

CALHOUN COUNTY  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 15, 2008

The Equalization Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2008 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; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Todd.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the April 15, 2008 agenda and addendum as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the March 20, 2008 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Ray Leonard of Cable Tool Well Drilling, Battle Creek, presented petitions signed by 5,618 residents (ON FILE) requesting the Board revoke the Calhoun County Smoking Regulation. Mr. Leonard stated that most of the Commissioners believe they can dictate whether and where citizens can smoke, pointing out that the smoking regulation was approved by a vote of five to two by the Board; and thanked Commissioners Bolger and Moore for voting against the regulation and the intrusion upon people's rights of freedom. Mr. Leonard stated that the regulation is an overbearing and intrusive ban on personal liberties and upon private property rights.

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Mr. Leonard questioned how far the Board will go in regulating what people are allowed or not allowed to do; and whether the Board shall next prohibit candy bars, coffee, sugar or regulate how much someone should exercise. Mr. Leonard addressed alcohol prohibition and the disaster that ensued by the government's attempt to regulate its citizenry.

Mr. Leonard stated that as a small business owner the regulation forces him to become the smoking police on his own property or be faced with a fine, which is not how it should be in a free country, and that it is his fear that violation of the regulation by either employees, customers, and even visitors may result in prosecution. Mr. Leonard stated that the regulation goes way too far and is overkill which will cost small business owners too much money, and questioned whether the Board does not have more important issues to deal with. Mr. Leonard requested that the Board revoke the regulation.

Mr. Craig Carrel, Marshall resident, stated that he supports Mr. Leonard's efforts to repeal the smoking regulation. Mr. Carrel advised that he is a non-smoker, and pointed out that most of those that signed the petitions are non-smokers who support repeal of the regulation as it is an infringement upon personal liberty and personal property rights. Mr. Carrel advised that he is a small business owner that has provided private smoking rooms ventilated to the outside, and that now the regulation provides that those rooms cannot be used, forcing people to be 25 feet away from the building. Mr. Carrel stated that the only way in which he can accomplish that requirement is to make the people stand in the middle of the parking lot, which is a safety hazard. Mr. Carrel stated that he is opposed to monitoring his employees and customers, pointing out the cost in time away from his business to do so; further, is opposed to the littering which is occurring by the regulation's prohibition of ash trays by the doors. Mr. Carrel stated that to a small business the regulation adds a lot of cost and is bad for business. Mr. Carrel advised that he competes for business in a global economy, and that the regulation is forcing small businesses to now have to compete against adjacent counties.

Mr. Carrel urged the Board to repeal the regulation as it is a costly burden upon small businesses, and the evidence of how many people's lives shall be saved by the regulation is minimal.

Ms. Frances Crawford advised that a lot of the people that signed the petitions are non-smokers, further, that most of the small businesses already provided special smoking rooms.

Mr. Riley Cooper stated that he believes the regulation should be repealed. Mr. Cooper stated that there are businesses in Battle Creek that have residences above their business, and questioned whether people in those residences are expected not to smoke in their own homes; further, questioned whether the regulation also prohibits smoking in pole barns. Mr. Cooper questioned how the regulation is to be enforced and what the burden of proof is, one person's word against another, or whether enforcement is more a voluntary compliance.

Dr. Mary Ann Benzik advised that she is a member of the Five C Committee that brought forth the regulation. Dr. Benzik addressed an article in the American Health Journal of a case where someone died due to second-hand smoke. Dr. Benzik thanked the Board for supporting the regulation.

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Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, addressed Agenda Item 12.A. (4) - Correctional Supplies Bid Award, stated that he thought the county had a policy to award bids to businesses within the county; and questioned why award is recommended to a business in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Berezonsky addressed Item 12.A. (2) - Community Compost Agreement, inquiring why county residents have to pay for wood chips while Marshall residents do not have to pay. Mr. Berezonsky inquired whether Marshall residents are better than other county residents.

Mr. Berezonsky addressed Item 11.A. - Drain Commission Name Change, noting that the cover memorandum states that there shall be no budget impact as a result of the change, and questioned how there cannot be some impact upon the budget. Mr. Berezonsky advised that the county has a Public Works Department, and questioned whether the Drain Commission shall be handling that function. Mr. Berezonsky stated that if the Drain Commission shall be handling the Public Works functions, then he believes those functions should be consolidated into one department.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Special Tribute to Lori Phillips

Chairwoman Segal read, and accompanied by Sheriff Allen Byam and Interim Emergency Management Coordinator Durk Dunham, presented the following tribute to Lori Phillips.

