	\$0.00	\$101,401.47
Leonidas	\$27,809,915	2.7088	\$75,331.50	0.0000	\$0.00	\$75,331.50
Lockport	\$85,918,606	2.7088	\$232,736.32	0.0000	\$0.00	\$232,736.32
Mendon	\$64,042,025	2.7088	\$173,477.04	0.0000	\$0.00	\$173,477.04
Mottville	\$45,233,072	2.7088	\$122,527.35	0.0000	\$0.00	\$122,527.35
Nottawa	\$94,439,391	2.7088	\$255,817.42	0.0000	\$0.00	\$255,817.42
Park	\$80,702,942	2.7088	\$218,608.13	0.0000	\$0.00	\$218,608.13
Sherman	\$95,755,568	2.7088	\$259,382.68	0.0000	\$0.00	\$259,382.68
Sturgis	\$48,139,454	2.7088	\$130,400.15	0.0000	\$0.00	\$130,400.15
White Pigeon	\$140,252,044	2.7088	\$379,914.74	0.0000	\$0.00	\$379,914.74
Sturgis City	\$246,960,757	2.7088	\$668,967.30	0.0000	\$0.00	\$668,967.30
Three Rivers	\$153,945,748	2.7088	\$417,008.24	0.0000	\$0.00	\$417,008.24
TOTAL	\$1,536,464,322	2.7088	\$4,161,974.56	0.0000	\$0.00	\$4,161,974.56

KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Leonidas	\$216,925	3.7106	\$804.92	0.0000	\$0.00	\$804.92
TOTAL	\$216,925	3.7106	\$804.92	0.0000	\$0.00	\$804.92

KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE						
Leonidas	\$800,701	2.8135	\$2,252.77	0.0000	\$0.00	\$2,252.77
Mendon	\$3,243,174	2.8135	\$9,124.67	0.0000	\$0.00	\$9,124.67
Park	\$6,103,962	2.8135	\$17,173.50	0.0000	\$0.00	\$17,173.50
TOTAL	\$10,147,837	2.8135	\$28,550.94	0.0000	\$0.00	\$28,550.94

GRAND TOTAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES						
	\$1,546,829,084		\$4,191,330.42		\$0.00	\$4,191,330.42

Commissioner Pueschel stated that he was glad that she was meeting with the Treasurers and Assessors.

Commissioner Loudenslager commended her for her salute to Mark Clute on the front page of the report and also for all that she has done for Mr. Clute.

Mrs. Nelson mentioned that the cancer in Mr. Clute's lungs has metastasized.

Chairman Bordner congratulated Mrs. Nelson on achieving her level IV certification. He also stated that it is critical to have open lines of communication with the Treasurers and Assessors.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the 2005 Apportionment Report be adopted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

CONTRACT DEFENDER SYSTEM CONTRACT

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of the Contract Defender System Contract for 2006, 2007 and 2008. It is for \$400,000 each year as it is for 2005 and is executed by the Attorneys and Judges.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Contract Defender System Contract be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

SECURE OUR SCHOOLS GRANT

Ms. West-Wing stated that the schools have received a grant from the Federal Government for \$260,000 for the installation of cameras in all the schools providing the schools match the \$260,000. They have made the match and the County must be the fiduciary. The purpose of the cameras is to monitor activity in the schools and the images will be fed into Central Dispatch and eventually into the laptops that are being installed in the patrol cars.

They are asking the County to front the \$260,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Secure Our Schools Grant be accepted, the County will be the fiduciary and the County will front the \$260,000.

Commissioner Bippus stated that he would be voting no because he is not convinced that we need the cameras, he is concerned about maintaining the equipment and this is not free money.

Judge Shumaker stated that the schools have said that they will maintain the equipment. He also stated that the School Administrators can tie in the images from the cameras to their palm pilots and just by having the cameras it could be a deterrent to inappropriate activity.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 5 - Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Baker, Bordner and Pueschel.

Nay votes cast: 1 - Commissioner Bippus.

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

ENFORCEMENT GRANT

Ms. West-Wing recommended approval of a grant for \$34,919 which is Federal money funneled through the State. This is reimbursement for overtime, wages and benefits for enforcement activity such as child seat safety, speed and seat belts. The grant is from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the Enforcement Grant be accepted.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2006 BUDGET

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the public hearing on the 2006 budget be held on November 1, 2005 at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.

