

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2025

The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on March 18, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Jared Hoffmaster called the meeting to order.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by an invocation by Commissioner Shaffer.

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

Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin Jared Hoffmaster Ken Malone
Luis Rosado Rick Shaffer Christina Yunker

Also Present: County Administrator Teresa Cupp, Finance Director Angie Steinman

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Items Approved:

- Board Meeting Minutes (February 18, 2025)
- County Agricultural Preservation Board Appointment of John Fair and Larry Rice
- Opioid Task Force Budget Amendment:
 - 284-604-815.500 Drug Testing \$50,000
 - 284-604-816.000 Contractual Services \$50,000
- Tentative Agreements:
 - E-911 Telecommunicators' Association
 - Police Officers Association of Michigan (POAM) Law Enforcement

PUBLIC COMMENT

Larry Walton of Sturgis
Jim Susemihl of Three Rivers
Craig Crabill of Sherman Township

Victoria Stedman of Sturgis
Robert Hempel of Three Rivers
Carl Merkh of Sturgis
Andrew Brandt of Centreville
Kelly Weaver of White Pigeon
Tim Carls of Florence Township
Gordon Evilsizor of White Pigeon
Paige Willis of White Pigeon
Angela Mingus of Sturgis
Todd Wade
Alfred Yoder of Colon
Deborah Davis of Colon
Dave Yunker of Sturgis
Rebecca Shank of Three Rivers
JoAnn Yoder of Colon
Anastasia Griffith of Sturgis
Charles Padgurski of Sturgis
Aaron Miller of Sturgis
Jacob Smith of Centreville
Sheila Kroupa of White Pigeon
Leah Eicher

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 & 2024 Circuit Court Annual Report Presentation – Kathy Griffin
- 2023 & 2024 District Court Annual Report Presentation – Judge Middleton
- 2023 & 2024 Probate Court Annual Report Presentation – Judge Kane
- 2024 Chief Public Defender Annual Report Presentation – Keith Stickley

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator Teresa Cupp thanked Jessica Miller for her service to our county. Jessica will be working in Branch County. Erin Goff will be replacing Jessica Miller.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Rosado reported on the Road Commission.

Chairman Hoffmaster reported on the Transportation Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business was reported.

NEW BUSINESS

**Authorize Issuance of General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025
Resolution 2-2025**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended (“Act 34”), the County of St. Joseph (the “County”) has the authority to issue bonds to pay the costs of any capital improvement items; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to design, purchase, acquire, and construct certain capital improvements, including, but not limited to, renovations, remodeling, improvements, and additions to the County courthouse building; as well as all sitework, work, furnishings, fixtures, and equipment necessary or incidental to these improvements and such other capital improvements the County shall determine to make, and to pay the costs of issuance of municipal securities (the “Improvements”);

WHEREAS, the Improvements will enable the County to provide more efficient and better quality public services to County residents; and

WHEREAS, to finance the cost of making the Improvements the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) deems it necessary to borrow funds and to issue its General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025 therefor pursuant to the provisions of Act 34.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED as follows:

1. **NECESSITY.** It is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare of the County to make the Improvements and issue bonds of the County, pursuant to Act 34, to finance the Improvements.
2. **PERIOD OF USEFULNESS.** The estimated period of usefulness of the Improvements is determined to be in excess of twenty-one (21) years.
3. **ISSUANCE OF BONDS.** To defray a portion of the cost of acquiring the Improvements, including legal, engineering, financial, and other expenses, the County shall issue its bonds known as “General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025” (the “Bonds”) in the aggregate principal sum of not to exceed \$6,000,000 as finally determined by the Authorized Officer (defined below) at the time of sale. The balance of the cost of acquiring the Improvements, if any, shall be paid by grants or funds appropriated by the County.
4. **BOND TERMS.** The Bonds shall be issued in fully registered form as to both principal and interest, in the denomination of \$5,000 each, or any whole multiple thereof or such other denominations determined by the Authorized Officer. The Bonds shall be numbered consecutively in the order of their registration, shall be dated the date of delivery or such other date approved by the Authorized Officer, and shall be payable serially or as term bonds on such dates, in such years and in such amounts as determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale. The Bonds shall bear interest as determined by the Authorized Officer, payable semiannually on the dates determined by the Authorized Officer. The Authorized Officer may alter or determine the bond terms within the parameters of this resolution as hereafter provided.
5. **PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.** Both principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be payable in lawful money of the United States of America to the person appearing on the Bond registration books as the registered owner thereof. Payment of principal

on the Bonds shall be made at the principal office of the Paying Agent (defined below), upon surrender of the Bonds. Payment of interest on the Bonds shall be paid to the registered owner at the address as it appears on the registration books as of the determination date. Initially, the determination date shall be the date as of the fifteenth (15th) day of the month prior to the payment date for each interest payment; however, the determination date may be changed by the County to conform to market practice.

