

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 19, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman John L. Dobberteen called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Loudenslager.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Clerk, Pattie S. Bender, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Eric Shafer	Gerald E. Loudenslager
John W. Bippus	Robin Baker
Monte Bordner	John L. Dobberteen

Absent: David J. Pueschel

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

AGENDA

Chairman Dobberteen stated that the filling of a District Court Clerk vacancy should be added to the agenda and that authorization to advertise for Short Term Tax Bids should also be added.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the minutes for October 5, 2004 be approved. Motion carried. Commissioner Loudenslager abstained due to absence.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, October 8 and October 15, 2004.
2. Copy of letter from Senator Cameron Brown to Council of Great Lakes Governors, Re: Draft Annex 2001 Implementing Agreements.
3. Resolution from Allegan County, Re: Support for Senate Bill 1385 – Self-Insurance Pools.
4. Minutes of Southwest Michigan Substance Abuse Advisory Council meeting of September 20, 2004.

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

EMPLOYEE SERVICE RECOGNITION

Chairman Dobberteen stated that this is the time to honor the employees for their service to the County. He called their names and Commissioner Bippus presented them with the pin:

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

<u>10 Years:</u>	<u>Date of Hire</u>
Laura Nelson, Deputy District Court Clerk	2/14/94
Brenda Walls, Typist/Accounting Clerk	3/08/94
*James Jacobs, Family Division Caseworker	7/05/94
Robert Kelley, Security Guard	8/02/94
Deborah Sprinkle, Family Division Caseworker	8/15/94

10 Years, Continued

Date of Hire

*Kole Mostrom, Custodian	9/06/94
*Gary LeTourneau, Central Dispatch Deputy Director	9/13/94
*Mark Pratt, Custodian	9/20/94

15 Years:

*Thomas Shumaker, Probate Judge	1/01/89
*Jay Parker, Road Patrol Officer	2/14/89
Judy Buchner-VanCamp, Corrections Officer	4/27/89
Carmella Jones, Corrections Officer	6/27/89

20 Years:

*Cynthia Jarratt, Register of Deeds	1/21/84
Cathy Coleman, Family Division Deputy Register	1/30/84
Andrea Guy, FOC Caseworker/Investigator	2/08/84
Judy Nelson, Equalization Director	4/03/84
*Todd Bohm, Road Patrol Officer	9/04/84
Robert Sabatini, Probation Officer	10/02/84

25 Years:

Ruth Moyer, District Court Deputy Clerk	2/13/79
*Matthew Lori, Sheriff	6/19/79
*Bruce Morse, Road Patrol Sergeant	10/01/79

35 Years:

*Carol Frohriep, District Court Administrator	5/15/69
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Chairman Dobberteen read a letter from Brenda Walls who could not be present to receive her award as she was at her daughter’s college volleyball game.

Chairman Dobberteen thanked the employees for their dedication to St. Joseph County and stated that because of them the County can weather these tough economic times.

JAIL CHANGE ORDER

Ms. West-Wing presented jail change order #5 for \$27,023 which includes electric gates among other items.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer that jail change order #5 be approved.

After discussion the aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager, Bippus, Baker, Bordner and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Pueschel.

Motion carried.

ANNUAL CHILD CARE FUND PLAN AND BUDGET

Judge Shumaker requested approval of the Annual Child Care Fund Plan and Budget which begins on October 1, 2004 and runs through September 30, 2005. He stated that there are no changes from last year; however, they will look at it more closely for next year.

Commissioner Pueschel was present at this time.

Chris Kadulski, Family Independence Agency Director, stated that he will continue to work with the Judge to hold costs down the best that they can.

Commissioner Bippus asked if these costs could be charged back to the local units of government. Mr. Kadulski stated that he did not think so as this is a County Child Care Plan.

Discussion turned to the recent request that will be addressed later in the meeting for an additional \$65,000 in the Child Care Fund.

Judge Shumaker reminded the Board that 50% of what ever part of the \$65,000 is spent will be reimbursed by the State. He said that he was embarrassed to be making this request and does not plan to do so again.

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Annual Child Care Plan and Budget 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.

COUNTYWIDE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Chairman Dobberteen declared the Public Hearing for the Countywide Brownfield Redevelopment Authority opened.

Cathy Annis, Project Manager for the Economic Development Corporation, stated that Director, David Allen, was in Chicago at a workshop that was mandated by the U.S. Department of Environmental Quality. This is the final step in receiving the \$400,000 assessment grant.

