

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 18, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Baker 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	Michael D. Dunlap
Robin Baker	Monte Bordner
David J. Pueschel	John Dobberteen

Absent: Gerald E. Loudenslager

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

AGENDA

Commissioner Shafer stated that the Citizen Recognition Award for Doug Pagels needs to be removed from the agenda because Mr. Pagels is ill.

Ms. West-Wing stated that the Agricultural Conservation Donation needs to be removed from the agenda.

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

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the minutes for December 4, 2007 be approved. Motion carried. Commissioner Shafer abstained due to absence.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Michigan Association of Counties, Re: MAC Legislative Updates, December 7 and 14, 2007.
2. Letter from Richard Ohlin, Re: Resignation from the Veterans' Affairs Board.
3. Letter from the Village of Constantine, Re: Notice of public hearing on December 17 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Fibre Converters.
4. Letter from the City of Sturgis, Re: Notice of public hearing on December 19 to consider an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to LTI Printing.
5. Letter from Dick Ward, Re: The possible relocation of Community Mental Health to Centreville.
6. Letter from Katherine Langworthy, Re: The possible relocation of Community Mental Health to Centreville.
7. Letter from the St. Joseph River Basin Commission, Re: Protecting the Great Lakes.
8. Christmas card from Cohl, Stoker, Toskey & McGlinchey, P.C.
9. Minutes of the Community Mental Health Services Board meeting of December , 2007.

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

AWARD SHORT TERM TAX BOND BID

The Clerk opened the only Short Term Tax Bond Bid received from the IBEX Insurance Agency from Farmington Hills for \$1,418.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the Short Term Tax Bond Bid – 2007 levy be awarded to IBEX Insurance Agency in the amount of \$1,418. Motion carried.

COUNTY MASTER PLAN 2007 UPDATE

Brad Neumann, Land Policy Educator at MSUE, requested endorsement of the County Master Plan 2007 Update. He stated that he was here on behalf of the County Planning Commission. The Planning Commission adopted the Master Plan 2007 Update at their regular meeting on November 28, 2007.

He further stated that townships, ag producers and citizens had a lot of input into the development of the Plan.

The Plan meets the certified requirements of the County Farm Preservation which makes it the first in the State. This allows every township the ability to apply for state grant opportunities. This is a major step forward in regards to agricultural production, potential educational opportunities and provides a balance to land use in the County.

Mr. Neumann stated that everyone involved did an excellent job in putting the Plan together, especially the Steering Committee.

Chuck Eckenstahler, consultant hired to develop the plan, stated that it was an enjoyable experience.

Commissioner Shafer read the following resolution:

ENDORSEMENT RESOLUTION
MASTER PLAN UPDATE – 22A-2007

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Planning Commission has been established pursuant to the County Planning Act, Public Act 282 of 1945, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Planning Commission during the calendar year of 2006/07, has reviewed the current Master Plan and prepared an updated text and Future Land Use Plan Map, for the purpose of encouraging and guiding orderly and efficient future growth and development throughout St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with P.A. 282 of 1945, as amended, the Planning Commission did transmit a copy of the draft document with a notice requesting their review as required by the Act, to the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, County Planning Commissions of all adjoining local governments and counties, and the Planning Commissions of all local governments within St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with P.A. 282 of 1945, as amended, with notices of public hearing duly published, a public hearing was held on October 31, 2007 at the office of the St. Joseph County Parks and Recreation Commission for the purpose of making public explanation of the proposed Master Plan and to receive public comment and recommendations regarding the plan; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners have been kept informed of the preparation of the Master Plan Update and participated in the preparation of the Master Plan Update including attendance at the public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the County Commission of St. Joseph County hereby endorses the *St. Joseph County Master Plan Update* dated 2007 as prepared, approved and adopted by the St. Joseph County Planning Commission to encourage and guide future growth and development throughout St. Joseph County in an orderly manner.

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

Commissioner Bordner thanked Brad Neumann and Chuck Eckenstahler for all their work in the development of the document. He further stated that it is a living document and he appreciates all the time and effort that was put in by all individuals including citizens. Other counties will emulate this plan.