6. PLEDGE OF FULL FAITH AND CREDIT, GENERAL OBLIGATION. The County intends to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds from available funds of the County. As security for the Bonds, the County hereby pledges its limited tax, full faith and credit, general obligation for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds as and when due. Each year, the County shall be obligated, as a first budget obligation, to advance money from its general funds to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds as they become due. In the event there are insufficient moneys for the payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, the County shall levy a tax on all taxable property in the County for the prompt payment of principal and interest on the Bonds, which tax shall be limited as to rate and amount by applicable constitutional and statutory limitations on the taxing power of the County.

7. PRIOR REDEMPTION.

(a) **Mandatory Redemption.** Principal designated as a term bond maturity shall be subject to mandatory redemption, in whole or in part, by lot, at par plus accrued interest, on the redemption dates and in the amounts determined by the Authorized Officer. When term bonds are purchased by the County and delivered to the Paying Agent for cancellation or are redeemed in a manner other than by mandatory redemption, the principal amount of the term bonds affected shall be reduced by the principal amount of the Bonds so redeemed in the order determined by the County.

(b) **Optional Redemption.** The Bonds shall be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity as determined by the Authorized Officer at the time of sale.

(c) **Notice of Redemption.** Notice of redemption of Bonds shall be given by mail to the Registered Owners of the Bonds to be redeemed not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for redemption, addressed to the Registered Owner at the registered address shown on the registration books of the County maintained by the Paying Agent. Bonds so called for redemption shall not bear interest after the date fixed for redemption, provided funds are on hand with the Paying Agent to redeem the same. So long as the book-entry-only system remains in effect, the Paying Agent will give notice to Cede & Co., as nominee of the Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), and only Cede & Co. will be deemed to be a holder of the Bonds.

8. PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRATION.

(a) **Appointment of Paying Agent.** From time to time the Authorized Officer shall designate and appoint a paying agent, transfer agent, and bond registrar (the "Paying Agent") and is authorized to remove the Paying Agent and appoint a successor Paying Agent. The initial Paying Agent shall be appointed by the Authorized Officer. In the event of a change in the Paying Agent, notice shall be given in writing, by certified mail, to each Registered Owner not less than sixty (60) days prior to the next interest payment date. The Paying Agent shall keep the official books for the recordation of the Registered Owners of the Bonds.

(b) **Book-Entry-Only.** The Bonds may be issued initially in book-entry-only form as one fully registered bond per maturity and will be registered in the name of Cede & Co., as bondholder and nominee for DTC. DTC will act as securities depository for the Bonds, purchase of the

Bonds will be made in book-entry-only form, in the denomination of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, and purchasers will not receive certificates representing their interest in Bonds purchased. Payment of principal and interest will be made by the Paying Agent to DTC. While the Bonds are held in book-entry-only form, then the Bonds shall be transferred in accordance with the procedures established by DTC. So long as the Bonds are registered to DTC or another bond depository, the Paying Agent or bond registrar shall have no responsibility with respect to such transfers. The Authorized Officer shall have the authority from time to time to appoint a successor depository trustee to serve in the place of DTC. While the Bonds are issued in book-entry-only form the Paying Agent shall serve as paying agent only. The Authorized Officer is authorized to sign a Blanket Issuer Letter of Representations or any other related document on behalf of the County in such form approved by the Authorized Officer.

(c) Discontinuance of Book-Entry-Only. In the event the book-entry-only system is not chosen or is discontinued, the following provisions would apply to the Bonds. Registration of the Bonds shall be recorded in the registration books of the County kept by the Paying Agent. Bonds may be transferred only by submitting the same to the Paying Agent, together with a satisfactory instrument of transfer signed by the Registered Owner or his legal representative duly authorized in writing, after which a new Bond or Bonds shall be issued by the Paying Agent to the transferee (new registered owner) in denominations of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, in the same outstanding aggregate principal amount as the Bond submitted for transfer. No transfer of Bonds shall be valid unless and until recorded on the bond registration books in accordance with the foregoing. The person in whose name any bond is registered may for all purposes, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, be deemed and treated by the County and the Paying Agent as the absolute owner thereof, and any payment of principal and interest on any Bond to the Registered Owner thereof shall constitute a valid discharge of the County's liability upon such Bond to the extent of such payment. No Bond shall be transferred less than fifteen (15) days prior to an interest payment date nor after the Bond has been called for redemption. So long as the Bonds are registered to DTC or another bond depository, the Paying Agent, acting as bond registrar, shall have no responsibility with respect to such transfers.