Mrs. Annis requested that the Board approve a resolution creating a Countywide Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. She further stated that the EDC Board would serve a dual role and act as the Authority Board as well. This is a great tool to develop jobs. The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2004  
ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
FOR THE COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN,  
AND APPOINTING BOARD MEMBERS  
PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE PROVISIONS OF ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS  
OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN 1996, AS AMENDED

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners of the County of St. Joseph, Michigan, by Resolution adopted on September 7, 2004, (the "Resolution of Intent"), determined that it is in the best interests of the public to facilitate the implementation of Brownfield Plans relating to the identification and treatment of environmentally distressed (functionally obsolete and/or blighted) areas so as to promote revitalization within the boundaries of St. Joseph County, Michigan and declared its intention to provide for the operation of a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the County of St. Joseph, Michigan (the "Authority") pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended (the "Act"); and

WHEREAS, on this date, pursuant to and in accordance with the Act and the Resolution of Intent, the County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing, notice of which was given as required by Section 4(2) of the Act, on the adoption of a resolution creating the Authority; and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners desires to proceed with the establishment of the Authority for the County of St. Joseph, Michigan within the borders of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Authority Created. Pursuant to the authority vested in the County Board of Commissioners by the Act, the Authority is hereby established and shall be known as the St. Joseph County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.
2. Supervision of the Authority. The Authority shall be under the supervision and control of a board (the "Board") appointed by the Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with the membership provisions set forth in Section 5(1) of the Act, subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners. The members of the Board shall hold office, and the Board shall conduct its procedures in accordance with the Act, and, in particular, Section 5 thereof.

Approval of this resolution establishes the St. Joseph County Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors as the Authority Board.

3. Jurisdiction of the Authority. The Authority shall exercise its powers within the area of the County of St. Joseph, Michigan.
4. Powers and Duties of the Authority. The Authority shall have the powers and duties to the full extent as provided for and in accordance with the Act. Among other matters, the exercise of its powers, the Board shall prepare a Brownfield Plan for eligible property pursuant to Section 13 of the Act and submit the plan to the appropriate municipal jurisdiction for consideration pursuant to Section 14 of the Act.
5. Bylaws and Rules of the Authority. The Authority shall elect officers and adopt bylaws and rules governing its procedures and the holding of its meetings, all in accordance with Sections 5(3) and 5(5) of the Act, and shall immediately forward a copy of the bylaws and rules after adoption by the Board to the County Board of Commissioners in care of the Clerk of the County of St. Joseph, Michigan (the "Clerk"). The Authority's bylaws and rules shall be subject to the approval of the County Board of Commissioners; provided, however, that if the County Board of Commissioners fails to either approve or disapprove the Authority's bylaws and rules at its next regular meeting after receipt of a copy thereof by the Clerk, the Authority's bylaws and rules shall be deemed to have been approved by the County Board of Commissioners for all purposes.
6. Director's Bond. In the event the Board elects to employ a director as authorized by Section 6(1) of the Act, the director, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall, in addition to any other requirements of law, post a bond in the penal sum, to be determined by the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners, with a deductible payable to the Authority for the use and benefit of the Authority, that shall be approved by the Board and filed with the Clerk. The premium on the bond furnished by the director shall be deemed to be an operating expense of the Authority, payable from funds available to the Authority for expenses of operation.
7. Forms of Approvals. Except as may otherwise be provided by the Act or other applicable law, approvals by the County Board of Commissioners of all matters pertaining to the Authority or its Board shall be by resolution.
8. Severability. Should any section, clause or phrase of this Resolution be declared by the courts to be invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Resolution as a whole nor any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.
9. Repeals. All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict with any of the provisions of this Resolution are hereby repealed.
10. Publication. The Clerk is hereby directed to file a true and complete copy with the secretary of state of the state of Michigan promptly after adoption and to take all other actions incident upon such adoption pursuant to applicable charter or other provisions.

Chairman Dobberteen declared the public hearing closed.

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

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

Resolution adopted.

APPORTIONMENT REPORT

Mrs. Nelson, Equalization Director, apologized for the lateness of the Board receiving the proposed Apportionment Report. She stated that she did not receive the final numbers until 2:00 p.m. this afternoon. The millage rates are reported to her by each unit of government on the 4029s. This Apportionment Report establishes the millage rates and the entire report is based on the Taxable Value Report that the Board approved in June.