2006 SALARIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. West-Wing stated that salaries of elected officials (excluding Commissioners) must be set, by law, by November 1st of each year. They can be increased but not decreased during the term of office. She stated that normally they are set at current year salaries and then increased during the budget process:

County Clerk	\$52,276.00
Prosecuting Attorney	\$72,798.00
Register of Deeds	\$48,414.00
County Treasurer	\$45,766.00
Sheriff	\$62,544.00

It is expected that those occupying the above positions will work a 40-hour week

Drain Commissioner (28 hours/week)	\$29,673.00
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County Commissioners	\$ 6,000.00*
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*Includes regular and special Board meetings
Per Diem - \$50/half day and \$95/full day

NOTE:

Elected official salaries (not commissioners) must be submitted for Board approval no later than November 1st of each year (Act 154). They can be increased after this point, but not decreased. The only time elected officials' wages can be decreased is before their new term begins.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the 2006 salaries for elected officials be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

MSHDA GRANT EXTENSION

Ms. West-Wing explained that Lou Ann Moord who has been the administrator of our MSHDA Grant had previously told us that she would no longer be doing this after January 1, 2006. However, the grant has to be 75% committed before an application may be made for a new grant. We are not at the 75% level and Mrs. Moord has recommended that we apply for a grant extension until June 30, 2006 and she will continue to administer this grant and believes that she will be able to have at least 75% commitment by June 30, 2006. It would be difficult for anyone else to pick up the administration of the grant mid-stream. The Community Action Agency was awarded the bid working in conjunction with the Housing Task Force to be the administrator of any future new MSHDA Grants.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the County apply for an extension to the MSHDA Grant.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT – PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Ms. West-Wing recommended renewal of the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office. This grant pays 66% of the expenses in the Child Support Division and runs from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 and is for \$82,316.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Prosecuting Attorney’s Office be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

COOPERATIVE REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACT – FRIEND OF THE COURT

Ms. West-Wing recommended renewal of the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Friend of the Court Office. This grant pays 66% of their expenses as well and runs from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 and is for \$516,561. The amount is \$40,000 less than last year.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Cooperative Reimbursement Contract for the Friend of the Court Office be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

FRIEND OF THE COURT – MEDICAL SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

Ms. West-Wing recommended renewal of the Medical Support Enforcement Contract for the Friend of the Court Office for Medical Enforcement. This is the grant that was eliminated mid-year but the County decided to pay for the employee anyway. There was so much alarm at its cancellation that it has been reinstated. This grant pays 100% of the expenses for the Medical Enforcement employee and runs from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006 and is for \$21,332.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Bippus that the Medical Support Enforcement Contract for the Friend of the Court Office be approved.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2005

OPPOSING HOUSE BILL 5124

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, House Bill 5124 recently introduced into the Michigan legislature radically alters the intent of MCL 565.551 from facilitating methods of acquiring copies and researching records to mandating services, fees, contracts, special reports, payment dates, personal liability and legal consequences effectively removing any local governmental control; and

WHEREAS, elected officials have specific constitutional and statutory authority directing them to carry out the obligations of their offices requiring that public records be properly maintained and protected; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5124 mandates access to all electronic records, regardless of sensitivity of information, and dictates fees of actual cost or not more than 4 cents per image for non-paper reproductions when the actual cost may exceed 4 cents an image; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5124 will drastically reduce county revenue received in copy fees generated through the Register of Deeds Office by approximately 75%; and

WHEREAS, county records should not be available for private businesses to profit at public expense; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5124 interferes with the statutory duty of elected officials to safeguard the actual records in the Register of Deeds Office by dictating the following requirements:

- Mandates that the county shall reproduce the records in the medium requested if it is available.
- Requires that copies be provided within three business days of the date stamped on the instrument or the date of request, whichever is earlier, which means that if someone requests copies two weeks after it is recorded, the Register of Deeds Office must anticipate the request eleven days in advance and provide it to the requesting party on that date or the Register of Deeds will be in violation of the law and subject to civil action.
- Requires the electronic transfer of images on the day they are imaged.
- Prescribes how often the county can collect fees.
- Pits elected official against elected official and removes discretion of the courts for compliance and costs; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 5124 ignores national security concerns by making it mandatory to provide access to public records for any requesting party no matter where they reside or what organization they represent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners expresses its strong opposition to House Bill 5124 and urges resistance against any attempts to restrict local control by mandating requirements on elected officials that result in private gain at the expense of the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Rick Shaffer and the Michigan Association of Counties.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Resolution adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2005

