

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commissioners' Room, Courthouse in Centreville, Michigan on January 15, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

The Invocation was given by Commissioner Czajkowski.

The Pledge to the American Flag was given.

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

Allen J. Balog	Ken Malone
Daniel R. Czajkowski	Kathy Pangle
	Dennis Allen

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator

AGENDA

Commissioner Balog asked that the resolution for Veteran Flynn be removed.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle that the agenda be approved as amended. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the minutes for January 2, 2019 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resolution from Bay County, Re: Urging our Legislators to revise Medicare Prescription Drug Bill of 2003.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

There were no comments.

PUBLIC HEARING PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN

Chairman Allen opened the floor for public comment at 5:03 p.m.

Rebecca Shank of Constantine asked that the master plan not include tax revenue to purchase tax producing properties and that parks not compete with private enterprise.

Chairman Allen closed the floor for public comment at 5:04 p.m.

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – DEPUTY PROBATE REGISTER

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the exception to the hiring freeze. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION TO HIRING FREEZE – ROAD PATROL AND CORRECTION

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the exceptions to the hiring freeze. Motion carried.

REQUEST FOR RESTITUTION OF LIVESTOCK

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the request for restitution. Motion carried.

ACCEPT MSU EXTENSION 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the annual report and place it on file. Motion carried.

2019 MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR EXTENSION SERVICES

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

2019 AERIAL IMAGERY CONTRACT WITH THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

It was moved by Commissioner Czajkowski and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the contract. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

FY 2019 ADULT DRUG TREATMENT COURT GRANT

It was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the grant contract. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

GRANT WRITER AGREEMENT WITH GRANTSMANSHIP CONSULTING, LLC

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the agreement. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN ADOPTION
RESOLUTION 3-2019

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Joseph County has undertaken a Five-year Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities, and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreation facilities for the period of 2019 through 2023; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing and comment session was held January 15, 2019 at the St. Joseph County Courthouse to provide an opportunity for citizens to express opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the Recreation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Joseph County has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community and to adopt the plan as a document to assist in meeting the recreation needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt said Recreation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the St. Joseph County Parks and Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the County of St. Joseph.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski to approve the resolution and waive second reading to adopt the resolution approving the 5-year plan. Discussion included the need for additional snowmobile trails in the county.

Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AGENCY APPROPRIATION
RESOLUTION 4-2019

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County is a member of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency (CHA); and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County is committed to supporting programs that provide access to appropriate health care services for low-income residents of St. Joseph County; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County has budgeted \$307,700.00 in 2019 to finance a portion of the Community Health Agency; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 St. Joseph County and the Community Health Agency entered into a building lease agreement for 1110 Hill Street, Three Rivers, for an annual rent of \$1.00 per year payable by January 15th; and

WHEREAS, it would be appropriate to reduce the appropriation by \$1.00 to represent the yearly rent payment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Treasurer is respectfully directed to make quarterly transfers at the direction of the CHA. The CHA will determine the amounts and the timing for each quarterly transfer.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve the resolution and waive second reading to approve the appropriation. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

HONORING VETERAN RICHARD FREEMAN
RESOLUTION 5-2019

Commissioner Malone presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Richard Freeman was born on February 17, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Richard Freeman married his loving wife Mildred on July 12, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Richard Freeman served our Great Nation in the United States Army during World War II from May 5, 1941 to October 27, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Richard Freeman earned the European-African-Middle Eastern which included six Bronze stars and a Good Conduct Medal; and

WHEREAS, Richard Freeman also earned the Bronze Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, Richard Freeman owned and operated Freeman Manufacturing in Sturgis.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners recognizes Veteran Richard Freeman as he celebrates his 100th birthday.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread upon the proceedings of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners this 15th day of January 2019 and be presented to Richard Freeman at his celebratory birthday gathering.

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Balog to approve the proclamation honoring Veteran Richard Freeman. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commission Pangle to reappoint Judges Middleton, Pattison, Stutesman, and Tomlinson; John McDonough, Kitty Buchner, Lisa Martin, Gina Wagner, Tom Miles, Eddie MacKay, Rose Ludwick, Gerald Loudenslager, and Howard Bush to the Community Corrections Advisory Board with terms ending December 31, 2019. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Doehring thanked Jenny Bower from the Finance Department for presenting finance reports.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments.

Bills

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

Per Diem and Expenses

It was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve payment of the per diems and expenses. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Czajkowski stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Allen stated that the Committee minutes were available.

Human Services

Commissioner Pangle noted a new Human Services website and provided an update.

911 Central Dispatch

Chairman Allen updated the Commissioner regarding the new tower construction.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Allen had nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Balog commented on the high expectations of the Road Commission and Road Commission manager and the recent decision to not reappoint Rick Anderson to the road commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Balog to accept David Allen's resignation from the Road Commission and reappoint Rick Anderson in his place. The motion died for lack of support.

Commissioner Pangle noted the road commission appointment was made after interviews of potential candidates and not made in haste.

Commissioner Czajkowski supported Commissioner Pangle's statement and expressed that it was not the position of the Road Commission to appoint to that board.

Chairman Allen noted that he had communicated with Mr. Allen that the Commission was not asking anyone to resign and if Mr. Allen wished to resign, he could submit his resignation.

Commissioner Pangle noted that Mr. Allen offered the same with the last appointment, and if he wanted to step down, he should step down.

Commissioner Balog noted the current Road Commission members knew the job of the Road Commission better than anyone.

Commissioner Pangle and Commissioner Czajkowski discussed the desire to appoint members that the Commission felt would direct the Road Commission in the direction that the Commission wanted.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:35 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Balog and seconded by Commissioner Malone that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until February 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Dennis Allen, Chairman