Commissioner Shafer stated that he was on the Steering Committee and he thanked Mr. Neumann and Mr. Eckenstahler for their guidance. He stated that it was an interesting process. There were a lot of public meetings and the townships had a lot of input. It is a working document and it is up to the Planning Commission to carry forward the plans.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 – Commissioners Shafer, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Loudenslager.

Resolution adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING ON MSHDA GRANT APPLICATION

Chairman Baker declared the public hearing opened on the MSHDA Community Development Block Grant Application for 2008-2009 in the amount of \$275,000.

Christy Cherry, Community Action Agency Administrator who administers the program for St. Joseph County, was present to answer questions.

Commissioner Shafer asked if the monies are distributed throughout the County evenly and Mary Frisby from CAA stated that they publicize through the media and through other services and programs throughout the County when monies are available.

They have rehab housing and also provide emergency services. Commissioner Bordner stated that there is a lot of paperwork involved in major rehabs, it is a good program, but unfortunately there are a lot of false starts.

Chairman Baker declared the public hearing closed.

PROCLAMATION HONORING MAURICE COOK

Commissioner Shafer stated that Maurice Cook has been on the Planning Commission for 21 years and has recently resigned. He read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2007 PROCLAMATION HONORING MAURICE COOK

WHEREAS, Maurice Cook has devoted almost twenty-four years as a public servant for the Village of Mendon and St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, Maurice Cook was elected to the Mendon Village Council in 1984 and served for ten years. In addition Maurice was a member of the Mendon DDA for four years and served on various Village committees from 1984 until 2000.

WHEREAS, Maurice Cook was appointed to the St. Joseph County Planning Commission on January 20, 1987 and has loyally served until his resignation on November 28, 2007. Maurice was an active member throughout his twenty-one year tenure.

WHEREAS, the personal commitment of time and energy required to responsibly perform a public duty and the unselfish sacrifice that it demands can never be adequately compensated.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners recognizes and expresses grateful appreciation for the many years of devoted service that Maurice Cook has given to the citizens of St. Joseph County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners this 18th day of December, 2007 and be presented to Maurice with sincere thanks.

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

Bill Chase, member of the Planning Commission, presented a silver plate to Mr. Cook in honor of his service on the Planning Commission.

Mr. Cook thanked the Board and Mr. Chase and stated that it was a learning experience serving on the Planning Commission.

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 – Commissioners Shafer, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Loudenslager.

Resolution adopted.

CITIZEN RECOGNITION AWARD

Commissioner Bordner called Mike Perry, representing Perry Personnel, forward and presented a Citizen Recognition Award to him. He further stated that a year ago the Transportation Authority was left on its own when the contractor pulled out. Perry Personnel provided the Human Resources component to the Transportation Authority and they could not have held it together without them. They provided key players to provide uninterrupted service until the Transportation Authority could manage their employees and now the millage has passed.

Joe Haas, Chairman of the Transportation Authority Board stated that Mr. Perry and Perry Personnel provided outstanding assistance to the Authority.

Mr. Perry stated that he was honored to receive the award and having transportation in the County is vital and is thrilled to see its progress.

Mr. Haas stated that on behalf of the Transportation Authority Board he thanked Perry Personnel for providing the services at cost and said that without their help they likely would not have a Transportation Authority if Perry Personnel had not stepped up to the plate.

REMONUMENTATION FEES – 2008 REVISED SCHEDULE

Ms. West-Wing presented the following Remonumentation Fee Schedule effective in 2008:

<u>Standard:</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
Research	\$225.00	\$235.00	4.4%
Field Investigation, Set Monument, Witness Corner, Present and Record L.C.R.C.	\$880.00	\$920.00	4.5%
<u>Exceptions:</u>			
Road/Open Field Traverse	\$.12/FT	\$.13/FT	8.3%
Woodlot/Westland Traverse	\$.20/FT	\$.21/FT	5%
Set Monument Box (in gravel or asphalt rdwy.)	\$ 90.00	\$100.00	11%
Set Mon. Box in Conc. Rdwy.	\$655.00	\$675.00	3%
Rental Equipment for Excavation	Cost	Cost	
Std. Mon. on Private Survey	\$530.00	\$530.00	0%
Corner Maintenance	\$350.00	\$375.00	7.1%
Global Positioning (GPS)	\$300.00	\$300.00	0%
Control Station Recovery	\$500.00	\$500.00	0%
Per Diem for Meetings	\$ 75.00	\$100.00	33.3%
Administration – County Rep.	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	0%