CLEAR LAKE
LAKE LEVEL RESOLUTION
PURSUANT TO MCL 324.30701 et seq

Commissioner Shafer presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the lake level for Clear Lake was established under the Inland Lake Level Act, formerly Act 146 of the Public Acts of 1961 on October 29, 1953, at 874.75 feet above mean sea level; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Circuit Court record for the proceedings setting the lake level, File No. 4631, has been reviewed, with no record that a special assessment district was established; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner is the delegated authority for St. Joseph County for the maintenance of the established lake level for Clear Lake; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner has determined that maintenance to the lake level control structure for Clear Lake is necessary; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners deems it expedient to have a special assessment district established pursuant to Part 307 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1994, as amended (“Part 307”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board directs the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, to determine the tentative special assessment district boundaries for Clear Lake, including therein all parcels of land and political subdivisions and each parcel of land owned by the Department of Natural Resources which is benefited by the established lake level.
2. Financing of all future maintenance and improvements related to the established lake level for Clear Lake shall be borne by assessing the Clear Lake Special Assessment District (the “Special Assessment District”).
3. The Board authorizes the Drain Commissioner to retain and direct the law firm of Hubbard, Fox, Thomas, White & Bengtson, P.C., to institute proceedings in St. Joseph County Circuit Court to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Clear Lake, and all costs to do so shall be borne by the Special Assessment District.

4. The Board of Commissioners does hereby determine that the whole cost of the project to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Clear Lake, and to improve and maintain the established lake level for Clear Lake shall be defrayed by special assessments against privately owned parcels of land, State owned lands that are under the jurisdiction and control of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and political subdivisions of the State that are benefited by the project in accordance with procedures set forth in Part 307.
5. The project to establish and confirm special assessment district boundaries for the established lake level of Clear Lake, and to improve and maintain the established lake level for Clear Lake shall be financed by the issuance of bonds by the Special Assessment District (the "Bonds") in anticipation of the special assessments described in paragraph 4 above and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Bonds to be issued in accordance with Part 307 and other applicable law. Preliminary costs of the project, including engineering and legal costs, may be defrayed from the proceeds of notes (the "Notes") issued by the Special Assessment District in anticipation of the proceeds of the Bonds in accordance with Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"), in a principal amount not to exceed \$100,000.00, and the St. Joseph County Drain Commissioner, as delegated authority, is authorized to take such steps as are necessary to enable the Notes to be issued in accordance with Act 34 and other applicable law.
6. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

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

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Dobberteen.

Resolution adopted.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Corporation

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that Michael Hughes be appointed to the EDC for a term to expire June 1, 2010. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Loudenslager stated that there was no report.

Judiciary

Commissioner Baker stated that the Judiciary Committee met on October 12th and reported the following:

- talked about security in the lower level of the Courts Building. Judge Shumaker stated that he brought up this matter at the meeting and he is not suggesting that we need more security. He said that by having the lower level open in the evenings people could bring in contraband and maybe these meetings could be held elsewhere. Commissioner Baker stated that information has been requested on who meets down there and when. The Board will review this during the budget work session.
- received an update on the meth problem and Drug Lite Court.
- the Circuit Court jury drawing process will be changed. A Committee is being formed to look at this matter.

- received information from the Friend of the Court on a successful program that they have instituted by sending their non-supporters to the Parks Department to work instead of serving jail time.
- District Court is investigating a means to increase their revenues.
- received positive feedback on the video equipment installed in the Circuit Court.
- received a request to expand the referee hearing room in the lower level of the Courts Building.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Shafer stated that there had been no meeting held.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Baker reported on the Executive Committee Meeting held on October 14th and reported that almost everything discussed there had been discussed tonight except:

- compensation recommendation for the Family Court Casework Supervisor.
- address ordinance.
- law suit has been filed on the death of a jail inmate.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Jeannine Hire, Collections Clerk, is on medical leave commencing October 10, 2005 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

James Clawson, Road Patrol Officer, is on medical leave commencing September 24, 2005 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Phil Adams, Building and Grounds Director, will be on intermittent family leave commencing August 17, 2005 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Lea German, part-time Telecommunicator, increase rate of pay to \$9.50/hr. effective October 18, 2005. Ms. German has completed her in-house training.

