

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 2, 2024, at 5 pm.

Chief Deputy County Clerk Dena Clark 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.

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

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

Election of Chair

Chair Clark stated that nominations were in order for chair.

Commissioner Shaffer nominated Commissioner Malone.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster that the nomination be closed, and a unanimous ballot cast for Commissioner Malone for Chair. Motion carried.

Election of Vice-chair

Commissioner Shaffer nominated Commissioner Hoffmaster as vice-chair.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker that Commissioner Hoffmaster be appointed as vice-chair. Motion carried.

Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the minutes of December 19, 2023. Motion carried.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

County Administrator's Report

Ms. Doebling had nothing further to report.

Board Meeting Dates for 2024

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the commission meeting schedule as presented. Motion carried.

Executive Meeting Dates for 2024

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to hold executive meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 4 pm. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Shaffer congratulated Chair Malone.

Commissioner Hoffmaster thanked Chair Malone for his leadership.

Commissioner Malone wished everyone a happy New Year and thanked the board for their confidence.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to adjourn the meeting at 5:06 pm. Motion carried.

Dena Clark, Chief Deputy County Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 9, 2024, 4:00 pm in the Commission Chambers

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Rusty Baker, Terrance Concklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Luis Rosado and Rick Shaffer

Also Present: Teresa Doebling, County Administrator

Parks Department 5-Year Strategic Plan Adoption and Public Hearing. Jaymes MacDonald, Parks Director, presented the plan. By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Circuit Court Family Counseling Fee Scale. Mary Herendeen, Friend of the Court requested the approval of an update to the fee scale. By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Board of Public Works Re-appointment for Robert Horton and Gerald Loundenslager. By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Building Authority Board Appointment for Kathleen Carr. By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

2024 Committee Assignments for Board of Commissioners. Ken Malone discussed with commissioners. By consent, the appointment was added to the agenda.

Other Business

Stoney Summey, Veterans Services Director, shared information of leasing and possibly purchasing the property located at 308 Main Street, Three Rivers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Everson

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 20, 2024, at 5 pm.

Chair Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

Chief Deputy Register Gina Everson called the roll, and the following commissioners were present.

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

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the minutes of January 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Kathy Humphreys of Nottawa commented on her filing to run for Treasurer in the 2024 election.

Martha Cathcart of White Pigeon commented on the goose nest destruction.

Carl Merkh of Sturgis commented on the Prosecutors office.

Kelly Weaver of White Pigeon commented on elections.

Deborah Davis commented on filing to run for Prosecutor.

Matthew Avery of Burr Oak commented on voting issues.

Craig Crabill of Sturgis commented on elections.

Andrew Brandt provided public comments.

Shawn Parshall commented on the TowerPinkster contract.

Tim Carls of Centreville provided public comments.

Rebecca Shank of Constantine commented on the open meetings act.

Presentations

There were no presentations.

County Administrator's Report

There was no further report.

Committee Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to appoint Rick Shaffer to the St Joseph County Conservation District Board with a term expiring December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Resolution to Approve the 2024 Road Improvement Millage

Resolution 2-2024

Whereas, St. Joseph County Road Commission has requested that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners consider a millage ballot question to be placed on the August 2024 ballot; and

Whereas, the ballot question is for a renewal of the current millage.

Now, therefore be it resolved, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following ballot question language for a special election to be called and held in August of 2024:

ROAD MILLAGE RENEWAL

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be imposed against all property in St. Joseph County, Michigan be renewed at 1 mill which is one dollar (\$1.00) per each one thousand dollars of taxable value and be levied and billed for a period of ten (10) years, 2024-2033 inclusive for road purposes within the incorporated cities and villages in St. Joseph County, Michigan and to improve, repair and maintain existing local roads within the townships in St. Joseph County, Michigan, with the money to be collected and distributed in accordance with all applicable statutes? It is estimated that this proposal would produce revenue of \$2,465,386 during the first calendar year.

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the resolution approving the Road Commission 2024 Millage Renewal Proposal. Motion carried 7-0 upon a roll call vote.

