

Annual Meeting 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 September 19, 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.

Deputy Clerk Jill Ross 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 Pangle that the minutes for September 5, 2017 be approved as presented. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from Randy and Ann Scott, Re: In favor of Three Rivers Sport Complex.

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

CITIZENS' COMMENT

Rebecca Shank, 385 South Washington of Constantine, mentioned that this week September 17th through the 23rd is annual Constitution Week. She commented on moving citizen comments back to the conclusion of the meeting. She also expressed her concern on the Sheriff Department's budget and that the cost of Courthouse security neglecting county services.

FY 2017 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GRANT RENEWAL

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

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS' FY 2018 GRANT AGREEMENT RENEWAL

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

RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILL 386
RESOLUTION 13-2017

Commissioner Dobberteen presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the collection of delinquent real property taxes and the administration of the delinquent tax revolving fund by the county treasurer under The General Property Tax, 1893 PA 206, as amended, MCL 211.1 to 211.157, is important in assuring that ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (the "County") and local tax collecting units within the County actually receive taxes levied in a timely manner, that tax delinquent properties in the County are returned to productive use, and that a favorable credit rating for the County is maintained; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 386 of 2017, as passed by the Michigan Senate ("SB 386") would undermine the process for collecting delinquent real property taxes by: (1) increasing, litigation against the county treasurer, allowing anyone to challenge a court-ordered property tax foreclosure for eight new reasons, even a person with no legal interest in the property; (2) clouding title to court-foreclosed properties, reducing sale proceeds used to reimburse local tax collecting units for unpaid property taxes and reducing delinquent tax revolving fund revenue; and (3) creating uncertainty through retroactivity and interference with a pending case before the Michigan Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, by allowing new collateral attacks on judicial foreclosure orders after the orders are final and appeal rights exhausted, SB 386 would undermine the quality of the fee simple title vested in the foreclosing governmental unit, cloud otherwise clear titles, create uncertainty, and reduce prices paid for tax-foreclosed properties at tax sales, all of which undermine the current effective tax sale and delinquent tax collection process; and

WHEREAS, for these reasons, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, and the county treasurer of this County have indicated their opposition to the passage and enactment of SB 386; and

WHEREAS, the county treasurer has asked this Board of Commissioners to join in opposing SB 386.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of ST. JOSEPH COUNTY hereby opposes the passage and enactment of Senate Bill 386 of 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to the county treasurer, each member of the Michigan State Senate and the Michigan House of Representatives representing ST JOSEPH COUNTY, and the Governor of Michigan.

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Allen to adopt the resolution and waive second reading. Motion carried 5-0 upon a roll call vote.

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

Based upon the vote taken during the meeting, Carol Snow-Penn was reappointed and Judy Nelson was appointed to the Board of Canvassers with terms expiring November 1, 2021. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Yoder had nothing further to report.

PERSONNEL REPORT

Ms. Doehring had nothing further to report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR’S REPORTS

Mr. Post presented the following reports:

Budget Amendments

Budget for OnBase Image Software	
General Fund	
Increase Computer Maintenance/Software Contract (101-136-931.020)	\$ 5,172
Increase Computer Maintenance/Software Contract (101-215-931.020)	135,000
Increase Budgeted Use of Fund Balance (101-390-676.000)	140,172
Note: Budgeted for District Court and County Clerk	

It was moved by Commissioner Dobberteen and seconded by Commissioner Pangle to approve the budget amendments. Motion carried.

Per Diem and Expenses

Allen Balog - 6 category 1: 8/24, 8/28, 8/30, 9/8, 9/12, 9/13 & 1 category 2: 9/6	\$ 395.00
Daniel Czajkowski - 6 category 1: 7/26, 8/2, 8/19, 8/17, 8/30, 9/13	300.00
Kathy Pangle - 8 category 1: 8/24, 8/28, 8/29, 9/5 x 2, 9/9, 9/12, 9/14	<u>400.00</u>
	\$1,095.00
Allen Balog	\$122.52
Daniel Czajkowski	78.65
Kathy Pangle	<u>148.73</u>
	\$349.90

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

Financial Statement

	Revenues	Expenditures
Year to Date – August 31, 2017	\$13,068,242.12	\$14,292,062.21
Available Balance	\$ 8,650,756.88	\$ 7,426,936.79

Percent of total budgeted funds earned year to date: 60.17%
Percent of total budgeted funds expended year to date: 65.80%

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Law Enforcement

Chairman Balog stated that the Committee had not met.

Judiciary

Chairman Balog 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 minutes were available.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Balog had nothing further to report.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Pangle mentioned the St. Joseph County Housing Task Force, Project Connect, being held at the Firm Foundation Ministries church on Friday, October 6, 2017 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Commissioner Pangle commented on an article in the newspaper regarding the position for county administrator and that she totally agrees with the article statement that all of the commissioners need to be on board when appointing the new county administrator.

Commissioner Allen commented on the Vietnam Memorial Wall at the fair and encourages everyone to attend. A free breakfast for veterans would be provided.

ADJOURNMENT

At 5:13 p.m., it was moved by Commissioner Pangle and seconded by Commissioner Allen that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners adjourn until October 3, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

Jill Ross, Deputy County Clerk

Allen J. Balog, Chairman