Res. 61-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following tribute:

WHEREAS, LORI PHILLIPS, is a “2008 Star of Life” Award recipient, an honor bestowed in recognition and honoring dedicated ambulance emergency management service professionals; and

WHEREAS, this award is the most prestigious national award given to emergency management professionals, presented at the Stars of Life Celebration in Washington, D.C. with Members of Congress; and

WHEREAS, LORI PHILLIPS, along with other award recipients, shall be attending the Celebration program which features meetings with Members of Congress and U.S. Representatives to deliver important information regarding the value of quality ambulance services as a key component of an effective and efficient health care system and to address health care public policy challenges.

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LORI is a volunteer member of the Calhoun County Emergency Management team and serves as the CERT Volunteer Coordinator. Lori's full time employment is with Lifecare Ambulance as an advanced Paramedic/Trainer.

THEREFORE, WE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, wish to congratulate **LORI PHILLIPS** upon receiving this most prestigious award and thank her for volunteering her time and services to the Calhoun County Emergency Management Department."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Mr. Durham thanked the Board for such a wonderful tribute. Mr. Durham stated that it is hard to find volunteers and especially hard to find great volunteers such as Ms. Phillips. Mr. Durham advised that Ms. Phillips is on his special operations team and performs many functions.

Sheriff Byam advised that Ms. Phillips is also involved in the Fifth District planning effort.

Equal Pay Day Proclamation

Chairwoman Segal read and presented the following proclamation to Ms. Katrina Millett and Ms. Mary Leonardson of the Albion Chapter of the Business Women's Association.

Res. 62-2008

"Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, forty years after the passage of the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, women and people of color continue to suffer the consequences of inequitable pay differentials; and

WHEREAS, according to statistics released in 2003 by the U.S. Census Bureau, year-round, full-time working women in 2002 earned only 77 percent of the earnings of year-round, full-time working men, indicating little change or progress in pay equity; and

WHEREAS, according to a January 2002 report released by the General Accounting Office (the investigative arm of Congress), women managers in 7 of 10 industries surveyed actually lost ground in closing the wage gap between 1995 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, according to an analysis of data in over 300 classifications provided by the U.S.

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Department of Labor Statistics in 2001, women earn less in *every* occupational classification for which enough data is available, including occupations dominated by women (e.g., cashiers, retail sales, registered nurses and teachers); and

WHEREAS, higher education is not free from wage discrimination according to a U.S. Department of Education analysis, reporting that, after controlling for rank, age, credentials, field of study and other factors, full-time female faculty members earn nearly 9 percent less than their male counterparts; and

WHEREAS, national statistics rank the State of Michigan among the lower one-third of all U.S. states in fair pay, citing that an average of 68 cents is earned by women to every dollar their male counterparts are paid – a gap of 32 cents; and

WHEREAS, over a working lifetime, this wage disparity costs the average American woman and her family as estimated \$500,000 in lost wages, impacting Social Security benefits and pensions; and

WHEREAS, fair pay equity policies can be implemented simply and without undue costs or hardship in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, fair pay strengthens the security of families today and eases future retirements costs, while enhancing the American economy; and

WHEREAS, Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> symbolizes the time in the new year in which the wages paid to American women catch up to the wages paid to men from the previous year.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 22, 2008:

**EQUAL PAY DAY**

in Calhoun County and urge the citizens of Calhoun County to recognize the full value of women’s skills and significant contributions to the labor force, and further encourage businesses to conduct an internal pay evaluation to ensure women are being paid fairly.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Ms. Millett advised that this Fall is the Chapter’s 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and that the Chapter’s April event shall be conducted in the Sheridan Township Hall. Ms. Millett further addressed the Chapter’s mission and advised that the Chapter is working upon scholarships for Albion students in the nursing profession.

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2008 Equalization Report

Equalization Director David Jager reported that the total equalized valuations of the county increased 2.83 percent over 2007 valuations. Mr. Jager advised that the Report represents the recommended 2008 county equalized values for each class of property in each of the 19 townships and 4 cities within the county. Mr. Jager pointed out that the growth rate was less than the 2.87 percent in equalized values that occurred between 2006 and 2007, indicating a softening real estate market.

Mr. Jager provided a break down of the classifications and advised regarding the largest and lowest percentages.