UNIT	STATE		ALLOCATED	MILLAGES		EXTRA VOTED		DOLLARS OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED
	EQUALIZED VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE		OPERATING	DEBT	PURPOSE		
St. Joseph County	\$1,939,607,370	\$1,475,310,925	4.5794					\$6,756,038.85
E-911	\$1,939,607,370	\$1,475,310,925		0.7162				\$1,056,617.68
Comm. on Aging Road Maintenance	\$1,939,607,370	\$1,475,310,925		0.3318				\$489,508.16
	\$1,939,607,370	\$1,475,310,925		1.0000				\$1,475,310.93
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,939,607,370	\$1,475,310,925	4.5794	2.048				\$9,777,475.62
TOWNSHIPS								
Burr Oak	\$69,762,100	\$45,397,038	0.9383					\$42,596.04
Colton	\$106,889,100	\$74,439,686	0.9118	2.4343	0.9000	Lib/Fire Amb/FB		\$316,078.35
Constantine	\$121,188,500	\$98,037,427	0.5000	0.9452		Library		\$141,683.69
Fabius	\$187,005,812	\$120,838,827	0.0000					\$0.00
Fawn River	\$39,688,176	\$27,474,016	0.0000					\$0.00
Florence	\$43,299,800	\$29,752,039	0.9533					\$28,362.62
Flowerfield	\$62,863,712	\$39,448,533	0.9308					\$36,718.69
Leonidas	\$45,625,936	\$27,988,984	0.9213	2.8932		Fire/Amb.		\$106,763.98
Lockport	\$106,679,500	\$81,714,008	0.9226					\$75,389.34
Mendon	\$86,378,700	\$63,158,601	0.9827	2.7289		Lib/Fire/Amb		\$234,419.46
Mottville	\$56,457,500	\$44,193,879	0.9521					\$42,076.99
Nottawa	\$120,742,700	\$89,256,390	0.9112	1.7122		Library		\$234,155.21
Park	\$110,281,100	\$83,352,471	0.9624					\$80,218.42
Sherman	\$121,665,200	\$89,065,700	0.5000					\$44,532.85
Sturgis	\$58,477,300	\$46,249,110	0.0000					\$0.00
White Pigeon	\$172,231,600	\$133,520,731	0.9382	2.2045		Library/Fire		\$419,615.60
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,509,236,736	\$1,093,887,440						\$1,802,611.24
CITIES								
Sturgis	\$255,591,000	\$228,832,002	10.8200	0.0000	0.0000			\$2,475,962.26
Three Rivers	\$174,779,634	\$152,591,483	11.4253	6.9559	0.0000	Lib/SW/Amb.		\$2,804,814.57
Three Rivers DDA*		\$5,242,421		1.9167	0.0000			\$10,048.15
*DDA Values are a part of the unit SEV/taxable and are not therefore part of the grand totals for SEV/taxable								
TOTAL CITIES	\$430,370,634	\$381,423,485						\$5,290,824.98

UNIT	STATE EQUALIZED VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE	ALLOCATED	MILLAGES OPERATING	EXTRA VOTED DEBT	PURPOSE	DOLLARS OF AD VALOREM TAXES LEVIED
VILLAGES							
Burr Oak	\$11,713,200	\$8,638,869	11.2589	3.25		Mun.Hwy.	\$125,340.49
Centreville	\$25,250,800	\$19,995,484	12.4313				\$248,569.86
Colon	\$30,415,300	\$23,338,862	11.2283				\$262,055.74
Constantine	\$51,951,600	\$46,179,073	10.5000		4.8000	Sewer/Water	\$706,539.82
Mendon	\$26,140,600	\$22,536,800	9.1643				\$206,534.00
White Pigeon	\$31,880,500	\$25,235,807	9.2497				\$233,423.64
TOTAL VILL.	\$177,352,000	\$145,924,895					\$1,782,463.55
GRAND TOTAL LEVY - ALL LOCAL UNITS							\$18,653,375.39

