

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 July 18, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Balog called the meeting to order.

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:

Dennis Allen	John L. Dobberteen
Daniel R. Czajkowski	Kathy Pangle
	Allen J. Balog

Also present: Pat Yoder, Administrator/Controller; Teresa Doehring, Assistant County Administrator; and Ryan Post, Finance Director.

AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

MINUTES APPROVED

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Allen that the minutes for June 20, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the St. Joseph County Historical Society, Re: Thank you for Board of Commissioners' support of grant to further their preservation efforts at the White Pigeon Prairie US Land Office in White Pigeon.

Minutes of the Community Action Board meeting of May 22, 2017.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Arne Switalski, 56873 Nottawa Rd., Mendon, commented on concerns regarding the solar panels.

Kayleen Grand, 16270 S. 31st St., Vicksburg, commented on concerns regarding the solar panels asking that the Commission support the local townships in contesting the solar farms until more information can be obtained regarding the safety and appropriateness of the solar farm factories in our communities.

Kevin Grand, 16270 S. 31st St., Vicksburg, commented on the concerns regarding cleanup after the useful life of the solar panels and why a moratorium would be beneficial while more information is sought.

Norma Switalski, 56837 Nottawa Rd., Mendon, commented on the need for careful planning before allowing solar farms in the area.

Tim Carls, 64033 Klinger Lake Road, Centreville, commented on the Road Commission audit.

Jeanine Hire, 616 W. Buck Street, Three Rivers, commented on the solar panel farm that she has seen in Arizona and how it would be a waste of prime farmland.

Charlene Zavala, 16916 Bridgette Drive, Three Rivers, commented on the sports complex agreements dates.

Lynn McLeod, commented on the doors locked in the Courthouse and questioned who was responsible for the security.

Rachel Drumm, 612 S. Hooker Avenue, Three Rivers, asked that the Commission halt the solar farms coming to the County because of the lower property values and the need for attraction, and retention within the County.

Jared Hoffmaster, 58250 Jennie Drive, Three Rivers, commented on the sports agreement amendment that allowed the extension of the agreement between the City of Three Rivers and St. Joseph County.

Ashley Rowland of Sturgis thanked the County for the veterans' services program and all the assistance Director Stoney Summey has provided.

APPOINT DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to appoint Theodore T. Brown as Deputy Medical Examiner. Motion carried.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Dobberteen to appoint Joseph Heivilin with a term expiring June 30, 2018 and Deborah Davis, Allen Balog, Barbara Fisher, Charles Thompson, and Jim MacTavish with terms expiring June 30, 2019 to the Commission on Aging. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to appoint Cathi Abbs with a term expiring March 31, 2019 and Kay Decker with a term expiring March 31, 2018 to the Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Allen to appoint Rick Shaffer to the Planning Commission with a term expiring January 1, 2018. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to appoint Richard Anderson with a term expiring September 30, 2020 to the Workforce Development Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Czajkoswki to appoint Commissioner Pangle to the Community Action board.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Yoder had nothing further to report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Doehring introduced Ryan Post, the new Finance Director.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

Mr. Post presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

There were no budget amendments for review.

Per Diem and Expenses

Allen Balog - 6 category 1: 6/21, 6/22 x 2, 7/11 x 2, 7/17	\$300.00
Daniel Czajkowski - 3 category 1: 6/7, 6/14, 7/14	150.00
Kathy Pangle - 8 category 1: 6/13, 6/21, 6/22, 6/28, 7/8, 7/10 x 2, 7/11	<u>400.00</u>
	\$850.00
Allen Balog	21.94
Daniel Czajkowski	39.06
Kathy Pangle	<u>56.71</u>
	\$117.71

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Allen to pay the per diem and expenses. Motion carried.

Financial Statement as of June 30, 2017

	Year-to-Date	Remaining	Budget Used
Revenue	\$11,408,103.06	\$10,310,895.94	52.53%
Expenses	\$11,761,813.16	\$ 9,957,185.84	54.15%

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to place the report on file. Motion carried.

	<u>Bills</u>		
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total
Expenditure Type			
Operating	693,058.41	1,458,350.25	2,151,408.66
Payroll	<u>715,102.46</u>	<u>242,285.63</u>	<u>957,388.09</u>
	1,408,160.87	1,700,635.88	3,108,796.75

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Dobberteen to pay the bills. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Chairman Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that committee had not met.

Physical Resources

Commissioner Dobberteen stated that the Committee had not met.

Executive/Committee of the Whole

Chairman Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Parks and Recreation Commission

Commissioner Czajkowski commented on the tournament at Meyer Broadway Park.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Balog thanked residents for attending and for their thoughts and opinions.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Czajkowski thanked the residents for the information about the solar farms. He also noted Constantine Road was in progress of being paved.

Commissioner Pangle noted reports of how excellent Cade Lake was for camping.

Commissioner Allen thanked citizens for their comments regarding the solar farms. He extended an invitation for the upcoming Roads Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:41 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Czajkowski that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until August 1, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Allen J. Balog, Chairman