Resolution to Allow Canada Goose Nest Destruction

Resolution 3-2024

WHEREAS, under the authority of the Michigan DNR Wildlife Conservation Order, Chapter V, Sections 5.51, 5.51a, and 5.51b, and 5.110, and

WHEREAS, the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners has received complaints of overpopulation of Canada Geese inhabiting areas of White Pigeon Township including Klinger Lake, Cade Lake Fish, Michiana Fish Lake south of White Pigeon and others in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners has determined that the geese create an unsightly and unhealthy condition for residents; and

WHEREAS, testing of the water in Klinger Lake has revealed elevated levels of E. coli bacteria; and

WHEREAS, the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners is of the opinion that a program of nest destruction, pursuant to permits issued by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will provide the most humane method of dealing with the overpopulation issue:

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT the St Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby formally requests the assistance of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources in the

implementation of a program of goose nest destruction for a 5-year period (through 2028) on behalf of county residents, as long as the individual applicants abide by the DNR guidelines, including applying for permits annually.

IT IS FUTHER RESOLVED that this program shall be at no cost or liability to St Joseph County. By adoption of this Resolution, St Joseph County will not be filing an application on behalf of any person or entity, will not be subject to the rules, regulations, terms and conditions of any permit that may be granted, and assumes no responsibility or liability for compliance with any permit that may be issued.

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to adopt the Canada Goose Nest Destruction resolution. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

Review of the TowerPinkster Architectural Contract for the Centreville Courts Project.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to allow the County Administrator to negotiate the termination of the contract with TowerPinkster. Motion carried 4-3 upon roll call vote with Commissioners Allen, Rosado, and Shaffer dissenting.

Commissioner Comments

There was no further business.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm. Motion carried.

Ladena M. Clark, Chief Deputy Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse

Commissioners Present: Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

Via phone: Dennis Allen

Courts and Jail Project Updates

Jen Sawyer presented an update on county construction projects. She noted that they were waiting on dates for furniture arrival and May 1 was still the planned move in date.

Probate Court Temporary, PT Position

Court Administrator Griffin noted the original 500 hours had been used, and there was additional work. By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

COA 2024 Millage Renewal

By consent, the resolution was added to the agenda.

Community Health Agency Agreement

By consent, the contract was added to the agenda.

ARPA Grant Funds

Projects in the budget would not be eligible for the outstanding funds that needed to be allocated. A committee with Commissioner Baker, Conklin, and Hoffmaster, the treasurer, finance director, and county administrator would meet to make recommendations.

Opioid Settlement

Amy Dolinky from MAC presented the opioid settlement structure. A smaller committee would begin discussions and bring in other community partners for larger discussions.

Public Defender's Office Update

Public Defender Keith Stickley reviewed the funding and services of the office. He discussed the attorney shortage, pros and cons of creating a public defender department versus using a contract, and potential upcoming changes from the State.

Voting Security

April 9 meeting at 3 p.m.

Appointments

By consent, medical examiner, Agricultural Preservation Board, and Veterans Affairs Advisory Board appointments were added to the agenda.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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 19, 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	Luis Rosado
Rusty Baker	Rick Shaffer
Terrance Conklin	Ken Malone

Also present: Angie Steinman, Finance Director

Adoption of Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve the minutes of February 20, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Craig Crabill of Sturgis read a letter from Barry County Sheriff's Office regarding an investigation of election fraud in their county.

Michael Whitney of Constantine handed out an invitation to a meeting with Dr. Douglas Frank on May 21, 2024.

Rebecca Shank talked about the need to have a tourism guide for our county again.

Presentation

Julie Pioch, District 13 MSU-e Director, presented Michigan State University 's Annual Report. Julie stated that the staff is at 100% and full of talent. Eric Anderson was leaving, and Nicole Ritchie would be taking his place for Field Crops. Pioch introduced Kayla Mitchell, the new 4-H Program Coordinator. Mitchell announced that 4-H Youth Camp was back and that the County Conservation Tour was scheduled May 14th and 15th.

County Administrator's Report

Jessica Miller wanted the Commission to know there would be a ribbon cutting with Barton Group for the Three Rivers Campus. A final date had not been determined, but possible dates were April 29th or 30th.

Committee Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Allen to reappoint Henry Miller and Carolyn Grace to the 2024 Agriculture Preservation Board. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Baker to reappoint Bill Walters, Nathan Brown, and Frederick Yager to the 2024 VA Advisory Board. Motion carried.