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	STATE OP MILLS	LOCAL SCHOOL OP MILLS	DEBT MILLS	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY	COMMENTS
ATHENS AREA SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$236,766	\$47,400	\$236,766	6.0000	18.0000	3.8500	\$3,185.35	
TOTAL	\$236,766	\$47,400	\$236,766	6.0000	18.0000	3.8500	\$3,185.35	
MARCELLUS SCHOOLS								
Flowerfield	\$4,213,225	\$977,225	\$4,213,225	6.0000	18.0000	5.9900	\$68,106.62	
TOTAL	\$4,213,225	\$977,225	\$4,213,225	6.0000	18.0000	5.9900	\$68,106.62	
VICKSBURG SCHOOLS								
Leonidas	\$800,701	\$31,369	\$800,701	6.0000	17.8769	5.5000	\$9,768.84	
Mendon	\$3,243,174	\$1,213,671	\$3,243,174	6.0000	17.8769	5.5000	\$58,993.18	
Park	\$6,027,486	\$716,593	\$6,027,486	6.0000	17.8769	5.5000	\$82,126.55	
Park	\$76,476	\$0	\$0	6.0000	17.8769	0.0000	\$458.86	Vicks Op/ Men Debt
TOTAL	\$10,147,837	\$1,961,633	\$10,071,361	6.0000	17.8769	5.5000	\$151,347.43	
BRONSON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$46,486	\$0	\$46,486	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$278.92	
TOTAL	\$46,486	\$0	\$46,486	6.0000	17.7264	0.0000	\$278.92	
NOTTAWA SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$335,870	\$0	\$335,870	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$2,015.22	
Colon	\$1,510,294	\$141,370	\$1,510,294	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$11,606.42	
Nottawa	\$32,621,796	\$9,353,769	\$32,621,796	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$364,098.62	
Sherman	\$5,030,261	\$1,474,236	\$5,030,261	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$56,717.81	
TOTAL	\$39,498,221	\$10,969,375	\$39,498,221	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$434,438.07	
STURGIS SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$15,437,720	\$1,731,429	\$15,437,720	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$255,915.98	
Fawn River	\$27,474,016	\$4,882,084	\$27,474,016	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$487,192.26	
Sherman	\$45,957,682	\$9,669,162	\$45,957,682	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$841,450.45	
Sturgis Twp.	\$46,249,110	\$15,991,084	\$46,249,110	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$957,161.42	
Sturgis City	\$228,832,002	\$142,641,574	\$228,832,002	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$5,855,732.44	
Sherman	\$53,181	\$0	\$53,181	6.0000	17.6301	7.0000	\$691.35	Stg-op/debt- Cent/debt (exp. 2005)
TOTAL	\$364,003,711	\$174,915,333	\$364,003,711	6.0000	17.6301	8.6000	\$8,398,143.90	