WHEREAS, the described property is adjacent and contiguous to the present corporate limits of the Village of Mendon; and

WHEREAS, Notice of the Presentment and hearing on said Petition has been posted/published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners determined that the Petition and the procedure in which it was presented to be in proper order, and the Board is fully advised in the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that after due deliberation and discussion, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept and approve the Petition of the Village of Mendon and does hereby ORDER that the boundaries of the Village of Mendon be altered and changed to include within the corporate limits and boundaries of the Village of Mendon the property described herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners that a copy of this Determination and Resolution be entered upon the records of said Board and that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mendon Village Clerk and to the Secretary of State of the State of Michigan as required by Statute.

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

The aye and nay vote was called as follows:

Aye votes cast: 6 – Commissioners Shafer, Dunlap, Baker, Bordner, Pueschel and Dobberteen.

Nay votes cast: 0

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Loudenslager.

Resolution adopted.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Economic Development Corporation

It was moved by Commissioner Bordner and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that Karen Carlisle be nominated and appointed to the Economic Development Corporation representing Workforce Development to fill an unexpired term that will expire on August 1, 2009. Motion carried. Nancy Percival vacated the Workforce Development slot to fill the slot representing Villages to the unexpired term of Martin DeLeo. Her term will now expire June 1, 2012.

Planning Commission

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that James Griffith, Douglas Pagels and Warren R. Atkins be nominated and appointed to the Planning Commission for 3 year terms that will expire January 1, 2011. Motion carried.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Bordner that the following persons be nominated and appointed to the Community Corrections Advisory Board:

Jeffrey C. Middleton, Chief District Court Judge
Tony Callaway, Day Reporting Center
Henry VanGemert, St. Joseph County District Court Probation
Tom Koenig, Michigan Department of Corrections
Paul Stutesman, Circuit Court Judge
Thomas Shumaker, Circuit Court/Family Division Judge
Lt. Mark Books, St. Joseph County Sheriff's Department
Gerald Loudenslager, St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners

Douglas F. Fisher, Prosecuting Attorney
Mary Lynn Falbe, St. Joseph County Domestic Assault Shelter Coalition
Howard Bush, Attorney at Law
Eddie MacKay, Citizen at Large
William D. Welty, District Court Judge

Motion carried.

Tax Increment Financing Authority Board

It was moved by Commissioner Shafer and supported by Commissioner Bordner that John Dobberteen be appointed to the Tax Increment Financing Authority Board for the City of Sturgis. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that they had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Dunlap stated that they had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Shafer stated that the last Physical Resources Committee meeting was reported on at the last meeting.

Executive Committee

Commissioner Bordner stated that the Executive Committee met on December 14th and copies of the minutes have been distributed and he will answer any questions that anyone may have.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

RESIGNATION:

Donald A. Happel has resigned as part-time Court Security and Transport/Corrections effective December 19, 2007.

NEW HIRE:

Donald A. Happel has been hired as full-time District Court Magistrate/Judicial Associate at \$35,303.00/yr. (level 7, minimum) effective January 8, 2008.

Christiane L. Troyer was approved to be hired as part-time Telecommunicator at the December 4, 2007 Commission meeting. Since that date, Ms. Troyer has declined the position.

Qwenten C. Channey has been hired as part-time Telecommunicator at \$8.50/hr. effective December 16, 2007.

Janelle L. Sievers was approved to be hired as full-time Telecommunicator at the December 4, 2007 Commission meeting. Since that date, Ms. Sievers has declined the position.

Nancy Ann Griffin has been hired as full-time Telecommunicator at \$14.27/hr. effective January 14, 2008.

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

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Ms. West-Wing presented the following report:

MISCELLANEOUS:

Authorization to the Finance Director to make any line item transfers necessary after the final payroll of 2007 to ensure a balanced budget.

FROM APPROPRIATION:

\$29,000.00 from Probate Child Care Appropriation to Probate Child Care Fund.