Res. 63-2008

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

WHEREAS, the Equalization Department has examined the assessment rolls of the 19 Townships and four Cities within Calhoun County to determine whether the real and personal property in the respective Townships and Cities has been equally and uniformly assessed; and

WHEREAS, based on this examination and studies it conducted, the Equalization Department has prepared and presented to the County Board of Commissioners the attached (ATTACHMENT A) 2008 Equalization Report; and

WHEREAS, said Equalization Report presents recommended County equalized valuations for each of the 19 Townships and four Cities within the County; and

WHEREAS, the recommended County equalized valuations were determined by adding to or deducting from the assessed valuations of taxable property in the 19 Townships and four Cities within the County an amount which represents true cash value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners accept and adopt the recommended County equalized valuations presented in the 2008 Equalization Report prepared by the Calhoun County Equalization Department for a total 2008 equalized valuation of real and personal property of \$4,553,932,997, with the breakdown of equalized valuation by property classification as follows:

Agricultural Real Property	\$ 379,918,268
Commercial Real Property	\$ 577,469,693
Industrial Real Property	\$ 208,094,591

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Residential Real Property	\$2,876,423,334
Developmental Real Property	<u>\$ 3,731,940</u>
Total Real Property	\$4,045,637,826
Total Personal Property	<u>\$ 508,295.171</u>
Total Real and Personal Property	\$4,553,932,997

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board Chairwoman and the County Clerk/Register of Deeds are authorized to sign the Report; further, that the County Administrator/Controller and the Equalization Director/Deputy Director are authorized to represent Calhoun County at both preliminary and final State equalization sessions, if deemed necessary.”

Comr. Rae requested an explanation of the developmental classification. Mr. Jager advised that developmental properties are usually vacant and in transition.

Comr. Moore inquired how foreclosures affect valuations. Mr. Jager responded that he has reviewed the foreclosures a lot, and that the foreclosures are used in the Department’s sales analysis. Mr. Jager advised that foreclosed properties are selling at 20 percent less than the conventional sales. Comr. Moore inquired how Calhoun County’s valuations compare to similar counties. Mr. Jager responded that he is not familiar with the valuations in other counties, other than Kent County, which is experiencing phenomenal growth due to their medical businesses.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Calhoun Health Plan Annual Report Presentation

Calhoun Health Plan Executive Director Samantha Pearl advised that the Calhoun Health Plan was formed in early 2005 to provide basic health coverage to the uninsured poor. The community-based health plan, called Plan B, was designed to provide essential health services to people that are unable to access any other kind of coverage or unable to afford coverage or health services on their own. Ms. Pearl stated that while the Calhoun Health Plan started with just the intent of providing the Plan B Program, the Plan has grown continuously to address community needs around health access.

Ms. Pearl reported that since the Calhoun Health Plan opened in January 2006, the Prescription Drug Access Program, the Referral and Advocacy Program, the Health Assistance Fund, the Dentists’ Partnership, the Rx Outreach Program and the Prescription Discount Card have been added. Ms. Pearl advised that through the Health Assistance Fund people in need with resources like durable medical equipment, oxygen, medical

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transportation, and specialty care and consultations are connected to those resources.

Ms. Pearl reported that the Calhoun Health Plan has served over 4,000 county residents within the last 12 months with the following outcomes; e.g., expanded enrollment to 815 under access to basic health care with support through 165 local practitioners; 720 people assisted through the Health Assistance Fund with \$65,343 in resources provided through support by local pharmacies, durable medical equipment providers and transportation services; over 1,100 people receiving help through access to prescription medications, with 470 new clients. Ms. Pearl advised that 5,699 free prescriptions have been given out equating to \$2,474,242. Ms. Pearl continued that the Access to Urgent Dental Services Program is 10 months old and that already over 500 people have been assisted with 730 dental treatment visits donated. Ms. Pearl advised that the Program is supported by 30 dentists, and that the Program has resulted in a 50 percent reduction in Emergency Department visits for dental pain and jaw diseases. Ms. Pearl continued that the Access to Referral and Advocacy Services Program has assisted 953 people and that the Emergency Department Diversion Program has made 160 referrals.

Chairwoman Segal advised that she is President of the Calhoun Health Plan Board, and thanked Ms. Mullett for also serving on the Board. Chairwoman Segal expressed appreciation to the providers for volunteering their time and services.

Comr. Moore requested an estimate of federal resources coming in to Calhoun County. Ms. Pearl responded "\$715,000."

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Res. 64-2008

"Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following April 15, 2008 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Copy of a communication remitted to Mr. Peter Loonen, Marshall resident, received from the Michigan Department of Agriculture advising that the complaint against his farm operation has been classified as not verified, and the file has been closed. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Health Officer Dottie-Kay Bowersox)

B. Resolutions:

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- (1) Senior Millage Allocation Committee Appointments  
(Terms Expire April 3, 2011)
  - {a} Arlene Bolton
  - {b} Viola Johnson”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS:

Emergency Telephone District Board

Committee Member Bolger reported that the deadline for submitting the appeal to the Michigan Public Service Commission was April 10 and that Ms. Mullett submitted the appeal on April 9. Comr. Bolger stated that now the county must wait for the Commission’s ruling or a re-hearing.