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	\$26,854,668	\$6,505,512	\$26,854,668	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$275,416.19	
Colon	\$1,736,576	\$702,842	\$1,736,576	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$22,766.91	
Sherman	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$2,700	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$63.63	
TOTAL	\$28,593,944	\$7,211,054	\$28,593,944	6.0000	17.5679	0.0000	\$298,246.73	
CENTREVILLE SCHOOLS								
Florence	\$12,074,059	\$1,252,272	\$12,074,059	6.0000	17.6597	5.6000	\$162,173.83	
Lockport	\$18,471,786	\$3,788,904	\$18,471,786	6.0000	17.6597	5.6000	\$281,183.63	
Nottawa	\$46,027,451	\$13,548,965	\$46,027,451	6.0000	17.6597	5.6000	\$773,189.09	
Sherman	\$37,874,393	\$10,709,290	\$37,874,393	6.0000	17.6597	5.6000	\$628,465.81	
Sherman	\$0	\$0	\$53,181	0.0000	0.0000	5.6000	\$297.81	Stg Op/debt-Cent/debt (exp. '05)
TOTAL	\$114,447,689	\$29,299,431	\$114,500,870	6.0000	17.6597	5.6000	\$1,845,310.17	
COLON SCHOOLS								
Burr Oak	\$2,722,294	\$614,643	\$2,722,294	6.0000	16.9801	0.0000	\$26,770.46	
Colon	\$70,900,103	\$26,474,241	\$70,900,103	6.0000	16.9801	0.0000	\$874,935.88	
Leonidas	\$25,386,337	\$3,620,573	\$25,386,337	6.0000	16.9801	0.0000	\$213,795.71	
Nottawa	\$2,327,867	\$129,093	\$2,327,867	6.0000	16.9801	0.0000	\$16,159.21	
TOTAL	\$101,336,601	\$30,838,550	\$101,336,601	6.0000	16.9801	0.0000	\$1,131,661.26	
CONSTANTINE SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$94,355,485	\$45,660,953	\$94,355,485	6.0000	17.5550	6.8000	\$2,009,328.24	
Fabius	\$146,644	\$46,306	\$146,644	6.0000	17.5550	6.8000	\$2,689.95	
Florence	\$9,744,801	\$1,160,656	\$9,744,801	6.0000	17.5550	6.8000	\$145,108.77	
Mottville	\$8,733,312	\$1,811,310	\$8,733,312	6.0000	17.5550	6.8000	\$143,583.94	
TOTAL	\$112,980,242	\$48,679,225	\$112,980,242	5.0000	17.5550	6.7000	\$2,300,710.90	
MENDON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS								
Colon	\$292,713	\$100	\$292,713	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$3,807.07	
Leonidas	\$1,565,180	\$53,292	\$1,565,180	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$21,306.60	
Lockport	\$761,250	\$32,677	\$761,250	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$10,484.44	
Mendon	\$59,915,427	\$24,089,903	\$59,915,427	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$1,212,518.81	
Nottawa	\$8,279,276	\$1,373,008	\$8,279,276	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$132,344.73	
Park	\$22,921,222	\$9,174,599	\$22,921,222	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$463,118.67	
Park	\$0	\$0	\$76,476	0.0000	0.0000	7.0000	\$535.33	Vicks-Op Men-Debt
TOTAL	\$93,735,068.00	\$34,723,579.00	\$93,811,544.00	6.0000	18.0000	7.0000	\$1,844,115.65	
WHITE PIGEON SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$715,997	\$249,900	\$715,997	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$8,794.18	
Florence	\$4,705,129	\$561,236	\$4,705,129	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$38,333.02	
Mottville	\$35,460,567	\$15,703,973	\$35,460,567	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$495,434.92	
Sherman	\$128,683	\$0	\$128,683	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$772.10	
White Pigeon	\$133,520,731	\$61,135,125	\$133,520,731	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$1,901,556.64	
TOTAL	\$174,531,107	\$77,650,234	\$174,531,107	6.0000	18.0000	0.0000	\$2,444,890.86	
THREE RIVERS SCHOOLS								
Constantine	\$2,965,945	\$508,975	\$2,965,945	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$47,401.63	
Fabius	\$120,692,183	\$45,638,972	\$120,692,183	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$2,376,582.28	
Florence	\$3,228,050	\$608,159	\$3,228,050	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$52,564.08	
Flowerfield	\$35,235,308	\$9,449,235	\$35,235,308	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$624,239.01	
Lockport	\$62,480,972	\$13,828,083	\$62,480,972	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$1,054,350.00	
Park	\$54,327,287	\$18,055,188	\$54,327,287	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$1,025,084.15	
Three Rivers	\$152,591,483	\$106,978,439	\$152,591,483	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$3,889,709.41	
TOTAL	\$431,521,228	\$195,067,051	\$431,521,228	6.0000	17.9595	6.9000	\$9,069,930.56	

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	TOTAL NONHOME TAXABLE*	TOTAL TAXABLE DEBT	TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY
SCHOOLS GRAND TOTAL	\$1,475,292,125	\$612,340,190	\$1,475,345,306	\$27,990,366.42

>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, 2004

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
BRANCH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$46,486	0.1747	\$8.12	8.1755	\$380.05	\$388.17
TOTAL	\$46,486	0.1747	\$8.12	8.1755	\$380.05	\$388.17