Commission on Aging Millage Renewal

Resolution 4-2024

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County Commission on Aging requested that the Board of Commissioners consider a millage ballot question to be placed on the August 2024 ballot; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County Prosecuting Attorney Dave Marvin has reviewed and approved the language.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the following ballot millage renewal question language for a special election to be called and held in August of 2024:

Shall the Constitutional limitation upon the total amount of taxes which may be assessed in one year upon all property within the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, be renewed by the County and authorized to levy $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mill (\$0.75 per \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for a period of six (6) years, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029, inclusive, for the sole purpose of operating millage for the continuation of Senior Services through the St. Joseph County Commission on Aging? It is estimated that if this tax levy were spread in 2024 it would generate \$1,849,040.00 in additional revenue.

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to adopt the Commission on Aging Millage Renewal and Resolution. Motion carried 5-0 upon roll call vote.

Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph Community Health Agency Agreement

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement. Motion carried.

Deputy Medical Examiner Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the appointment of Anna Lane Tart, MD, Jared Brooks, MD, Amanda O. Fisher-Hubbard, MD, and Christine James, DO with terms expiring December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Shaffer invited everyone to the Human Service Commission Senior Resource Fair. The fair would be held in Three Rivers.

Commissioner Baker wished the Mendon Girls Basketball Team good luck at Quarter Finals.

Commissioner Allen thanked the public for coming out.

Commissioner Malone wished Mendon Girls Basketball Team good luck.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 pm. Motion carried.

Ladena M. Clark, Chief Deputy County Clerk

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 3:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, 3rd Floor, Commissioner Chambers

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Terry Conklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

Absent: Rusty Baker

County Clerk Lindsay Oswald presented election information.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, History Room

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

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

Probate Court Location

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Tower Location in Cade Lake Park

By consent, the contract was added to the agenda.

2024 Equalization Report

Josh Simmons, Equalization Director presented the report. By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

ARPA Update

Angie Steinman, Finance Director gave an update on the change of restrictions on the ARPA funds.

Board of Commissioners Board Rules Revision

By consent, the revisions were added to the agenda.

Appointments

By consent the appointments for Pivotal and the Commission on Aging were added to the agenda.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, History Room

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

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

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Other Business

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Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Regular session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on April 16, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Chair Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

Chair Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deputy Clerk Abby Fader called the roll, and the following commissioners were present.

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

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

Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Conklin and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to remove agenda item 11.D the St. Joseph County Board Rules. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to add E. TowerPinkster Invoices to the agenda as item 11. E. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to add a closed session to the agenda as item 13. Motion carried.

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the minutes of March 19, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Craig Crabill of Sherman Township commented on the election process.

Sheila Kupa of White Pigeon commented on the election presentation and equipment.

Gina Everson of Mendon announced candidacy for County Clerk and Register of Deeds.

Jason Bingaman of Mendon commented on the negative comments being made about the Sheriff department.

David Marvin of Lockport announced candidacy for County Prosecuting Attorney.

Chad Spence of Three Rivers announced candidacy for County Sheriff.

Dave Northrop of Sturgis commented on the Sheriff's race.

Presentations

Cameron Bullock presented the 2023 Pivotal Annual Report.

Drain Commissioner Jeff Wenzel presented the 2023 Drain Commission Annual Report.

Jerry Happel presented the 2023 Geographic Information System Annual Report.

County Administrator's Report

Administrator Cupp had no further report.

Committee Reports and Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Allen to reappoint Carol Naccarato, Kathy Pangle, and Kathrine Decker to the Pivotal Board with terms expiring March 31, 2027. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to appoint Timothy Barron to the Commission on Aging with a term expiring June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

Probate Court Location

Resolution 5-2024

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of St. Joseph County has renovated a new building for the Family Division of St. Joseph County Courts, to include Probate, Juvenile and Friend of the Court Offices. The location of the building being in the County of St. Joseph, City of Three Rivers, Michigan; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 600.816(1) A Probate judge shall hold sessions of the Probate Court in a City of the County where sessions of the Circuit Court are authorized by law to be held. Three Rivers, Michigan meets those requirements; and

WHEREAS Pursuant to the Revised Judicature Act of 1961(3) Subject to the approval of the County Board of Commissioners and the State Court Administrator, The Chief probate Judge of the County may designate 1 or more places in the County where regular sessions of probate Court may be held.

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of St. Joseph County have developed the Family Division of the St. Joseph County Courts Building for the benefit of the entire community and to assist in meeting the needs of the community; and

WHEREAS, after the public hearing, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners voted to adopt the location of the Probate Court moving to Three Rivers, Michigan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the location of the Probate Court along with the Juvenile Court and the Friend of the Court be in Three Rivers, Michigan, County of St. Joseph.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to adopt the resolution approving the Probate Court location. Motion carried 7-0 upon a roll call vote.

