

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 1, 2008

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2008 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the May 1, 2008 agenda and addendum as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the April 3, 2008 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Richard Logan, Emmett Township resident, presented two petitions requesting the speed limit on L Drive North from 11 Mile Road to 9 ½ Mile Road, and between Gorsline Road and Verona Road be lowered to 45 miles per hour; further, that the 45 mile per hour speed limit on Verona Road be extended from Logan's Run Subdivision to one half mile east of 11 Mile Road. Mr. Logan stated that the curbing on the southwest corner of 11 Mile Road and Verona Road needs to be larger and that the intersections of 9 ½ Mile Road and 10 Mile Road need to be modified.

Mr. Craig Carroll, Marshall resident, requested an update regarding the petitions presented requesting repeal

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of the county's smoking regulation. Mr. Carroll inquired whether the Board shall be taking action upon the petitions. Mr. Carroll stated that he is a small business owner and that the regulation is costly and burdensome. Mr. Carroll urged the Board to repeal the regulation.

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, inquired regarding the compensation for the Acting Health Officer, whether there is an employment agreement, and whether Mr. Anderson must resign from the Board of Health. Mr. Berezonsky further inquired how many individuals were interviewed for the Emergency Management Coordinator position.

Mr. Berezonsky questioned who authored the county cell phone policy, stating that he believes the policy should be re-written. Mr. Berezonsky pointed out that he attends most of the Board meetings and has never seen a cell phone provider contract presented. Mr. Berezonsky advised that he requested a listing of the county's personnel cell phones being utilized during county work hours, and was advised by Corporation Counsel that there is no policy addressing cell phone usage during county business hours.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Older Americans Month Proclamation

Comr. Solis read and presented the following proclamation to Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson and Area Agency on Aging Governing Board Member Joanna Phelps.

Res. 72-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is a community in which over 24,000 seniors make their home; and

WHEREAS, older adults in Calhoun County and throughout the U. S. are a growing population with evolving needs; and

WHEREAS older Americans are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and

WHEREAS, the number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and

WHEREAS, our older citizens of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult population in our Nation's history; and

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WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of this and all U.S. communities to work together and prepare for changing older adult populations by modernizing systems of care and providing consumers with more control over their lives; and

WHEREAS, overall quality of life can be greatly enhanced when supportive communities help their older citizens obtain:

- Evidence-based approaches to making behavioral changes that can reduce risk of disease, disability and injury.
- The tools to make informed decisions about, and gain better access to, existing health and long-term care options.
- More options to remain at home as long as possible.

NOW ,THEREFORE, We, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim May 2008 to be Older Americans Month. We urge everyone to take time this May to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and citizens who care for older adults. We urge all citizens to work collaboratively to strengthen the services Calhoun County provides to its older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Our efforts can improve the lives of our older citizens and help pave the way for future generations.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Mr. Gibson presented Board members with book marks. Ms. Phelps stated that the Agency is committed to providing services to the county’s seniors and expressed appreciation for the recognition.

Special Recognition to Tenneco Automotive

Chairwoman Segal read the following recognition, advising that she presented the resolution at the ceremony today at Michigan Works.

Res. 73-2008

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Arnquist, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following special recognition:

WHEREAS, Tenneco Automotive provided the perfect business solution to their lack of skilled workers by utilizing the *No Worker Left Behind Initiative*, launched by Governor Granholm on August 1, 2007 and applied available resources to train 68 job seekers with job-specific welding skills.

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Tenneco Automotive’s management met with representatives of the Michigan Works! Business Service Team, and armed with the training resources of No Worker Left Behind, the Michigan Works! Team contacted Kellogg Community College’s Regional Manufacturing Technology Center to develop a specific training program for prospective welders; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of classroom training, the trainees participated in on-the-job training at Tenneco, and as of April 18th, a total of 68 No Worker Left Behind participants completed training and have been hired by Tenneco.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that it is the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners’ honor to present this Special Recognition to Tenneco Automotive for their commitment in providing the necessary and required training for new trainees to ensure that new employees are equipped with the skills necessary to succeed in employment.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month Proclamation

Comr. Bolger read the following proclamation, and advised that he shall present the proclamation at the Blessings of the Bikes in Battle Creek.

Res. 74-2008

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Solis, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

Whereas, We, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, are happy to join with motorcyclists throughout the State of Michigan in commemorating May 2008 as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. This worthwhile observance provides all Michigan motorists with an opportunity to rededicate themselves to the highest standards of highway safety; and

Whereas, motorcycle riding is a popular form of efficient transportation and recreation for many people in Calhoun County; and

Whereas, Calhoun County motorcyclists have banded together to actively promote a more positive image of motorcyclists, promote fair motorcycle legislation, and to insure motorcyclist freedom; and

Whereas, these motorcyclists organize and participate in motorcycle safety, education and rider training programs, and public awareness programs; and

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Whereas, the safety hazards created by automobile operators who have not been educated to watch for motorcyclists on the streets and highways of Calhoun County are of prime concern to motorcyclists and the safety of all of our citizens; and

Whereas, it is important to recognize the need for awareness on the part of all drivers, especially with regard to sharing the road with motorcycles, and to honor motorcyclists many contributions to Calhoun County in which they live and ride.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby declare MAY 2008, as “MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH” in Calhoun County, and hereby encourage citizens to join area motorcyclists in an effort to improve traffic safety and increase awareness of motorcycles on our roadways.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 75-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following May 1, 2008 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Notice of the Decision of the Bureau of Indian Affairs on Huron Potawatomi, Incorporation’s off-reservation, non-gaming land-into-trust application for Pine Creek Parcels I, II, and III received from the United States Department of the Interior. (Received and placed on file)
- (2) Resolution received from Livingston County supporting House Bill No. 5892 {E 9-1-1 Funding}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)
- (3) Fourth Quarter 2007 and First Quarter 2008 Out-of-State Travel Report (Received and placed on file)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Security Committee Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2009)

{a} Durk Dunham, Emergency Management Coordinator”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

FY 2008-2011 Calhoun County Drug Court Grant Acceptance

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell recognized Chief Circuit Court Judge Allen Garbrecht and Drug Court Coordinator William Essex.