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
ST. JOSEPH COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Burr Oak	\$45,350,552	0.2302	\$10,439.70	2.4752	\$112,251.69	\$122,691.39
Colon	\$74,439,686	0.2302	\$17,136.02	2.4752	\$184,253.11	\$201,389.13
Constantine	\$98,037,427	0.2302	\$22,568.22	2.4752	\$242,662.24	\$265,230.46
Fabius	\$120,838,827	0.2302	\$27,817.10	2.4752	\$299,100.26	\$326,917.36
Fawn River	\$27,474,016	0.2302	\$6,324.52	2.4752	\$68,003.68	\$74,328.20
Florence	\$29,752,039	0.2302	\$6,848.92	2.4752	\$73,642.25	\$80,491.17
Flowerfield	\$35,235,308	0.2302	\$8,111.17	2.4752	\$87,214.43	\$95,325.60
Leonidas	\$26,951,517	0.2302	\$6,204.24	2.4752	\$66,710.39	\$72,914.63
Lockport	\$81,714,008	0.2302	\$18,810.56	2.4752	\$202,258.51	\$221,069.07
Mendon	\$59,915,427	0.2302	\$13,792.53	2.4752	\$148,302.66	\$162,095.19
Mottville	\$44,193,879	0.2302	\$10,173.43	2.4752	\$109,388.69	\$119,562.12
Nottawa	\$89,256,390	0.2302	\$20,546.82	2.4752	\$220,927.42	\$241,474.24
Park	\$77,248,509	0.2302	\$17,782.61	2.4752	\$191,205.51	\$208,988.12
Sherman	\$89,065,700	0.2302	\$20,502.92	2.4752	\$220,455.42	\$240,958.34
Sturgis	\$46,249,110	0.2302	\$10,646.55	2.4752	\$114,475.80	\$125,122.35
White Pigeon	\$133,520,731	0.2302	\$30,736.47	2.4752	\$330,490.51	\$361,226.98
Sturgis City	\$228,832,002	0.2302	\$52,677.13	2.4752	\$566,404.97	\$619,082.10
Three Rivers	\$152,591,483	0.2302	\$35,126.56	2.4752	\$377,694.44	\$412,821.00
TOTAL	\$1,460,666,611	0.2302	\$336,245.47	2.4752	\$3,615,441.98	\$3,951,687.45

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
LEWIS-CASS INTERMEDIATE						
Flowerfield	\$4,213,225	0.2134	\$899.10	2.1365	\$9,001.56	\$9,900.66
TOTAL	\$4,213,225	0.2134	\$899.10	2.1365	\$9,001.56	\$9,900.66

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
CALHOUN COUNTY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$236,766	0.2519	\$59.64	5.9555	\$1,410.06	\$1,469.70
TOTAL	\$236,766	0.2519	\$59.64	5.9555	\$1,410.06	\$1,469.70

UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	ISD OP MILLS	ISD OP LEVY	SPEC ED MILLS	SPEC ED LEVY	TOTAL ISD LEVY
KALAMAZOO VALLEY INTERMEDIATE						
Leonidas	\$800,701	0.1446	\$115.78	2.8970	\$2,319.63	\$2,435.41
Mendon	\$3,243,174	0.1446	\$468.96	2.8970	\$9,395.48	\$9,864.44
Park	\$6,103,962	0.1446	\$882.63	2.8970	\$17,683.18	\$18,565.81
TOTAL	\$10,147,837	0.1446	\$1,467.37	2.8970	29,398.29	30,865.66

GRAND TOTAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS	\$1,475,310,925		\$338,679.70		\$3,655,631.94	\$3,994,311.64
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UNIT	TOTAL TAXABLE	OP MILLS	OPERATING LEVY	DEBT MILLS	DEBT LEVY	TOTAL COLLEGE LEVY
<b>GLEN OAKS COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>						
Burr Oak	\$45,350,552	2.7453	\$124,500.87	0.0000	\$0.00	\$124,500.87
Colon	\$74,439,686	2.7453	\$204,359.27	0.0000	\$0.00	\$204,359.27
Constantine	\$98,037,427	2.7453	\$269,142.15	0.0000	\$0.00	\$269,142.15
Fabius	\$120,838,827	2.7453	\$331,738.83	0.0000	\$0.00	\$331,738.83
Fawn River	\$27,474,016	2.7453	\$75,424.42	0.0000	\$0.00	\$75,424.42
Florence	\$29,752,039	2.7453	\$81,678.27	0.0000	\$0.00	\$81,678.27
Flowerfield	\$35,235,308	2.7453	\$96,731.49	0.0000	\$0.00	\$96,731.49
Leonidas	\$26,951,517	2.7453	\$73,990.00	0.0000	\$0.00	\$73,990.00
Lockport	\$81,714,008	2.7453	\$224,329.47	0.0000	\$0.00	\$224,329.47
Mendon	\$59,915,427	2.7453	\$164,485.82	0.0000	\$0.00	\$164,485.82
Mottville	\$44,193,879	2.7453	\$121,325.46	0.0000	\$0.00	\$121,325.46
Nottawa	\$89,256,390	2.7453	\$245,035.57	0.0000	\$0.00	\$245,035.57
Park	\$77,248,509	2.7453	\$212,070.33	0.0000	\$0.00	\$212,070.33
Sherman	\$89,065,700	2.7453	\$244,512.07	0.0000	\$0.00	\$244,512.07
Sturgis	\$46,249,110	2.7453	\$126,967.68	0.0000	\$0.00	\$126,967.68
White Pigeon	\$133,520,731	2.7453	\$366,554.46	0.0000	\$0.00	\$366,554.46
Sturgis City	\$228,832,002	2.7453	\$628,212.50	0.0000	\$0.00	\$628,212.50
Three Rivers	\$152,591,483	2.7453	\$418,909.40	0.0000	\$0.00	\$418,909.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,460,666,611</b>	<b>2.7453</b>	<b>\$4,009,968.06</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,009,968.06</b>
<b>KELLOGG COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>						
Leonidas	\$236,766	3.7106	\$878.54	0.0000	\$0.00	\$878.54
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$236,766</b>	<b>3.7106</b>	<b>\$878.54</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$878.54</b>
<b>KALAMAZOO VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE</b>						
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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,147,837</b>	<b>2.8135</b>	<b>\$28,550.94</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$28,550.94</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL COMMUNITY COLLEGES</b>						
	<b>\$1,471,051,214</b>		<b>\$4,039,397.54</b>	<b>0.0000</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,039,397.54</b>