2024 Equalization Report

Resolution 6-2024

WHEREAS, MCL 211.34(1) requires the County Board of Commissioners to meet in April each year to determine county equalized valuations; which equalization shall be completed and submitted along with the tabular statement required by Section 5 of Act No. 44 of the Public Acts of 1911, as amended no later than May 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the assessment rolls of the various assessment jurisdictions have been reviewed by the various local Boards of Review throughout the County of St. Joseph and submitted to your Equalization Department in the appropriate timely manner; and

WHEREAS, those assessment rolls have been audited and balanced by your Equalization Department

in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan and the guidelines of the State Tax Commission; the results of such being listed on the attached equalization report and on the prescribed Michigan Department of Treasury Form L-4024 (County Equalization Directors Report of County Equalization).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the County Equalized Valuations as indicated within the attached equalization report a cumulative total for Real Property of \$3,940,451,080 (Three Billion, Nine Hundred Forty Million, Four Hundred Fifty-One Thousand, Eighty Dollars) and a cumulative total for Personal Property of \$312,529,283 (Three Hundred Twelve Million, Five Hundred Twenty-Nine Thousand, Two Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars). The combined total of Real and Personal Property of the Cities and Townships in St. Joseph County is \$4,252,980,363 (Four Billion, Two Hundred Fifty-Two Million, Nine Hundred Eighty Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Three Dollars).

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to adopt the resolution approving the 2024 Equalization Report. Motion carried 7-0 upon a roll call vote.

Central Dispatch Communications Tower Location

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the Central Dispatch Communications Tower Location at Cade Lake Park in Sturgis MI. Motion carried.

Pinkster Contract Update

Jen Sawyer from Barton Group gave an update on the TowerPinkster contract.

Commissioner Comments

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to have Commissioner Allen removed from the Law Enforcement Committee. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried 4-3 with Commissioners Allen, Rosado, and Shaffer dissenting.

Commissioner Hoffmaster commented the Clerk's Office and gave positive feedback on the Election Presentation.

Commissioner Rosado commented on the Road Commission and gave an update.

Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to go into closed session to discuss a written legal opinion regarding the TowerPinkster Contract with legal counsel. Motion carried 7-0 upon a roll call vote.

At 6:26 p.m., the Commission adjourned to closed session.

At 6:44 p.m., the Commission reconvened to open session. Chairman Malone noted no decisions were made.

Adjournment

Chairman Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Room

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

Commissioner Hoffmaster was absent.

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

Materials Management Planning Resolution

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

PACE Program

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

KARPEL Case Management Software

Prosecuting Attorney Marvin reviewed the choices with the current case management end of life. By consent, the item was added to the agenda moving forward with KARPEL system.

Ballot Verifier Quote

By consent, it would be considered as part of the budget process.

Tower Proposal

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Contract for Sheriff Services with Centreville Community School District

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

ARPA Allocation Resolution

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Community Corrections Grant

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Animal Control Grant

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Board Rules

Discussion included conflict of interest and a video published by Commissioner Allen sharing information known to law enforcement. Commissioner Allen commented that he had not seen any files since 2008 and indicated the information was known by him, not part of Law Enforcement Committee file.

By consent, Administrator Cupp would request language about conflict of interest for the board rules.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Regular session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on May 21, 2024, at 5 p.m.

Chair Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

Chair Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Lindsay Oswald called the roll, and the following commissioners were present:

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

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the minutes of April 16, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Craig Crabill of Sherman Township commented on elections.

Doug Frank commented on elections.

Paige Willis commented on term limits.

Rebecca Shank commented on the removal of Commissioner Allen from the Law Enforcement Committee.

Presentations

County Clerk Oswald presented the 2023 County Clerk and Register of Deeds Annual Report.

Prosecuting Attorney David Marvin presented the 2023 Prosecuting Attorney's Office Annual Report.

Undersheriff Jason Bingaman presented the 2023 Sheriff's Office Annual Report, and Emergency Manager Goff presented the emergency management portion of the report. Emergency Manager Goff also reviewed the May 7 tornado response.

County Administrator's Report

Administrator Cupp had no further report.

Committee Reports and Appointments

Commissioner Rosado reported on the Road Commission projects.

Centreville Public Schools Contract for Sheriff's Services

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the contract. Motion carried.

KARPEL Case Management Software

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the contract with amendments from Miller Johnson. Motion carried.