Judge Garbrecht advised that the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded the Drug Court \$1,050,000 under a three year grant which provides the Court with the opportunity to “grow” and sustain the program and to continue with collaborations with other organizations within the county. Judge Garbrecht stated that there is no local cash match required. Judge Garbrecht advised that the Court continues to received United Way funding.

Res. 76-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners ratify acceptance by the Thirty-Seventh Circuit Court of a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant for 2008 through 2011 in the amount of \$1,050,000 for operation of the Calhoun County Drug Court. The staffing of the Drug Court shall be increased by one {1} full time Case Manager position and one {1} full time Office Assistant position, effective October 1, 2008, consistent with the terms of the Grant.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Acting Health Officer Appointment

Mr. Purcell advised that Administration has entered into an agreement with former Health Board Chairman Larry Anderson to serve as the acting Health Officer during the transition period in hiring a new Health Officer. Mr. Purcell advised that Mr. Anderson was the Health Board Chairman for ten years and served on the Health Board for a total of twelve years.

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Mr. Anderson stated that he is in the Health Department already and looks forward to serving a short term during the search for a new Health Officer. Mr. Anderson expressed appreciation for the support provided by Ms. Mullett, Ms. Woods and Health Board Chairman Mitchell.

Health Board Chairman Jeffrey Mitchell thanked Ms. Bowersox for her leadership for the past couple of years and Mr. Anderson for stepping into the Health Officer role. Dr. Mitchell advised that a search committee for a new Health Officer has been established and the position has been posted. Dr. Mitchell encouraged the Board to approve Mr. Anderson's appointment.

Mr. Purcell advised that Mr. Anderson's compensation is \$40 per hour and that Mr. Anderson's normal rate is considerably higher.

Res. 77-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners appoint Larry S. Anderson Acting Health Officer.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Chairwoman Segal thanked Mr. Anderson for assisting the county during the transition period.

Dry Cleaning Services Bid Award

Administrative Services Director Bradley Wilcox advised that the recommendation represents the county's fourth cycle of bidding. Mr. Wilcox recommended bid award to the lowest bidder, Plassman and Co., Inc./Heritage Cleaners LLC.

Res. 78-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP#104-08} to provide dry cleaning services to the Sheriff Department to Plassman and Company, Inc./Heritage Cleaners, LLC at an approximate amount of \$20,000 annually for a period of three {3} years commencing June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2011; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute a three {3} year Agreement with Plassman and Company, Inc./Heritage Cleaners, LLC on behalf of Calhoun County and the Calhoun County Sheriff Department.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement

Res. 79-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2007 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between the County of Van Buren and the County of Calhoun; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Emergency Management Coordinator Appointment

Mr. Purcell advised that the Sheriff and he interviewed three individuals and determined that the Interim Emergency Management Coordinator is the best qualified. Mr. Purcell stated that Mr. Dunham has excellent skills and is highly qualified for the position. Mr. Purcell advised that Mr. Dunham has been a volunteer with the Emergency Management Division for fifteen years.

Chief Deputy Marshall Weeks advised that the Department is very pleased with Mr. Dunham as he does a very professional job.

Res. 80-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners appoint Durk Dunham permanent Emergency Management Coordinator, effective May 1, 2008. Eligibility for the health, dental, and visions plans shall start the first day of permanent appointment by the Board of Commissioners.”

Chairwoman Segal advised that she has worked closely with Mr. Dunham and he has done an excellent job, and an excellent job in Region Five.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

FY 2009 Community Corrections Program Plan and Grant Application

Community Corrections Manager Roselynn Goff requested approval to submit the Plan and Application for fiscal year 2009. Ms. Goff advised that the application includes requests for Public Act 511 funds, Drunk Driver Jail Reimbursement/Community Treatment Program funding, and grant funds for residential services and treatment bed allocations. Ms. Goff advised that the potential funds total \$682,612. Ms. Goff further

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advised that the application provides for no new programs, however, consolidation and continuation of current programming.

Res. 81-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize submission of the FY 2009 Comprehensive Community Corrections Plan and Application to the Michigan Department of Corrections, Office of Community Corrections.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS' TIME:

Ms. Shari Sherban, East Leroy resident, stated that it would be prudent to fund the substance abuse services programs, and hopes that the Board shall allow the Substance Abuse Council to assist with the funding plan.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 82-2008

“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 \$692,105.04 for the week of April 17, 2008; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$420,063.67 for the week of April 22, 2008.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Chairwoman Segal announced that the May 15 Board Meeting shall be conducted in the Albion City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.

Chairwoman Segal further announced that Saturday is the Junior League's Kid's Fest from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Battle Creek.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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