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

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.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FINE FOR LAKE TEMPLENE

Ms. West-Wing stated that the DEQ had assessed St. Joseph County \$725,000 initially for failing to comply timely with a dam inspection on Lake Templene. Senator Brown was contacted and the fine was lowered to \$33,000 and now the negotiated fine is \$7,400 along with the agreement that the Drain Commissioner agreed to do some things.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the fine to DEQ in the amount of \$7,400 be paid.

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.

REQUEST TO FILL VACANT SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECEPTIONIST POSITION

Ms. West-Wing stated that a request has been received from the Sheriff regarding the filling of the vacant receptionist position.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Baker that the vacant receptionist position at the Sheriff's Department be approved. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO ACCEPT PADDLE BOAT DONATION FOR CADE LAKE PARK

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Parks and Recreation Department would like to accept a gift of a paddle boat for Cade Lake Park.

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the gift of a paddle boat for Cade Lake Park be accepted.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING SET ON 2005 BUDGET

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Bordner that a public hearing be set on the 2005 Budget at 5:15 p.m. on November 1, 2004. Motion carried.

SET 2005 SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Ms. West-Wing stated that according to the law salaries for elected officials have to be set before November 1st each year and historically they are set at the current year's salaries as follows. They most generally are raised through the budget process with the exception of the County Treasurer whose salary listed below is what is proposed in the 2005 budget. She also added that the Surveyor requested that his salary be reduced to zero.

County Clerk	\$50,753.00
Prosecuting Attorney	66,690.00
Register of Deeds	44,293.00
County Treasurer	45,766.00
Sheriff	60,173.00

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

Drain Commissioner (28 hours/week) \$25,864.00

County Commissioners 6,000.00\*

\*Includes regular and special Board meetings  
Per Diem - \$50/half day and \$95/full day

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Pueschel that the 2005 Salaries for Elected Officials be set as stated above.

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.

#### REQUEST TO FILL VACANT DISTRICT COURT CRIMINAL CLERK

Ms. West-Wing stated that a request had been received from the District Court Administrator regarding the filling of a vacant Clerk's position in the Criminal Division.

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the District Court Clerk's position in the Criminal Division be filled.

After discussion the aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 3 – Commissioners Shafer, Loudenslager and Bordner.

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

Motion defeated.

#### SHORT TERM TAX BOND BID

It was moved by Commissioner Loudenslager and supported by Commissioner Bippus that the Clerk be authorized to advertise for the Short Term Tax Bond Bids – 2004 Levy, bids due at 4:00 p.m. on November 15, 2004, to be opened at the Board of Commissioners Meeting on November 16, 2004. Motion carried.

#### NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

##### Board of Public Works

Commissioner Shafer nominated Lola Gross to the Board of Public Works.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### Law Enforcement

Commissioner Bippus stated that there was no report.

##### Judiciary

Commissioner Bordner reported on the meeting held on October 13th and stated that they continued discussion on making the Courts more efficient.

##### Physical Resources

Commissioner Bippus stated that the Physical Resources Committee is only discussing the jail renovations and the change order was approved earlier in the meeting. Commissioner Bippus stated in response to a question by Commissioner Loudenslager that the completion of the jail will be near to what was projected at the beginning of the project.

