

CALHOUN COUNTY  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 5, 2007

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:02 p.m., Thursday, April 5, 2007 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A Moment of Personal Prayer was observed; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Solis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the April 5, 2007 agenda and addendum as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, noted within the 2006 final budget adjustments presented, expenditure adjustments listed under the Public Safety business unit for Pennfield Township, Tekonsha Township, and the Air National Guard. Mr. Berezonsky pointed out that those line items are for private contractual agreements with the Sheriff Department and stated that he does not believe the expenditures should be expensed from General Fund monies.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 44-2007

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following April 5, 2007 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Antrim County supporting Christine Alwood for the Michigan Association of Counties Board Member at Large. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)
- (2) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for March 12, 2007 regarding granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to Jorgensen Steel Machining & Fabrication, Inc. received from Tekonsha Village. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Lee)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Metropolitan Planning Commission Appointments  
(Terms Expire December 31, 2008)
  - {a} Mike Rae – Replacing Betty Arnquist
  - {b} Rebecca Rocho – Replacing Alex Cherney”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS:

Budget Committee

Committee Chairman Solis reported that the Committee met Monday, April 2, and reviewed a salary survey for county non-union positions. Comr. Solis advised that the consultant, Plante and Moran, recommended that the survey be conducted every two to three years; however due to financial conditions, the Committee recommends that the survey not be prepared this year and that the survey be considered in the future.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

FY 2007-2008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Agreement

Family Court Administrator Michael Boltz advised that the grant amount is the same as last year, and requested approval of the agreement between Calhoun County and the State of Michigan. Mr. Boltz advised that the funds shall be used to purchase a couple of scanners for the Prosecutor’s Office that will interface with the CrimeCog software program, drug testing supplies for all juveniles admitted to the Juvenile Home and juveniles placed on probation, and some lap top computers for use in the court room. Mr. Boltz further advised regarding the

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ten percent local match, that the Court will charge back five percent for administering the grant.

Res. 45-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2007-2008 Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Agreement between Calhoun County and the Michigan Department of Human Services for the period of April 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008 in the amount of \$16,294, and authorize the County Administrator/Controller to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County; further, authorize the Finance Department to make any necessary budget adjustments consistent with the Agreement.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Segal, Solis, Todd, Arnquist, Moore and Rae)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Bolger)  
Motion CARRIED

FY 2006 Final Budget Adjustments

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that the adjustments are for a number of departments to ensure that expenditures are balanced for the 2006 audit and that most are “clean up” adjustments. Mr. Purcell advised that no additional expenditure from the General Fund was required.

Res. 46-2007

“Motion by Comr. Arnquist, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the 2006 Final Budget Adjustments (ATTACHMENT A), as presented by the Finance Department.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Solis, Todd, Arnquist, Moore, Rae and Segal)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Bolger)  
Motion CARRIED

Remonumentation Fees Redistribution

Mr. Purcell advised that the four departments that receive remonumentation funds were contacted and all agreed to the redistribution.

Asst. Administrator Wendee Woods explained distribution of funds under Public Act 345 of 1990 and the Board’s action of 1993 providing for allocation of those funds, and requested that Board Resolution 459-1993 be rescinded and that the distribution of those funds be established as proposed with the purpose of upgrading the G.I.S. system and remonumentation expenditures. Ms. Woods advised that as of February 28 there is

\$63,863 in the fund balance.

Res. 47-2007

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Arnquist, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopted the Remonumentation Plan for Calhoun County (Resolution 120-1992), contingent upon sufficient revenue being generated by Public Act 345 of 1990 to allow for the completion of the items included in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 345 of 1990 provided a funding mechanism for county remonumentation plans by establishing an additional fee for recording any instrument. Before January 1, 2013, the fee shall be \$4.00 (\$2.00 being forwarded to the State Superfund for dispensation among the implementing counties and \$2.00 remaining within the county’s general fund coffers); and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 459-1993 designating the allocation of the county funds beginning January 1, 1994. One dollar (\$1.00) generated by Public Act 345 of 1990 was earmarked for the Remonumentation Plan to be used to supplement the state grant funds after the state monies have been exhausted and the other dollar (\$1.00) was divided equally between the Equalization, Register of Deeds, Drain and Planning Departments of Calhoun County for enhancement of services they provide in conjunction with this grant; and