Tower Proposal

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the proposal. Motion carried.

FY 2025 Community Corrections Grant Resolution 7-2024

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County Board of Commission serves as the Fiscal Agent and Program Manager for the St. Joseph County Community Corrections Advisory Board (CCAB), and

WHEREAS, this County strongly desires to continue to participate with Community Correction's Programs and Services, and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County CCAB has worked with the OCC to develop a Community Corrections FY 2025 Grant Application, and

WHEREAS, the FY 2025 Community Corrections Grant Application has been prepared by the St. Joseph County CCAB in the amount \$133,676 for Community Corrections Programs and Services in St. Joseph County, and

WHEREAS, the St. Joseph County CCAB, has approved this Grant Application, and recommends its approval by the Board of Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Joseph County Board of Commission hereby approves the St. Joseph County Community Corrections Advisory Board's, FY 2025 Grant Application in the annual amount of \$133,676 for Programs and Services.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the resolution. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

2024 Animal Control Grant

It was moved by Commissioner Allen and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the grant agreement. Motion carried.

PACE Program Resolution Resolution 8-2024

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of St. Joseph County, Michigan previously adopted Resolution 4-2020, a Resolution approving the establishment of a property assessed clean energy program ("PACE Program") and creating a PACE district pursuant to Act No. 270, Public Acts of Michigan, 2010, as amended ("PACE Statute"), for the purpose of promoting the use of renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements by owners of certain real property; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners established a PACE Program as described in the PACE Report, so as to provide a property owner based method of financing and funds for projects, including owner-arranged financing from a commercial lender, which funds and financing shall be

secured and repaid by assessments on the property benefited, with the agreement of the record owners, such that no County moneys, general County taxes or County credit of any kind whatsoever shall be pledged, committed, impaired or used in connection with any project as required by, and subject to the Pace Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners hereby finds that financing PACE projects is a valid public purpose because it stimulates economic development, improves property values, reduces energy costs, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and increases employment in the County; and

WHEREAS, the types of projects that may now be financed under the PACE Program include, but are not limited to: insulation in walls, roofs, floors, foundations, or heating and cooling distribution systems; storm windows and doors; multi-glazed windows and doors; heat-absorbing or heat-reflective glazed and coated window and door systems; and additional glazing, reductions in glass area, and other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption; automated energy control systems; heating, ventilating, or air-conditioning and distribution system modifications or replacements; caulking, weather-stripping, and air sealing; replacement or modification of lighting fixtures to reduce the energy use of the lighting system; energy recovery systems; day lighting systems; installation or upgrade of electrical wiring or outlets to charge a motor vehicle that is fully or partially powered by electricity; measures to reduce the usage of water or increase the efficiency of water usage; any other installation or modification of equipment, devices, or materials approved as a utility cost-savings measure by the Board of Commissioners; a fixture, product, device, or interacting group of fixtures, products, or devices on the customer's side of the meter that use one or more renewable energy resources to generate electricity. Renewable energy resources include, but are not limited to: biomass; solar and solar thermal energy; wind energy; geothermal energy and methane gas captured from a landfill.

WHEREAS, Public Act 270 of 2010 has been recently amended with the passage of Senate Bills 302 & 303 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, the projects that may now be financed under the PACE Program have been amended to provide the option for property owners of retrofits or rehab projects to waive the energy savings guarantee; for new construction, the energy savings guarantee is no longer required; require that new construction be built above Michigan's energy code; allow for the financing of environmental hazard projects including mitigation of lead, heavy metal, or PFAS contamination in potable water systems, mitigation of lead paint contamination; mitigation of the effects of floods or drought; and increase the resistance of property against severe weather.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the PACE Program and PACE Report approved on February 4, 2020 requires amendment to be consistent with the amended statute; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners amends Resolution 4-2020 approving amendments to the St. Joseph PACE Program and adopts the amended PACE Program Report attached to this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all other provisions of the PACE Program and PACE Report not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions and parts of resolutions are, to the extent of any conflict with this resolution, hereby rescinded.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to adopt the resolution. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

**Multi-County Materials Management Plan
Resolution 9-2024**

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's Solid Waste Program was updated with the passage of amendments to Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, that became effective on March 29, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the amendments require existing Solid Waste Management Plans be replaced with new Materials Management Plan (MMP) that focus on sustainable material management approaches such as recycling and composting instead of just landfilling waste; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) notified counties that the materials management planning process was initiated as of January 8, 2024 and County Boards are given the first opportunity to assume authority over Materials Management Plan development and implementation; and