##### Executive Committee

Commissioner Bordner stated that most items discussed at the Executive Committee Meeting on October 15th, had been addressed tonight; other items discussed were:

- an additional pick up truck through the Homeland Security Grant.
- vacancies on the CMH and COA that the Administration will advertise to get applications.
- received a report on the attorney bills regarding the CMH matter.
- we sold the jail generator on eBay for \$4,100.
- LouAnn Moord who is administering the CDBG/Home Grant Program continues to seek clients from areas in the County other than Three Rivers where most of the applications seem to come.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Niccole Nathan, Sheriff’s Department Receptionist, has resigned effective October 15, 2004.

Nikkole Huff, part-time Telecommunicator, has resigned effective October 12, 2004.

Laura Nelson, District Court Senior Deputy Clerk, has resigned effective October 15, 2004.

Jamie Lego, part-time Court Security and part-time Corrections, has resigned effective October 14, 2004.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Maxine Kennedy, Prosecutor’s Office Manager, was on medical leave from October 7 to October 18, 2004 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

Cheri Bouterse, Deputy Drain Commissioner, will be on medical leave commencing October 25, 2004 under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

FROM CONTINGENCY:

\$65,000 from General Fund Contingency to Probate Child Care Fund Appropriation 101-001-965.070.

\$6,500.00 from General Fund Contingency to County Commission Line Item 101-101-802.00 (Legal Attorney.)

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$65,000 from Probate Child Care Appropriation to Probate Child Care Fund.

BUDGET AMENDMENT:

INCREASE VETERANS BUDGET:

Line item 101-682-860.000 (Travel Expense) \$ 250.00

DECREASE VETERANS BUDGET:

Line item 101-682-706.060 (Wages – Clerical) \$ 250.00

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker – 3 half days 9/23, 10/1 & 10/15/04 & 4 full days 10/11, 10/12, 10/13 & 10/14/04	\$ 530.00
Monte Bordner – 11 half days 8/26, 8/30, 9/1, 9/3, 9/14, 9/16, 9/17, 10/1, 10/6, 10/13 & 10/15/04 & 2 full days 8/31 & 10/18/04	740.00
John Dobberteen – 7 half days 9/22, 9/23, 10/1, 10/8, 10/12, 10/13 & 10/15/04 & 2 full days 9/21 & 10/5/04	540.00
Gerald Loudenslager – 4 half days 9/27, 9/28, 10/11 & 10/18/04 & 1 full day 10/18/04	295.00
Eric Shafer – 5 half days 10/4, 10/5, 10/6, 10/11 & 10/13/04	<u>250.00</u>
	\$2,355.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 257.64
Monte Bordner	270.67
John Dobberteen	93.00
Gerald Loudenslager	51.38
Eric Shafer	<u>28.13</u>
	\$ 700.82

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

Financial Statements

	Revenues	Expenditures
September	\$ 894,239.00	\$ 966,704.00
Year to Date	8,945,903.00	9,231,422.00
Period Fund Balance	(\$72,465.00)	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	75.00%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	70.00%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	72.24%	

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

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR'S AGREEMENT

Mr. Carey recommended approval of an Independent Contractor's Agreement with Hospital Network Healthcare Service for bio-hazard/medical waste pickup at the jail.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Baker that the Independent Contractor's Agreement 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.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Dobberteen stated that a letter had been received requesting that the Board approve the United Way hosting a cookout on election day as part of their campaign.

It was moved by Commissioner Bippus and supported by Commissioner Shafer that the United Way be given authorization to hold a cookout on Tuesday, November 2nd for the employees and any others that may wish to partake. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Baker stated that he had attended a Homeland Security Summit and also a Community Mental Health seminar the latter of which is working on healing hard feelings. He learned a lot at both functions.

Commissioner Pueschel stated that he also attended the CMH Seminar and learned a lot.

Commissioner Bippus stated that he would be late to the budget work session next Monday, not arriving until 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m. Commissioner Shafer stated that he would also not be there until 4:00 p.m.

Commissioner Bordner stated that he would not have voted to fill the vacant receptionist position at the Jail if he would have known that the Board was going to turn down the request from District Court to fill their vacant position. He stated that District Court does a good job, they continue to try to increase efficiency and revenue.

Commissioner Baker responded to the jail receptionist position stating that that person has their own station and there is not another person to assist.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Loudenslager that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until November 1, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

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John L. Dobberteen, Chairman