

Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on October 15, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Chairman Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

County Clerk Gina Everson called the roll, and the following commissioners were present:

Dennis Allen Luis Rosado

Rusty Baker Rick Shaffer

Terry Conklin Ken Malone

Jared Hoffmaster

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Allie Kyle of Colon requested the Brittany Shank investigation be turned over to the Michigan State Police.

Nate Clipfell of Colon requested the Brittany Shank investigation be turned over to the Michigan State Police.

Brittany Jackowiak of Burr Oak requested the Brittany Shank investigation be turned over to the Michigan State Police.

Susan Dineen of Colon requested the Brittany Shank investigation be turned over to the Michigan State Police.

Jackie Milliman of Sturgis requested the Brittany Shank investigation be turned over to the Michigan State Police and commented on an event to be held on October 26, 2024, at 3pm.

Jessica Rolfe requested the Brittany Shank investigation be turned over to the Michigan State Police.

Anna Roberts, Ambassador for Young Adults, presented to the commissioners the idea of edible landscaping in public areas throughout the county.

Presentation

Dr. Patrick Hansma presented the 2023 Medical Examiner annual report.

Clayton Lyczynski presented the Housing Coordinator 2023 annual report.

Melissa Bliss presented the Community Corrections 2023 Annual Report.

County Administrator's Report

Teresa Cupp reported open enrollment health insurance plans. Special Commissioner's Meeting Budget Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 2:30 pm followed by the Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday October 22, 2024 at 4:00 pm and the Commissioner's Meeting will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024 at 5:00 pm.

Committee Appointments

Amanda Johnson and Margaret Mead were appointed to Commission on Aging Committee. Timothy Barron, Phillip Kline, and George Letts were re-appointed to the Commission on Aging Committee. It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the board appointments and reappointments. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None to report

New Business

Curt Penny, from Eckert Wordell presented the Centreville Courthouse Renovation including new schematics for the new entrance and parking lot resurfacing. It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Allen to allow Teresa Cupp, County Administrator to authorize and execute the scope of work as identified in the St Joseph County Centreville Courthouse Renovation Schematic Design Budget and contingent to the final county legal approval. Motion carried.

Josh Simmons presented the 2024 Apportionment Report. It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to adopt the resolution to approve the 2024 Apportionment Report. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2024

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, MCL 211.37 as amended, requires the County Board of Commissioners at their October session, to apportion the amount of property taxes to be raised by the various taxing jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the attached Apportionment Report contains a summary of the requests for millages to be levied by the various taxing jurisdictions and the County of St Joseph; and

WHEREAS, MCL 207.12, as amended, requires the Director of the County Tax Equalization Department to make and submit to the Department of Treasury, State Tax Commission, a detailed report of such actions by the County Board on a form prescribed by the Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the attached summary of millage requests by the various taxing jurisdictions and further authorizes the St. Joseph County Equalization Director to certify such forms and submit them as required by law to the appropriate departments.

STATE OF MICHIGAN }

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COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH }

I, Gina Everson, County Clerk of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and Deputy Clerk of the County of St. Joseph, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on October 16, 2024.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Circuit Court at Centreville, Michigan, this 16th day of October 2024.



Gina Everson, County Clerk

Teresa Cupp presented the FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Work Agreement and Grant Agreement on behalf of Erin Goff. It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the FY24 Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) Work Agreement and Grant Agreement. Motion carried.

Teresa Cupp presented the Contract Position for Glen Oaks Community College on behalf of Jason Bingaman. It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the contract position with Glen Oaks Community College. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Shaffer commented that the Soil Conservation and Parks and Recreations Committee.

Commissioner Hoffmaster commented on the Brittany Shank investigation. He also thanked Anna Roberts for a fine job on her presentation.

Commissioner Rosado commented on the Brittany Shank investigation. He also thanked Anna Roberts for her public comment regarding the edible landscape.

Commissioner Conklin commented on the edible landscape and Anna Roberts on her presentation and the Brittany Shank case.

Commissioner Allen also commented on Anna Roberts and her presentation. He also commented on the Brittany Shank investigation.

Commissioner Malone commented on the Brittany Shank case.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Malone to adjourn the meeting at 6:24pm. Motion carried.



Gina Everson, St. Joseph County Clerk/Register