WHEREAS, if St. Joseph County accepts this authority, a Notice of Intent is required and must be submitted to EGLE by July 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, EGLE is encouraging counties to engage in multi-county plans; and

WHEREAS, the County's current active 11-member Solid Waste Committee has met and recommends the Materials Management Plan be generated locally where the specific needs of our community can be met.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by this St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners appoints itself as the County Approving Agency (CAA).
2. The St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners approves the submission of a Notice of Intent to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy to prepare a Materials Management Plan as the designated County Approval Agency for St. Joseph County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to send a letter to neighboring counties (Cass, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, VanBuren) of St. Joseph County's intent to enter into an agreement with Branch County Board of Commissioners for a multi-county plan. Documentation of this consultation will be submitted with the Notice of Intent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator to work with the County of Branch to complete the steps necessary for a multi-county plan with Branch and St. Joseph County.

It was moved by Commissioner Conklin and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to adopt the resolution to appoint the county approval agency and approve to approve the submission of a notice of intent to EGLE to prepare a multi-county materials management plan with Branch and St. Joseph Counties. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

**ARPA Funds Allocation
Resolution 10-2024**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, the United States Congress passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA”), which provides fiscal relief funds to state and local governments, and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, ARPA is intended to provide support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 in their communities, residents, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, ARPA includes State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (“Fiscal Recovery Funds”) to replace lost public sector revenue and provide government services up to the amount of revenue loss due to the pandemic; support the COVID-19 public health and economic response by addressing impacts on public health as well as addressing economic harms to households, small businesses, nonprofits, impacted industries, and the public sector; provide premium pay for eligible workers performing essential work; and invest in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Treasury has adopted the Final Rule as guidance regarding the use of the Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph County is being awarded \$11,841,542 of Fiscal Recovery Funds and may allocate those funds as allowed by the terms and conditions of ARPA; and

WHEREAS, Fiscal Recovery Funds must be allocated by December 31, 2024 and fully expended by December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners formed an ARPA advisory committee and received recommendations from the committee on how to allocate ARPA funds; and

WHEREAS, this resolution is intended as a statement of intent of the Board to expend the County’s ARPA Funds in accordance with Federal law and guidance, for the current critical needs and priorities for which there is consensus as set forth below; and

WHEREAS, specific expenditures will be approved in accordance with State and Federal laws and the County’s board rules.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners authorizes allocation of ARPA funds in the following amounts and for the stated purposes:

1. \$3,000,000 for budget stabilization, to be used to address shortfalls in the County’s budgets for any of the fiscal years 2022, 2023, and 2024.
2. \$7,656,542 for County capital expenditures which include renovations and improvements to the County’s Courts Building along with various other capital purchases.
3. \$1,185,000 to be allocated through a competitive grant process to other local units of government and nonprofit agencies within the county to address ARPA funding eligible needs. Any funds not obligated or not expended as outlined in the Funding Agreements between the County and the grant recipients will be forfeited and allocated for County capital expenditures.

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to adopt the resolution to allocate local fiscal recovery fund received through ARPA. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioners commented on the emergency response for the tornado.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Room

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

Commissioner Hoffmaster was present by phone.

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

Closed Session

It was moved by Baker and seconded by Rosado to adjourn to closed session under Section (h) of the Open Meeting 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 6-0 upon a roll call vote.

The Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 4:00 p.m. including Hoffmaster on speaker phone, Administrator Cupp, Finance Director Steinman, and Attorney Richard Cherry.

At 4:27 p.m., Malone reconvened to open session noting that the Commission had met in closed session and no decisions were made.

L-4029 for FY2024

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

DCS Technology Rural Broadband Study Update

Chris Scharrer from DCS presented the study findings.

Courthouse Renovation Project

By consent, the contract with Eckert Wordell was added to the agenda.

AI Steering Committee Recommendation

By consent, Hoffmaster would participate in the ad hoc committee.

Contracted Custodial Services at Three Rivers Courthouse

By consent, the item was added to the agenda as a budget amendment.

Veteran Transition House Lease Request at 308 South Main Street, Three Rivers

It was moved by Rosado and seconded by Shaffer to approve the lease with the City of Three Rivers. Rosado and Shaffer amended the motion to approve the lease conditional upon attorney approval. Motion carried.

