

Regular session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on January 16, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Clark called the roll, and the following commissioners were present.

Dennis Allen	Jared Hoffmaster	Ken Malone
Rusty Baker	Luis Rosado	
Terrance Conklin	Rick Shaffer	

Also present: Teresa Doehring, County Administrator; Angie Steinman, Finance Director

Adoption of Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Hearing

The public hearing was opened at 5:05 pm for Parks Department 2024-2028 Parks & Recreation Strategic Plan. No comments. Public Hearing closed at 5:08 pm.

Public Comment

Kelly Weaver handed out flyers on the St. Joseph County election Action Summit on Saturday, February 17, 2024, from 9:30-5:00.

Jason Bingaman announced that he will be running for the Sheriff's position.

Paige Willis spoke on her desire to have term limits changed for county office holders.

County Administrator's Report

Ms. Doehring had nothing further to report.

Committee Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to reappoint Robert Horton and Gerald Loundenslager to the Board of Public Works. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to appoint Kathleen Carr to the Building Authority Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the 2024 Board of Commissioner Committee Appointments. Motion carried.

Park Department 5-Year Strategic Plan Adoption and Resolution

PARKS AND RECREATION 5-YEAR PLAN ADOPTION

RESOLUTION 1-2024

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 2024 through 2028; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing and comment session was held January 16, 2024, 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 residents of the County of St. Joseph.

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Allen to adopt the Strategic Plan and Resolution. Motion carried.

Circuit Court Family Counseling Fee Scale

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the updated Circuit Court Family counseling Fee Scale. Motion carried.

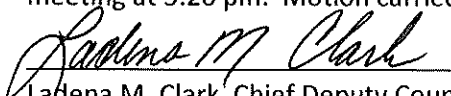
Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hoffmaster thanked Jason Bingaman for his positive leadership and direction.

Commissioner Rosado gave an overview of what the Road Commission is working on.

Commissioner Allen stated that the Covered Bridge project is now complete and to make sure during the cold weather that you check on your neighbors.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm. Motion carried.


Ladena M. Clark, Chief Deputy County Clerk