WHEREAS, the State Survey and Remonumentation Act was created in order to coordinate and implement the monumentation and remonumentation of property controlling corners in this state and coordinate the establishment of geographic information systems; and

WHEREAS orderly, consistent remonumentation with standardized markers would assist in the documentation and planning of roads and utilities, the location of public and private property, the settlement of ownership claims and disputes, and the provision of a central data base containing information on counties and townships throughout the state. Completion of the remonumentation system in a county would enable the county to implement a computerized mapping system that would include the precise location of roads, utilities, and property lines; the corners would serve as the foundation for such a map.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby rescinds Resolution 459-1993 and establishes the following distribution for the additional recording fees in accordance with Public Act 345 of 1990. Within Fund 245 (Calhoun County Remonumentation), Activity 2425, the existing fund balance plus the future revenue from one dollar (\$1.00) of the county fee per recorded document will be earmarked for the Remonumentation Plan and may be used to supplement the state grant funds. The remaining future revenue from one dollar (\$1.00) of the county fee per recorded document, as well as the current fund balance in Activity 2219 (Clerk), 2225 (Equalization), 2275 (Drain) and 2423 (Planning) will be combined into Activity 2424 and utilized for upgrading, maintaining and managing the Calhoun County's geographic information system (GIS) and also for authorized expenditures to enhance the remonumentation program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that expenditures from Fund 245 shall be authorized in advance and under the control of the County Administrator/Controller. One dollar (\$1.00) from county fees shall continue to be used in accordance with the Remonumentation Plan for Calhoun County; the remaining one dollar (\$1.00) from county fees shall be used for operations and enhancements to the remonumentation program and the geographic information system and two dollars (\$2.00) shall continue to be remitted to the State of Michigan. This change shall become effective May 1, 2007."

Mr. Purcell stated that GIS is a critical tool and that redistribution of the funding shall move the county forward in developing the base maps.

Comr. Rae advised that the proposal was discussed by the Budget Committee, and that he supports redistribution of the funding. Comr. Rae stated that the Budget Committee discussed the necessity and the wisdom of reaching out to Battle Creek City, Battle Creek Unlimited and the TIFAs to attempt to partner with them to get the GIS service in effect, and inquired whether this shall be done. Chairwoman Segal responded Yes.

Comr. Moore advised that the Budget Committee also discussed partnering with other communities and that this issue shall be a topic of discussion at the county-wide summit.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Todd, Arnquist, Moore, Rae, Segal and Solis)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Bolger)  
Motion CARRIED

Increase of Part-Time Nurse Practitioner Position

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Health Officer Dottie-Kay Bowersox introduced Nurse Practitioner Kim Morris. Ms. Bowersox stated that increasing the position shall allow the Health Department to become fully compliant with the Michigan Department of Community Health Children's Special Health Care Services Program. Ms. Bowersox advised that there is the opportunity for the Department to bill the state for that service.

Res. 48-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following, as amended: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners grant the Board of Health's request to increase a .20 FTE nurse practitioner position within the Health Department to .40 FTE.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Arnquist, Moore, Rae, Segal, Solis and Todd)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Bolger)  
Motion CARRIED

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Arnquist announced that Saturday, April 14, the Mayor of Battle Creek will be signing a U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement at 12:00 p.m. at the Lakeview Square Mall by Penneys, becoming the tenth city in Michigan to do so. Comr. Arnquist advised that there will be exhibits and children activities and encouraged everyone to attend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairwoman Segal announced that the Board's Strategic Planning Session is April 13 and 14 commencing at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 5:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting is Tuesday, April 17 and is the county's Equalization Session.

Chairwoman Segal further announced that the county-wide summit is Wednesday, April 25 at the Burnham Broom Center for all elected and appointed officials.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 49-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Todd, 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 \$665,068.15 for the week of March 13, 2007; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$811,113.15 for the week of March 20, 2007; and finally, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$407,278.34 for the week of March 27, 2007.”

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Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Moore, Rae, Segal, Solis, Todd and Arnquist)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Bolger)  
Motion CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 7:34 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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