MMP Intergovernmental Agreement with Branch County

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Bolton Wage Compensation & Classification Study

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Tornado Summary Report

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Local Emergency Planning Committee Board Appointment

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Other Business

By consent, a consent agenda would be used.

Discussion included going back to past practice of materials going to the clerk or administrator rather than distributing to the commissioners.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

Regular session of the Board of County Commissioners for the County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, was held in the Commission Chambers on June 18, 2024, at 5 pm.

Chair Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

Chair Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Deputy Register Gina Everson called the roll, and the following commissioners were present:

Dennis Allen

Ken Malone

Rusty Baker

Luis Rosado

Terry Concklin

Rick Shaffer

Jared Hoffmaster

Also present: Angie Steinmann, Finance Director and Jessica Miller, Executive Assistant

Agenda

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the minutes of May 21, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Carolyn Grace of Park Township commented on St. Joseph County Conservation District.

Debbie Davis of Colon Township commented on police officers and the prosecutor's office.

Kelly Weaver of White Pigeon Township commented on elections.

Rebecca Shank of Constantine commented on the Conservation board.

Josh Harter of St. Joseph County commented on his candidacy for Drain Commissioner.

Presentations

Emergency Manager Erin Goff and United Way Director Kelly Hostetler presented the May 2024 Tornado Summary Report.

County Administrator's Report

Nothing to report.

Committee Reports and Appointments

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to appoint Nathan Francis to the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Board with a term expiring in 2024. Motion carried.

Courthouse Renovation Proposal

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Allen to approve the Eckert Wordell Courthouse Renovation proposal. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

2024 L-4029 Millage Request

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the 2024 L-4029 Millage request. Motion carried.

MMP Intergovernmental Agreement

It was moved by Commissioner Baker and seconded by Commissioner Concklin to approve the agreement with St. Joseph County and Branch County and the contract for materials management planning with South Central Michigan Planning Council. Motion carried.

Bolton Wage Study Proposal

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to approve the Bolton Wage Compensation and Classification study proposal. Motion carried.

AI Steering Committee

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the County Administrator to establish an AI Steering Committee. Motion carried.

Budget

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Hoffman to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hoffmaster commented on the tornado summary report.

Commissioner Allen commented on the tornado summary report.

Adjournment

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Rosado to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 pm. Motion carried.

Gina Everson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Room

Commissioners Present: Dennis Allen, Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Louis Rosado, and Rick Shaffer

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

County Childcare Fund Budget

By consent, the item was added to the agenda as a budget amendment.

CDBG Emergency Repair Program Guidelines

By consent, the public hearing was scheduled for August 20, 2024 at 5 p.m.

Bond Financing

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

BOC Retreat

By consent, Administrator Cupp would contact a presenter for late August or first of September.

Other Business

By consent, a consent agenda would be used.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

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

Chair Malone called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Commissioner Shaffer.

Chair Malone led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Deputy Register Gina Everson called the roll, and the following commissioners were present:

Dennis Allen

Ken Malone

Rusty Baker

Luis Rosado

Terry Concklin

Rick Shaffer

Jared Hoffmaster

Also present: Angie Steinmann, Finance Director and Jessica Miller, Executive Assistant

Agenda

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

Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Shaffer to approve the minutes of June 18, 2024. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Julia Costello, 58518 Willow Drive, Colon, commented on a building permit adjacent to her home.

Kelly Weaver, 70503 Sevinson Road, White Pigeon, commented on voter registration.

Tim Carls, Florence Township, commented on animal control.

Presentations

Director Pam Riley presented the Commission on Aging 2023 Annual Report.

Laura Sutter presented the FY 2025 Annual Implementation Plan for the St. Joseph Area on Aging.

Director Rebecca Burns presented the Branch Hillsdale St. Joseph Community Health Agency 2023 Annual Report.

County Administrator's Report

Administrator Cupp noted progress with the Bolton Group salary study work.

Committee Reports and Appointments

There were no appointments.