9. BOND FORM. The Bonds shall be substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein, with such changes as are recommended by the County's Bond Counsel and approved by the officers of the County signing the Bonds, whose signature thereon shall be conclusive evidence of such approval.

10. EXECUTION OF BONDS. The Chair or the Vice Chair of the Board and the Clerk or the Deputy Clerk of the County are hereby authorized and directed to sign the Bonds, either manually or by facsimile signature, on behalf of the County. Upon execution, the Bonds shall be delivered to the purchaser thereof upon receipt of the purchase price in accordance with the accepted bid therefor.

11. BONDS MUTILATED, LOST, OR DESTROYED. If any Bond shall become mutilated, the County, at the expense of the holder of the Bond, shall execute, and the Paying Agent shall authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor in exchange and substitution for the mutilated Bond, upon surrender to the Paying Agent of the mutilated Bond. If any Bond issued under this Resolution shall be lost, destroyed, or stolen, evidence of the loss, destruction, or theft may be submitted to the Paying Agent and, if this evidence is satisfactory to both the County and the Paying Agent and indemnity satisfactory to the Paying Agent shall be given, the County, at the expense of the owner, shall execute, and the Paying Agent shall thereupon authenticate and deliver, a new Bond of like tenor, which shall bear the statement required by Act 354, Public

Acts of Michigan, 1972, as amended, or any applicable law hereafter enacted, in lieu of and in substitution for the Bond so lost, destroyed, or stolen. If any such Bond shall have matured or shall be about to mature, instead of issuing a substitute Bond, the Paying Agent may pay the same without surrender thereof.

12. **BOND PAYMENT FUND.** For payment of principal of and interest on the Bonds, there shall be established and maintained a debt service fund for the Bonds (the “Bond Payment Fund”). The accrued interest, if any, and capitalized interest, if any, received at the time of delivery of the Bonds and such amount of any premium determined by the Authorized Officer shall be placed into the Bond Payment Fund. The County shall budget annually a sufficient amount to pay the annual principal of and interest on the Bonds and deposit such amount in the Bond Payment Fund as needed to make payments of principal and interest as they become due. Moneys in the Bond Payment Fund shall be expended solely for payment of principal and interest on the Bonds that first come due. Any monies remaining in the Bond Payment Fund after the annual payments of principal of and interest on the Bonds shall be transferred to the General Fund and shall no longer be pledged hereunder.

13. **CONSTRUCTION FUND.** Prior to delivery and sale of the Bonds, there shall be established a construction fund (the “Construction Fund”). After deducting the sums that are required to be deposited in the Bond Payment Fund, the balance of the proceeds of the Bonds shall be deposited into the Construction Fund. The moneys on deposit in the Construction Fund from time to time shall be used solely for the purpose for which the Bonds were issued. Any unexpended balance shall be used for such purposes as allowed by law. Any monies remaining in the Construction Fund after payment of all such costs shall be transferred to the Bond Payment Fund. After completion of the Improvements and disposition of any remaining Bond proceeds, pursuant to the provisions of this Section, the Construction Fund shall be closed.

14. **INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.** Moneys in the funds and accounts established herein may be invested by the County as allowed by law subject to the limitations imposed by arbitrage regulations and Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”).

15. **DEPOSITORY AND FUNDS ON HAND.** Monies in the several funds and accounts maintained pursuant to this Resolution may be kept in one or more accounts at financial institutions designated by resolution of the County, and if kept in one account, the monies shall be allocated on the books and records of the County in the manner and at the times provided in this Resolution.

16. **ADDITIONAL BONDS.** In accordance with the provisions of Act 34, the County reserves the right to issue additional bonds, which shall be of equal standing and priority with the Bonds.

17. **SALE OF BONDS.** The Bonds shall be sold pursuant to a competitive sale. The Authorized Officer shall set the date and time for sale of the Bonds, which date shall be at least seven (7) days after the publication of the official notice of sale and the Authorized Officer shall cause notice of the sale of the Bonds to be published in The Bond Buyer, which notice shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, with such changes as are approved by the Authorized Officer. Following the receipt of such bids, the Authorized Officer is authorized to award the Bonds to the successful bidder therefor or reject all bids and negotiate the sale of the Bonds with a selected purchaser, which the Board determines to be in the best interests of the County under such circumstances.