Comr. Bolger addressed the petitions presented by the citizens requesting repeal of the smoking regulation, stating that everyone is aware that he opposed the regulation because it takes away personal liberties. Comr. Bolger stated that people are offended by the regulation and that 5,618 people requesting repeal of the regulation is a loud statement. Comr. Bolger advised the petitioners that the Board does not have the ability to take action for repeal tonight. Comr. Bolger questioned whether the Board can place the issue on the ballot for public vote, or whether the citizens can have the issue placed upon the ballot. Comr. Bolger urged the Board to consider the residents’ request to repeal the smoking regulation.

Medical Care Facility Construction Update

Chairwoman Segal advised that she attended the opening of the new wing today, and urged everyone to go see the new facility. Chairwoman Segal stated that residents should be able to move into the wing within a week.

Comr. Rae advised that he also toured the new wing today, and it is beautiful.

Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority

Comr. Rae reported that the Authority passed a resolution approving funding their share of the Geographic Information System.

UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS -- Name Change of the Office of Drain Commissioner:

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that the item was removed from the previous agenda

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because of issues regarding the upcoming election. Mr. Purcell addressed the citizen's inquiry regarding budget impact of the name change, advising that the cost shall be minimal and that existing stationery, etc. shall be used prior to purchasing more.

Drain Commissioner Blaine Van Sickle provided a history of the Drain Office and the Drain Code. Mr. Van Sickle stated that with the change in state law he has the opportunity to change the name of the Office to better reflect the responsibilities that the Office performs.

Comr. Todd stated that he supports the name change, advising that prior to becoming a Board member he did not know what the Drain Commission was.

Comr. Moore inquired whether soil erosion and sediment control enforcement shall remain with the Road Commission. Mr. Van Sickle responded that he is not looking forward to that, however, that many Drain Commissioners do have that responsibility.

Comr. Moore inquired whether the purpose of the revised resolution is to allow for purchase of letterhead and business cards; further, inquired how much the transition costs shall be. Mr. Van Sickle responded that he does not envision any budget impact other than the placement of a new name plate on his door. Comr. Moore stated that he would be more comfortable approving the original resolution. Mr. Purcell advised that Ms. Mullett suggested the change in the resolution. Mr. Purcell stated that the budget impact would be minor in scope. Comr. Moore again inquired whether the Office shall be purchasing stuff now. Corporation Counsel Nancy Mullett responded "If he needs it."

Res. 65-2008

"Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve changing the name of the Office of the Drain Commissioner to the Office of the Water Resources Commissioner, effective January 1, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners direct the Drain Commissioner to begin the transition process immediately."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

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FY 2007-2008 S.W.E.T. Grant Subcontract

Sheriff Byam advised that the grant allows the Department to participate in the Southwest Enforcement Team whose mission is the interdiction of drug traffic in the south west counties of the state. Sheriff Byam stated that the collaborative effort has been in effect for years. Sheriff Byam advised that the grant is included within the Department's budget.

Res. 66-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Southwest Enforcement Team Grant Subcontract between the Michigan Department of Community Health, Office of Drug Control Policy, and the Calhoun County Sheriff Department in the amount of \$61,676 for the period of October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman and the Subgrantee Financial Official to execute said Grant Subcontract on behalf of Calhoun County and the Calhoun County Sheriff Department.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Community Compost Agreement

Solid Waste Director Tiffany Eichorst addressed the issue regarding sale of wood chips, advising that she shall review the issue with the City of Marshall tomorrow. Ms. Eichorst stated that she believes the fee scale is just an estimated fee and that she does not believe the City is charging anyone for the wood chips at this time.

Res. 67-2008

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the one { 1 } year Community Compost Center Agreement between Calhoun County, the Calhoun County Road Commission and Board of Public Works, and the City of Marshall, effective March 31, 2008; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Janitorial Supplies Bid Award

Mr. Purcell advised that Mr. Wilcox is unable to attend tonight due to some personal business. Mr. Purcell stated that bid award is recommended to Fibers of Kalamazoo in the annual estimated amount of \$70,000. Mr.

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Purcell advised that the Agreement is for one year, however, provides for two one-year extensions.