**Bond Financing Resolution to Purchase
Resolution 11-2024**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") deems it to be in the best in interest of the County of St. Joseph (the "County") 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") and to finance the Improvements by the issuance of municipal securities that pledge the County's limited tax general obligation pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34, Public Acts of Michigan, 2001, as amended ("Act 34"); and

WHEREAS, the County may proceed with the Improvements prior to the issuance of the municipal securities; and

WHEREAS, the County may incur substantial capital expenditures for the Improvements prior to the issuance of the municipal securities and desires to be reimbursed for such expenditures from the proceeds of the municipal securities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34, it is necessary to publish a Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities for the Improvements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Board determines to design, purchase, acquire, and construct the Improvements and to pay for the cost through the issuance of one or more series of municipal securities, which pledge the County's limited tax full faith and credit, pursuant to Section 517 of Act 34, in an amount not to exceed \$7,750,000 (the "Municipal Securities").
2. A Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities be published in accordance with Section 517 of Act 34, and the County Clerk is authorized and directed to publish the Notice of Intent to Issue Municipal Securities in a newspaper or newspapers of general circulation in the County, which Notice shall be substantially in the form as set forth on Exhibit A attached hereto, with such changes as may be approved by the County Administrator, and shall be at least one- quarter (1/4) page size in the newspaper.
3. The County may proceed to design, acquire and construct the Improvements using available funds of the County from the General Fund, a fund for the general operations of the County and other funds of the County.
4. At such time as the County issues the Municipal Securities for the long-term financing of the Improvements, the County shall be reimbursed for its expenditures for the Improvements out of the proceeds of the Municipal Securities.
5. This resolution and the expression of intent to seek reimbursement from future proceeds of the Municipal Securities is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

6. The firm of Dickinson Wright PLLC is hereby employed as bond counsel to the County to prepare the documents for the issuance of the Municipal Securities for financing acquisition of the Improvements and the officials of the County are authorized to enter into an engagement letter with Dickinson Wright PLLC.
7. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby rescinded.

It was moved by Commissioner Hoffmaster and seconded by Commissioner Allen to adopt the bond financing resolution to purchase, acquire, and construct capital improvements and to publish notice of intent to issue municipal securities for the Centreville courts building project. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

Motorola Solutions Change Order

It was moved by Commissioner Shaffer and seconded by Commissioner Baker to approve the change order to update the payment schedule. Motion carried.

Budget Amendments

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Conklin to approve the budget amendments as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Hoffmaster commented on deaths in the Three Rivers Community.

Chair Malone commented on the processes in place that are necessary to handle matters in government.

Closed Session

It was moved by Commissioner Rosado and seconded by Commissioner Hoffmaster to adjourn to closed session under Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss a written legal opinion exempt from disclosure under attorney-client privilege and Section 13(1) of the Freedom of Information Act. Motion carried 7-0 upon roll call vote.

Chair Malone adjourned to closed session at 6:05 p.m.

At 6:27 pm, Chair Malone reconvened to open session. He stated the Commission had met in closed session to discuss a written legal opinion and no decisions were made.

Adjournment

Chair Malone adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.

Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2024, 4:00 p.m. in Historic Courthouse, Board of Commissioners Room

Commissioners Present: Rusty Baker, Terry Conklin, Jared Hoffmaster, Ken Malone, Louis and Rosado

Absent: Dennis Allen and Rick Shaffer

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

Building Project Updates

Jen Sawyer updated progress for the Three Rivers courts, jail, and Centreville courts renovations.

Special License for Alcohol Sales

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Rawson's King Mill Updates

Drain Commissioner Wenzel provided an update.

Delinquent Tax Fund Update

Treasurer Kathy Humphreys provided an update.

Class Action Lawsuit Update

Treasurer Kathy Humphreys provided an update.

BRA Public Hearing for White Pigeon

David Stegink from Fishbeck introduced Craig Wittenberg, the housing developer, and Ken Jones, supporting the project on behalf of Southwest Michigan First for a workforce housing project. By consent, the public hearing was scheduled for August 20, 2024, at 5 p.m.

CDBG Public Hearing

Finance Director Steinman noted the upcoming public hearing scheduled for August 20, 2024.

FY 2023 Gabridge & Company Audit

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Strategic Plan Schedule

Administrator Cupp noted the plan was to hold the workshop for early 2025.

Colon Michigan Grange #215 150th Anniversary Resolution

By consent, the item was added to the agenda.

Other Business

By consent, the MOU between the Sheriff's office and Centreville Public Schools was added to the agenda.

Administrator Cupp noted removal of a tower near the White Pigeon Fire Department.

Commissioner Conklin noted the hazardous waste collection at the fairgrounds in September.

Commissioner Conklin commented on the Barton Group in relation to the one bid for the jail renovation, issues with Tower Pinkster, and cost of Three Rivers building maintenance. He asked about a county administrator evaluation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lindsay Oswald, County Clerk