

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

June 16, 2026

The Regular Session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the St. Joseph County Road Commission, Boardroom on June 16, 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, Terry Conklin, Luis Rosado, Rick Shaffer.

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

Absent: Commissioner Yunker and Commissioner Baker

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to adopt the agenda, as presented. Motion carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

A. Executive Committee Meeting Minutes for June 9, 2026

B. Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 19, 2026

C. Southcentral Michigan Planning Council Contract

D. Acknowledgement of Receipt – Check Register

Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Hoffmaster opened the floor to public comment at 6:03 p.m.

Robin Burpee and Rebecca Shank provided comments.

Chairman Hoffmaster closed the floor to public comment at 6:09 p.m.

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency Annual Report Presentation – Rebecca Burns

B. Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan Presentation – Laura Sutter

8. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

County Administrator Teresa Cupp gave an update on the renovation project at the Courts Building in Centreville. She thanked the Parks Department and Josh Shook. She spoke on the success of the Celebration Committee's lemonade truck event that they had planned for employee appreciation.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Rosado reported on the Road Commission Board and gave an update for schedules of paving and chip sealing. Commissioner Shaffer spoke on the Parks Committee regarding the plan for the upcoming memorial for James Timm at Timm Park.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None reported.

11. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2026 Tax Rate Request and Millage Levy Authorization – Josh Simmons

It was moved by Commissioner Malone and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to approve the 2026 L-4029 Tax Rate Request and Millage Levy Authorization for St. Joseph County, as presented. Motion carried.

B. Animal Control Staffing Proposal – Zachary Zuk

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the animal control staffing proposal, with the amendment to allow one animal control officer to be funded out of the fund balance.

Commissioner Shaffer – No

Commissioner Malone – Yes

Commissioner Rosado – Yes

Commissioner Conklin – No

Chairman Hoffmaster – Yes

Motion carried.

C. Community Corrections PA511 Grant Resolution – Tiffany Howe

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Malone to approve the resolution, as presented.

Commissioner Shaffer – Yes

Commissioner Baker – Yes

Commissioner Malone – Yes

Commissioner Rosado – Yes

Commissioner Conklin – Yes

Chairman Hoffmaster – Yes

Motion carried.

12. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Malone, Commissioner Conklin, Commissioner Shaffer, and Commissioner Rosado provided comments.

13. Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Malone to enter into a closed session pursuant to Sections 8(1)(h) of the Open Meetings Act to consider Corporation Counsel's written legal opinion regarding a service contract dispute with telecommunications vendor.

Commissioner Conklin – Yes

Commissioner Rosado – Yes

Commissioner Malone – Yes

Commissioner Shafer – Yes

Chairman Hoffmaster – Yes

The Commission adjourned to a closed session at 7:21 p.m.

The Commission reconvened to an open session at 7:55 p.m.

By consent the Commission met in a closed session to consider corporation counsel's written legal opinion and no decisions were made.

14. ADJOURNMENT

By consent, the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.



Ashley Garl
Chief Deputy Register