

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 December 1, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Vice-chairman Balog called the meeting to order.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

The Clerk, Lindsay Oswald, called the roll and the following Commissioners were present:

Allen J. Balog	Donald Eaton
Rick Shaffer	Robin Baker

Commissioner Dobberteen was absent.

Also present: Pat Yoder, Administrator/Controller, Joni Smith, Finance Director, and Teresa Doehring, Human Resources Director.

#### AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and seconded by Commissioner Baker that the agenda be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer that the minutes for November 17, 2015 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

1. Memo from Jaymes MacDonald, Parks and Recreation Director, Re: Month-end narrative for October, 2015.
2. Minutes of the Animal Control Advisory Board meeting of August 19 and October 21, 2015 (no September meeting).

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Eaton that the communications be placed on file. Motion carried.

#### CITIZENS' COMMENT

Gordon Evilsizor, Florence Township Supervisor, of 17770 Stears Road in White Pigeon commented on the request for \$1.5 million to fix Constantine Road.

#### PUBLIC HEARING – 2016 BUDGET

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to open the floor to public comment. Motion carried, and the floor was opened to public comment at 5:07 p.m.

Tim Carls of 63044 Klinger Lake Road in Centreville commented on the technology funds for Sturgis Public Schools.

Ken Jones, Chair of the St. Joseph County Economic Development Corporation, noted that the money to the Sturgis schools would benefit the entire county by restarting the technology program that was greatly needed. He noted other contributors included major manufacturers in the County.

Hearing no other comments, it was moved by Commissioner Eaton and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to close the floor to public comment at 5:12 p.m. Motion carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION’S ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Jones presented the annual report and highlighted the number of consultations during the year. He noted expansion and redevelopment projects were bringing new jobs to the County.

Commissioners Eaton and Shaffer thanked Mr. Jones and Southwest Michigan First staff, Cathy Knapp and Damon Allison, for meeting the needs of the employers and bringing jobs to the County.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to accept the report. Motion carried.

LABOR AGREEMENT WITH FOP (CORRECTIONS SERGEANTS DIVISION)

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to approve the labor agreement. Motion carried 4-0 upon roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Eaton to appoint Dave Allen to the Road Commission with a term expiring December 31, 2021. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Yoder asked about moving forward with security training for the Commission. By consent, the Commission approved.

Mr. Yoder asked about moving the Executive Committee to Wednesday, December 9 at 8 a.m. By consent, the Commission approved.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Doehring presented the following report:

Kristen Brandys changes from FOC Secretary to FOC Caseworker/Investigator at \$20.57/hr. (Nottley System, grade 8, step 1) effective November 30, 2015.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Eaton that the personnel report be approved. Motion carried.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Ms. Smith presented the following reports:

Bills

<u>Expenditure Type</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating	\$3,515,571.41	\$1,100,032.27	\$4,615,603.68
Payroll	<u>630,650.00</u>	<u>212,675.19</u>	<u>843,325.19</u>
Total	\$4,146,221.41	\$ 1,312,707.46	\$5,458,928.87

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve payment of the bills. Motion carried.

Independent Contractor Agreement (Snow Removal)

It was moved by Commissioner Eaton and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the agreement with Adams Excavating for snow removal. Motion carried 4-0 upon a roll call vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Baker stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Eaton stated that the Committee had met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Vice-chairman Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Vice-chairman Balog had nothing further to report.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Jerry Ware commented on not receiving Executive Committee minutes until the Tuesday after the Thursday meeting.

Rebecca Shank of 385 S. Washington in Constantine commented on money to the technology program and on the lake improvement program focusing on invasive species.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

There were no additional comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:32 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Eaton that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until December 15, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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Allen J. Balog, Vice-chairman