INCREASE EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND

County Commission

101-708.000	Wages – Per Diem	\$ 3,000
101-860.000	Travel	<u>1,664</u>
		\$ 4,664

Elections

191-811.020	Reimb. City/Twp. Elections	\$ 18,000
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County Clerk

215-707.000	Wages – Part Time	\$ 1,500
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Prosecutor’s Office

229-706.260	Wages – Investigator	\$ 210
229-716.000	Health Insurance	600
229-957.010	Trial Expense	<u>10,000</u>
		\$ 10,810

Drain Commission

275-718.010	Retirement	\$ 1,200
275-860.000	Travel	<u>500</u>
		\$ 1,700

Marine Safety Patrol

331-931.000	Equipment Repair	\$ 515
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Sheriff’s Department

301-977.000	Equipment General	\$ 1,241
351-976.000	Bldg Addition/Improvement	5,473
351-977.000	Equipment General	3,982
351-984.000	Computer Hardware	14,091
351-985.000	Computer Software	<u>1,250</u>
		\$ 26,037

DECREASE EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND

County Commission

101-802.000	Legal Attorney	\$ 3,400
101-861.000	Convention	255
101-862.000	Seminar	309
101-900.000	Advertising	500
101-982.000	Library	<u>200</u>
		\$ 4,664

Elections

191-708.010	Wages – Per Diem – Elect.	\$ 18,000
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County Clerk

215-706.130	Wages – Deputies	\$ 1,500
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Prosecutor’s Office

229-718.010	Retirement	\$ 10,810
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Drain Commission

890-941.000	Contingency	\$ 1,700
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Marine Safety Patrol

890-941.000	Contingency	\$ 515
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Sheriff’s Department

301-674.300	Donated Capital	\$ 26,037
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INCREASE EXPENDITURES – GENERAL FUND

Utilities & General Insurance

872-716.070 Insurance – Chiro Copay \$ 5,000

Contingency Fund

890-941.000 Contingency \$ 25,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ 93,226

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

Central Dispatch Fund - 211

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

911-721.010 Opt Out Waiver \$ 2,100

Law Enforcement Fund – 266

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

301-716.000 Health Insurance \$ 10,400
301-716.010 Dental Insurance 600
\$ 11,000

Veterans’ Affairs - 294

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

683-817.000 Veterans’ Emergent Needs \$ 15,000

Inmate Store Fund – 546

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

301-976.000 Building Additions Impro. \$ 2,500
301-978.000 Furniture/Fixtures 750
301-984.000 Computer Hardware 150
301-985.000 Computer Software 350
\$ 3,750

Information Technology Improvement Fund – 636

INCREASE EXPENDITURES

301-985.000 Computer Software \$ 10,500

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS \$ 42,350

DECREASE EXPENDITURES - GENERAL FUND

Utilities & General Insurance

872-922.020 Gas – Courts Building \$ 2,000
872-922.040 Gas – County Jail 3,000

\$ 5,000

Contingency Fund

136-718.010 Retirement – District Court \$ 15,000
141-718.010 Retirement – FOC 5,000
149-718.010 Retirement – Juvenile 5,000

\$ 25,000

TOTAL GENERAL FUND \$ 93,226

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

Central Dispatch Fund - 211

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

911-716.000 Health Insurance \$ 2,100

Law Enforcement Fund - 266

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

301-721.010 Opt Out Waiver \$ 3,000
301-743.020 Supplies – Patrol 4,500
301-728.000 Printing 1,000
301-932.000 Vehicle Repair 2,500

\$ 11,000

Veterans’ Affairs - 294

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

683-570.050 State Veterans’ Trust Grant \$ 15,000

Inmate Store Fund - 546

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

301-759.000 Prisoner Supplies \$ 1,750

INCREASE REVENUE

301-643.010 Commissary Commission 2,000

\$ 3,750

Information Technology Improvement Fund - 636

DECREASE EXPENDITURES

301-984.000 Computer Hardware \$ 10,500

TOTAL OTHER FUNDS \$ 42,350

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Carey presented the following reports:

Per Diem

Robin Baker – 4 half days 12/5, 12/6, 12/12 & 12/14/07	\$ 200.00
Monte Bordner – 9 half days 12/3, 12/4, 12/10, 12/11 x 2, 12/12 & 12/14/07 x 3 & 6 full days 11/26, 12/5, 12/6, 12/7, 12/12 & 12/15/07	1,020.00
John Dobberteen – 12 half days 11/29, 11/30, 12/3, 12/4, 12/5, 12/11 x 2, 12/12, 12/14 x 3 & 12/17/07	600.00
Michael Dunlap – 10 half days 11/26, 11/27, 11/28, 11/29, 12/3 x 3, 12/6, 12/11 & 12/14/07	500.00
David Pueschel – 5 half days 11/21, 11/27, 11/28 x 2 & 12/6/07 & 1 full day 12/12/07	345.00
Eric Shafer – 4 half days 11/21, 11/27, 11/28 & 11/29/07	<u>200.00</u>
	\$2,865.00

Expenses

Robin Baker	\$ 69.84
Monte Bordner	430.61
Michael Dunlap	125.13
John Dobberteen	115.92
David Pueschel	80.03
Eric Shafer	<u>8.00</u>
	\$ 829.53

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

Financial Statements

	Revenues	Expenditures
November	\$ 1,288,382	\$ 1,095,400
Year to Date	13,188,363	12,336,971
Period Fund Balance	\$192,983.00	
Year to Date	\$372,936.00	
Percent of budget year elapsed year to date.	91.67%	
Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date	91.06%	
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date	88.48%	

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Baker read the following Highlights for 2007:

- Elected Robin Baker as Chairman and John Dobberteen as Vice-Chairman.
- Endorsed the Community Health Agency's Building Project for a dental clinic along with health care to be located in Three Rivers.
- Amended the Host Community Agreement with Waste Management to remove the drop-off recycling bins.
- Curbside recycling commenced the first of February for the Cities of Sturgis and Three Rivers.
- Transition of employees' retirement system to MERS.
- Adopted Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Started a Recycle by Mail program for the recycling of inkjet cartridges and cell phones.

- Approved request to place the levy of a .33 of a mill on the August 7, 2007 ballot for a Transportation Authority Millage which was approved by the voters.
- Approved three-year labor agreement with FOP – Corrections Sergeant Unit.
- Approved three-year labor agreements with POAM (Corrections, Road and Command units).
- Approved Third Party Agreement with Volunteer Energy Services for Purchase of Natural Gas.
- Approved memorandum of understanding for EDC Grant Writer position. This position is a joint effort with the County and Cities of Three Rivers and Sturgis.
- Established Special Assessment Districts for Pleasant Lake, Clear Lake, and Omena Lake.
- Held thirteenth annual employee service recognition.
- Approved Emergency Management Mutual Aid Agreement for Region IV.
- Pledged full faith and credit to CMH for building project.
- Approved pursuing grants to create an Agricultural Economic Development Plan.
- Approved revised District Court non-contract employment policy.
- Endorsed County 2007 Master Plan Update.

Commissioner Bordner stated that 4 years ago the Board initiated a planning process with the assistance of MSUE. Seven bullets listed above are a direct result of that process.

Commissioner Dunlap stated that Chairman Baker did a nice job this year.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Andy Goldberger, Central Dispatch Director, stated that Senate Bills 410 and 411 have finally passed both houses of the legislature. It has been 2 years of hard work. They had help from the industry and also from the Michigan Association of Counties. The bills passed the Senate last May and when it got to the House it just sat there even after many hearings. Last Wednesday it passed out of the House with some amendments and it passed the Senate the same day. It is currently on the Governor's desk waiting for her signature.

The surcharge will now be on cell phones in addition to land lines. He would like to give credit to Senators Brown and Basham. There is still some tweaking to do as it sunsets in 14 months. He thanked the Board for their resolutions in support of both bills.

MISCELLANEOUS

Commissioner Pueschel stated that it was good to hear some good news for a change in regard to S.B. 410 and 411.

Commissioner Shafer stated that it is important that we have our association with MAC. He thanked Mr. Goldberger and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Dunlap wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Commissioner Bordner stated that he was in the capital right before the vote last Wednesday on S.B. 410 and 411 and the MAC lobbyists were there as well. He and MAC knew more about the bills than the legislators did. Mr. Goldberger is to be commended.

Commissioner Bordner hoped that everyone has a Merry Christmas season and suggested that all help those in need during this season.

Commissioner Dobberteen wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Cleaver wished everyone a Happy New Year.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and supported by Commissioner Dunlap that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until January 8, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Pattie S. Bender, County Clerk

Robin Baker, Chairman