18. **AUTHORIZED OFFICER.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Resolution, the Administrator/Controller, Chair of the Board, the County Treasurer and the Financial Director, or any one of them acting alone or number of them acting together (the “Authorized Officer”) are

authorized within the limitations set forth below to determine the title of the Bonds, the interest rate or rates, maximum interest rate, amount of discount or premium, amount of maturities, principal amount, amount of good faith deposit, if any, denominations, dates of issuance, dates of maturities, interest payment dates, optional and mandatory redemption rights, and term bond options. The authority granted to the Authorized Officer by this Section, is subject to the following limitations:

- (a) The par amount of the Bonds shall not exceed \$6,000,000.
- (b) The Bonds shall not be sold at a price that would make the true interest cost of the Bonds exceed 6.00%.
- (c) The final maturity date of the Bonds shall not be later than twenty one (21) years after the date of issuance of the Bonds.
- (d) The Bonds shall not be sold at a price of less than 98% of the par value of the Bonds.

The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized for and on behalf of the County, without further Board approval, to: (a) approve the circulation of a preliminary and a final Official Statement describing the Bonds; (b) award the bid for the sale of the Bonds or otherwise negotiate the sale of the Bonds and enter into a Purchase Agreement; (c) purchase municipal bond insurance, if considered necessary, as additional security for the bondholders; (d) apply to rating agencies for a rating on the Bonds; (e) to make any elections or designations pursuant to the Code; and (f) do all other acts and take all other necessary procedures required to effectuate the sale, issuance, and delivery of the Bonds.

Approval by the County of the matters delegated in this section or any other sections may be evidenced by execution or approval of a Sale Order or of such documents by the Authorized Officer. The Authorized Officer, together with the Clerk or any one or more of them, are authorized to execute any documents or certificates necessary to complete the transaction, including, but not limited to, any applications including applications to the Michigan Department of Treasury (including an Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, applications for waivers, and the submission of any supporting or related documents), any certificates, receipts, orders, agreements, instruments, security reports, a blanket letter of representations, and any certificates relating to federal or state securities laws, rules or regulations, and to pay any fees required by the State of Michigan. The Authorized Officer shall have the power to approve such policies as deemed necessary to comply with federal securities and tax laws, which shall be binding on the County.

19. **DEFEASANCE.** In the event cash or direct obligations of the United States or obligations the principal of and interest on which are guaranteed by the United States, or a combination thereof, the principal of and interest on which, without reinvestment, come due at times and in amounts sufficient to pay at maturity or irrevocable call for earlier optional or mandatory redemption, the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds, shall be deposited in trust, this Resolution shall be defeased and the owners of the bonds shall have no further rights under this Resolution except to receive payment of the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the bonds from the cash or securities deposited in trust and the interest and gains thereon and to transfer and exchange bonds as provided herein.

20. **TAX COVENANT.** The County covenants to comply with all requirements of the Code necessary to assure that the interest on the bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Authorized Officer and other appropriate officials of the County are authorized to do all things necessary (including the making of such covenants

of the County as shall be appropriate) to assure that the interest on the Bonds will be and will remain excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

21. QUALIFIED TAX EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS. The Bonds are hereby designated as “Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations” as described in Section 265(b)(3)(B) of the Code.

22. MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE. The Authorized Officer is hereby authorized to acquire municipal bond insurance to enhance the marketability of the Bonds. If the County or the purchaser of the Bonds acquires municipal bond insurance from a municipal bond insurer (the “Insurer”), the Authorized Officer, the Clerk and the Treasurer or any one of them, are hereby authorized to take all actions, including the payment of membership fees of a mutual insurance company, and to execute any documents, certificates, orders, applications, agreements, conditions, covenants, or other instruments necessary to effectuate the issuance of the policy of bond insurance, including, but not limited to the execution of an order or agreement containing such provisions as the Insurer may require with respect to the insurance and the Insurer, which shall be binding on the County in the same manner as if contained herein.

23. CONTINUING DISCLOSURE. The County agrees to provide or cause to be provided, in accordance with the requirements of Rule 15c2-12 (the “Rule”) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (a) on or prior to the date determined by the Authorized Officer, commencing with the first fiscal year ending after the issuance of the Bonds, certain annual financial information and operating data, including audited financial statements for the preceding fiscal year (or if audited financial statements are not available, unaudited financial statements), generally consistent with certain information that was contained or cross-referenced in the Official Statement relating to the Bonds, (b) timely notice of the occurrence of certain material events with respect to the Bonds, and (c) timely notice of a failure by the County to provide the required annual financial information on or before the date specified in (a) above.

