

**CALHOUN COUNTY**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 4, 2007

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:02 p.m., Thursday, January 4, 2007 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Arnquist, Bolger, Moore, Rae, Segal, Solis and Todd.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A Moment of Personal Prayer was observed in remembrance of President Gerald Ford; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Moore.

COMMISSIONERS' OATH OF OFFICE:

Clerk Anne Norlander administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Election of Chairperson

Comr. Solis nominated Commissioner Kate Segal. Comr. Bolger supported the nomination. Clerk Norlander inquired if there were any further nominations. No other nominations were offered.

Res. 1-2007

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners close nominations for the Office of Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2007 and 2008.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Res. 1-A-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners elect Katherine Segal Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2007 and 2008.”

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Roll call vote: Yes - 7 for Katherine Segal  
Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Election of Vice Chairperson

Comr. Rae nominated Commissioner Terris Todd. Comr. Arnquist supported the nomination. Clerk Norlander inquired if there were any further nominations. No other nominations were offered.

Res. 2-2007

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners close nominations for the Office of Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2007.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Res. 2-A-2007

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners elect Terris Todd Vice Chairman of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2007.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 for Terris Todd  
Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Chairperson’s and Vice Chairman’s Oath of Office

Clerk Norlander administered the Oath of Office to Chairperson Segal and Vice Chairman Todd, and turned the Chairperson’s responsibilities over to Chairperson Segal.

Continuation of 2006 Board Rules

Comr. Bolger requested that a date be set to address outstanding issues including teleconferencing.

Chairperson Segal advised that the Board Rules Review Workshop, to which Comr. Arnquist shall be added, shall review the rules and provide a recommendation at the February 15, 2007 Board Meeting.

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Res. 3-2007

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following, as amended: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners continue operating under the 2006 Board Rules until the February 15, 2007 Board of Commissioners Meeting.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 4-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the January 4, 2007 agenda as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 5-2007

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the December 7, 2006 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Comr. Moore requested Item A.1. - Muskegon County resolution be received and placed on file rather than referred to the Legislative Liaisons as the House Bill is no longer valid.

Res. 6-2007

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the January 4, 2007 Consent Agenda, with amendment of Item A. (1) - Muskegon County Resolution, to be received and placed on file:

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A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Muskegon County opposing House Bill No. 6391 {General Property Tax Act Amendment}. (Received and placed on file)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Appointments
  - {a} Reggie LaGrand (Replacing Guy Golumb)
  - {b} Chris Aube (Replacing Tiffany Drain)
  - {c} Carl Word (Replacing Anji Phillips)
  - {d} Penny Diehl (Replacing Bonnie Garbrecht)

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

Road Commission Information

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that he requested some background orientation material from the Road Commission which has been placed in front of Board members.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, congratulated new Commissioners Arnquist and Rae upon taking office, and urged them to independently research issues before the Board to properly represent the citizens of Calhoun County.

Mr. Berezonsky further stated that he hopes Board members will attend at least one Road Commission meeting per year, and advised that the next Road Commission meeting is Wednesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Berezonsky asked Chairperson Segal how constituents are to contact her and what hours she will be available in the Chairperson's Office.

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COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Rae thanked those present for attending the meeting tonight and invited everyone to join him at Schuler's Restaurant after the meeting for some cake.

Comr. Rae advised that as he starts his term on the Board he shall be absolutely committed to being representative to Calhoun County's citizens. Comr. Rae stated that one thing he would like to see right away is for the Board to adopt a policy to conduct at least one meeting per month in Battle Creek, and the other in Marshall; and every three months conduct a meeting in Albion. Comr. Rae advised that he shall be making that motion at the Board's first regular meeting. Comr. Rae thanked Mr. Berezonsky for his comments.

Comr. Moore congratulated and thanked Jackie Smith, who is leaving the Drug Court to take on a new challenge, for all of her hard work and wished her good luck in her new job. Comr. Moore advised that Ms. Smith has been working with the Drug Court Program since its inception and shall be greatly missed.

Comr. Arnquist stated that she feels honored to have been elected to represent the residents of District 3.

Comr. Todd thanked everyone for attending the meeting, and for the support of the residents of District 2. Comr. Todd advised that he is thanking God for another term on the Commission and is looking forward to being more transparent.

Chairperson Segal thanked the residents of District 1, stating that her election to the Board is one commitment which she takes very seriously. Chairperson Segal stated that today is a very special day for her, as her colleagues have elected her Chairperson and because today is her daughter's first birthday. Chairperson Segal thanked her husband for his support.

Chairperson Segal stated that the Board can only succeed by working together to maximize services and provide services efficiently to the residents. Chairperson Segal stated that she looks forward to working with her colleagues, the staff and the people of Calhoun County.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 7-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$688,895.03 for the week of December 22, 2006.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairperson Segal introduced her parents, Lynn and Bob Spangler; and her Mother-in-law, Joyce Segal.

RECESS:

The meeting recessed at 7:31 p.m at the call of the Chair.

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