NEW HIRE:

Brian Chobot has been hired as part-time Corrections Officer at \$14.35/hr. effective October 11, 2005.

Terry Evans has been hired as Family Court Casework Supervisor at \$47,840.00/yr. (Rye system, grade 10, step 3) effective October 24, 2005. Request waiver of County residency policy.

RESIGNATION:

Joan E. Kelley, Court Liaison Secretary, has resigned (due to medical conditions) effective October 13, 2005.

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:

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS:

DECREASE EQUALIZATION'S BUDGET:

Line item 101-225-706.140 (Wages – Supervisor)	\$ 150.00
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INCREASE:

Line item 101-225-980.000 (Equipment) \$ 150.00

DECREASE PROSECUTOR’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-229-823.000 (Special Prosecution Law) \$ 155.00

INCREASE:

Line item 101-229-978.000 (Furniture and Fixtures) \$ 155.00

DECREASE PROBATE COURT’S BUDGET:

Line item 101-148-802.020 (Attorney Fees) \$ 500.00

INCREASE:

Line item 101-148-707.000 (Wages – Part time) \$ 500.00

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$30,000.00 from Probate Child Care Appropriation to Probate Child Care Fund.

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

PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker – 6 half days 9/29 x 2, 10/12 x 2, 10/14 & 10/17/05	\$ 300.00
John Bippus – 8 half days 4/27, 4/29, 5/2, 5/23, 7/5, 7/19, 8/29 & 10/6/05	495.00
Monte Bordner – 5 half days 9/22, 9/26, 9/29, 10/11 & 10/18/05	250.00
John Dobberteen – 12 half days 9/26, 9/27, 9/28, 10/1, 10/11 x 2, 9/12 x 2, 10/16, 10/17 x 2 & 10/18/05	600.00
Gerald Loudenslager – 3 half days 9/27, 10/6 & 10/12/05 & 1 full day 9/22/05	245.00
David Pueschel – 3 half days 9/21, 9/22 & 10/17/05	150.00
Eric Shafer – 4 half days 9/19, 9/28, 10/11 & 10/12/05	<u>200.00</u>
	\$2,240.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 100.40
Monte Bordner	74.69
John Dobberteen	67.90
Gerald Loudenslager	18.92
David Pueschel	<u>41.23</u>
	\$ 303.14

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the per diem and expenses be paid. Motion carried.

Financial Statements

Mr. Carey presented the following report:

	Revenues	Expenditures
September	\$ 1,000,694.00	\$ 960,522.00
Year to Date	9,494,062.00	9,826,666.00
Period Fund Balance	(\$332,603.00)	

Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	75.00%
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	69.67%
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	72.11%

It was moved by Commissioner Pueschel and supported by Commissioner Baker that the financial report be accepted. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Bordner mentioned again the employee recognition and by having the number that were recognized today is a tribute to the organization as a whole.

He stated that a work session needs to be held to discuss the Address Ordinance and Court Security and Ms. West-Wing suggested that maybe Waste Management would be ready for discussion as well. She also stated that a budget work session was scheduled for November 7th. If it is determined at the budget work session on October 25th that an additional one is needed for the 7th, then one could be set for the other 3 items at the regular meeting on November 1st. If the second budget work session is not needed then these items could be discussed at the November 7th work session.

Chairman Bordner mentioned that Sally Carpenter's Retirement Open House is on Tuesday, November 1st from 5-8 p.m. at a Place in Time in Three Rivers.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Bippus stated that he has sold his house and will be moving into town to his apartment. His new house is progressing well and he will be here until early January.

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Clerk will be working at a United Way fund raiser at Curly's in Colon this Friday from 5-9 p.m.

Commissioner Baker stated that he did not find the information on the Sheriff's administration requested retirement and benefit changes in the budget documents as explained at Executive. The Administrator stated that there was a note attached to each Commissioner's budget packet explaining that she was waiting on additional information and it would be mailed after Friday of this week.

The Clerk acknowledged the staff that was in attendance supporting the 3 employees that received employee service recognition from the Clerk's Office.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Baker that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 1, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Monte Bordner, Chairman