Res. 68-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP#107A-07} to provide janitorial supplies to Fibers of Kalamazoo, Inc. in the annual estimated amount of \$70,000; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute a one {1} year Agreement, with two {2} possible one-year extensions, with Fibers of Kalamazoo, Inc. on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Chairwoman Segal inquired what separates the recommended bid from a local vendor bid. Mr. Purcell advised that he discussed this with Mr. Wilcox, and he wants the chemicals diluted and pre-proportioned, which was not available from the other bidders.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Correctional Clothing and Correctional Supplies Bid Awards

Mr. Purcell advised that Robinson Textiles, Inc. is recommended for bid award in the amount of \$39,000 annually to provide correctional clothing for inmates of the Correctional Facility and residents of the Juvenile Home. Mr. Purcell pointed out that there is a 15 percent savings over the current price. Mr. Purcell stated that the second bid award recommended is to Bob Barker Company to provide correctional supplies for the Jail and Juvenile Home. Mr. Purcell advised that Bob Barker Company was the low bidder, and that the Company has been providing the supplies for the past 7 years.

Res. 69-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP#102-08} to provide correctional clothing for inmates of the Calhoun County Correctional Facility and residents of the Calhoun County Juvenile Home in the estimated amount of \$39,000 to Robinson Textiles, Inc. of Gardena, California; further, award the bid {RFP#103-08} to provide correctional supplies for inmates of the Calhoun County Correctional Facility and residents of the Calhoun County Juvenile Home in the estimated amount of \$66,000 to Bob Barker Company of Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina; and finally, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute a three {3} year Agreement with Robinson Textiles, Inc. and with Bob Barker Company on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

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Marine Safety Program Grant Agreements and Sheriff Department 2008 Budget Amendment

Sheriff Byam advised that the state has awarded an equipment grant in the amount of \$2,396 which shall be used to purchase a motor; and that the other grant in the amount of \$33,283 is the annual grant, which is \$8,283 more than the Department budgeted, and shall be used to purchase a boat, trailer, boat lighting and additional marine and law enforcement equipment.

Res. 70-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve two {2} Marine Safety Program Grant Agreements between the State of Michigan and Calhoun County in the amount of \$2,396 and in the amount of \$33,283, and authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Grant Agreements on behalf of Calhoun County; further, approve the following FY 2008 Sheriff Department budget amendment:

101-1331-54400	Marine Act	\$10,679
101-1331-98000	Equipment Purchase	\$10,679"

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

March 2008 Financial Statements

Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher stated that this is the time of the year that the county enters a period with negative cash flow. Mr. Stuhldreher reported that revenues are below the 25 percent targeted budget level, a trend that the county anticipates shall continue until later in the year when the July property tax levy revenue appears.

Mr. Stuhldreher advised that once the MERS valuation report arrives he shall review it and provide a report. Mr. Stuhldreher reported that the auditors were in and everything appears to have gone well. Mr. Stuhldreher advised that he is working on the new format for the financial report and hopes to review the report with the Board next month.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Creighton Burrows, Marengo Township resident, addressed the name change of the Drain Commission, advising that the name has been fine for 180 years and that everyone knows the Office by that name. Mr.

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Burrows stated that he believes the change is ridiculous and that the new name will not last for 180 years.

Mr. Burrows addressed the assessment of property taxes, advising that Congress set the value at \$2 an acre; however, today land is assessed at 50 percent of the true cash value, determined by a willing buyer and seller. Mr. Burrows commented that the statements about the basis of assessment are silly.

Mr. Burrows admonished people who attach their professional title to a personal opinion in a newspaper article. Mr. Burrows pointed out that the Board is elected to represent the people whom the people pay to do such. Mr. Burrows inquired how energy consumption can be shown on a geographic information system (GIS) map, and how the system shall attract new employers. Mr. Burrows pointed out that Marshall listened to all that hype and has an industrial park that has set there for 3 years with no new businesses. Mr. Burrows stated that the GIS mapping is "B.S.," an invasion of privacy, and a foolish waste of money that could be better spent on fixing the pot holes in the roads.

Ms. Becky Rocho stated that the purpose of the smoking regulation was not to take rights away from anyone, that the regulation is to provide the right to breath clean air while working. Ms. Rocho thanked the Board for approving the regulation.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Todd apologized for not knowing what the Drain Commission was.

Chairwoman Segal announced that tonight's meeting is the last Board meeting for the month, and that the next meeting is Thursday, May 1.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 71-2008

"Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Moore, 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 \$1,265,879.29 for the week of April 7, 2008."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Purcell announced that Friday, June 13 is the Juvenile Home's annual golf outing.

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ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 8:47 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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