

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

February 17, 2026

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 February 17, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

1. Chairman Hoffmaster called the meeting to order.
2. An invocation was given, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Chief Deputy Register Garl called roll:

Present: Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Luis Rosado, Rick Shaffer, Christina Yunker, Rusty Baker

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

Absent: Terry Conklin

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Yunker to add a closed session to the agenda, as item #11D. Pursuant to Sections 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act the Board of Commissioners will enter closed session to consider Corporation Counsel's written legal opinions regarding repayment of unauthorized purchases – written legal opinions are exempt from public disclosure under state and federal law. Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2026

B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2026

C. Child Care Fund Budget Amendment

ESTABLISH THE BUDGETS TO TRANSFER DOLLARS FROM GENERAL FUND DUE TO AN INCREASE IN HOME CARE COSTS IN THE CHILDCARE FUND.

101-212-675.010 \$11,400 Budgeted us of Fund Balance

101-965-995-292 \$11,400 Transfer to F292 Child Care Fund

292-663-699-101 \$11,400 Transfer in from General Fund

292-662-844.130 \$11,400 Counseling

D. Community Corrections Advisory Board Reappointments/Appointments

- E. Local Emergency Planning Committee Appointment**
- F. Parks and Recreation Board Reappointment**
- G. Planning Commission Appointment**
- H. Board of Public Works Reappointment/Appointment**
- I. Transportation Authority Reappointments**
- J. Acknowledgement of Receipt-Check Register**

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Hoffmaster opened the floor to public comment at 6:05 p.m.

Tony Mayer, Luke Lori, Mary McClain, Ben Myers, Robin Burpee, Rebecca Shank, provided comments.

Commissioner Hoffmaster closed the floor to public comment at 6:25 p.m.

7. PRESENTATIONS

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Teresa Cupp spoke about the website redesign initiative, partnering with Van Buren County to utilize their communications department, and upcoming training and development opportunities for employees.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Malone spoke on the Parks Board regarding a grant the board had received, Commissioner Rosado spoke on the Road Commission regarding funds received to repair River Rd. and the recent occurrences with Mottville Dam.

Commissioner Shaffer spoke regarding the Health Department regarding the grant received for motor vehicle safety awareness. Commissioner Hoffmaster spoke regarding the Transportation Authority regarding the upcoming millage renewal.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None reported.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. Jail Screening Project Bid Recommendation – Daniel Byam

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the Engineer's Recommendation to accept the bid from Ottenweller Construction and issue a Notice of Award, as presented.

Commissioner Baker and Shaffer provided comments.

Commissioner Baker - Yes

Commissioner Malone - Yes

Commissioner Shaffer - Yes

Commissioner Rosado - Yes

Commissioner Yunker - Yes

Commissioner Hoffmaster – Yes

Motion carried 6-0, by a roll call vote.

B. Resolution to Join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus – Commissioner Yunker

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the resolution to join the Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus and waive the second reading.

Commissioner Yunker – Yes

Commissioner Rosado – Yes

Commissioner Baker – Yes

Commissioner Shaffer – Yes

Commissioner Malone - Yes

Commissioner Hoffmaster – Yes

Motion carried 6-0, by a roll call vote.

C. Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center Request for Support-Erin Goff

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the Letter of Support for the Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center, as presented. Motion carried.

D. Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Baker to go into closed session pursuant to 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider Corporation Counsel's written opinions regarding repayment of unauthorized purchases-written legal opinions are exempt from public disclosure under state and federal law.

The Commission adjourned into a closed session at 6:46 p.m.

The Commission reconvened into an open session at 7:11 p.m.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Malone, Yunker, Shaffer, Baker, Rosado, and Hoffmaster provided comments.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Malone to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.



Ashley Garl,
Chief Deputy Register