24. OFFICIAL STATEMENT. The Preliminary Official Statement relating to the Bonds is hereby authorized and approved with such changes, completions, and revisions as the Authorized Officer shall approve. The Authorized Officer, the Clerk of the County, or any of them, are hereby authorized and directed to approve, execute, and deliver the Official Statement on behalf of the County with such changes or modifications as they deem necessary in order to assure that the statements therein are true, and that it does not contain any untrue statement or material fact and does not omit a material fact necessary in order to make the statements, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

25. BOND COUNSEL. The firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC is hereby employed as bond counsel to the County for the issuance of the Bonds and the Authorized Officer is authorized to sign an engagement letter with bond counsel with such fee as is provided in the financial report prepared for the Bonds. The County acknowledges that Dickinson Wright PLLC represents a number of financial institutions in public finance matters, including financial institutions that may potentially purchase the Bonds, and consents to Dickinson Wright PLLC’s representation of the County as bond counsel, and waives any conflict of interest arising from such representation of a financial institution or underwriter that may purchase the Bonds in other matters not involving the County.

26. MUNICIPAL ADVISOR. The firm of MFCI, LLC is appointed as municipal advisor for the issuance of the Bonds.

27. RESOLUTION SUBJECT TO MICHIGAN LAW. The provisions of this Resolution are subject to the laws of the State of Michigan.

28. SECTION HEADINGS. The section headings in this Resolution are furnished for convenience of reference only and shall not be considered to be a part of this Resolution.

29. SEVERABILITY. If any section, paragraph, clause, or provision of this Resolution shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause, or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Resolution.

30. CONFLICT. Except as provided above, all resolutions or parts thereof, insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed; provided, that the foregoing shall not operate to repeal any provision thereof, the repeal of which would impair the obligation on the Bonds.

31. EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION. This Resolution is determined by the Board to be immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the County and shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

It was moved by Commissioner Yunker and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the resolution. The Motion carried 4-3 upon a roll call vote with Yunker, Baker and Conklin dissenting.

**Midwest Energy & Communications Application for Broadband Equity Access & Deployment (BEAD) Program Funds
Resolution 3-2025**

WHEREAS, Midwest Energy & Communications (MEC) is a customer-owned electric cooperative founded in 1937, providing electricity, propane, and fiber internet solutions to 42,000 rural customers across southern and west-central Michigan, northern Indiana, and northeast Ohio, many of whom reside in St. Joseph County.

WHEREAS, MEC is expanding its internet services to bring fiber-to-the-premises to an additional 50,000 addresses in southern Michigan by the end of 2026.

WHEREAS, MEC intends to further expand its services by applying for funds through the \$42.45 billion BEAD program administered federally by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and in the state by Labor and Economic Opportunity's MI-HI Office.

WHEREAS, Michigan's allocation of BEAD funds totals \$1.559 billion, the fourth largest allocation in the country.

WHEREAS, Funds may be used for a variety of purposes including planning, adoption and deployment, with MEC focused on the latter which includes locations in St. Joseph County, and;

WHEREAS, Letters of support from affected municipalities are encouraged for any internet service provider (ISP) intending to apply for these funds. Stated another way, the support we are seeking is not exclusive to MEC. St. Joseph County, provided they are not applying directly for BEAD funds themselves, may support competitors of MEC who also intend to serve un-and-underserved locations in the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, MEC is respectfully requesting that St. Joseph

County support our efforts to both apply for BEAD funds and, if successful, serve eligible locations in St. Joseph County as determined by NTIA and Michigan's MI-HI Office. The St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners are hereby authorized to perform the acts to carry out this Resolution.

We the undersigned Board of Commissioners for St. Joseph County, Michigan, constituting a quorum of the Board, consent and agree to all of the above on this 18th day of March 2025.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the resolution. Motion carried. The Motion carried 7-0 upon a roll call vote.

Employee Handbook Sick Leave Policy

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the revised sick leave policy due to the new Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA). Motion carried.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Yunker provided comments on the Tax Bond vote.
Commissioner Malone provided comments on the Tax Bond vote.
Commissioner Baker provided comments on the Tax Bond vote.
Commissioner Conklin highlighted the importance of being good stewards of taxpayer money.
Commissioner Rosado commented on the court renovation and matters related to Probate Court.
Commissioner Shaffer emphasized the need to move forward.
Chairman Hoffmaster addressed misinformation and encouraged residents to continue attending.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Malone to go into closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a written legal opinion exempt from disclosure under the attorney-client privilege and section 13(1)(g) of the Freedom of Information Act. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Malone to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Motion carried.

Dena Clark, St. Joseph Chief Deputy Clerk