

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 6, 2008

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2008 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Arnquist, Bolger, Moore, Rae, Segal and Solis. Temporarily Excused: Comr. Todd. (Arrived at 7:28 p.m.)

Staff Present: Asst. County Administrator Bradley Wilcox, Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher, Sheriff Allen Byam, Interim Corporation Counsel Duane Triemstra, Interim County Administrator Don Gilmer, Community Corrections Manager Roselynn Goff, Veterans Services Officer Jude Lonergan, Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson, Health Officer James Rutherford, Road Commissioner Scott Brown, District Court Administrator Michelle Hill and Deputy Clerk/Board Aide Mary Lou Barrett.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUMS:

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following, as amended: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the November 6, 2008 agenda and addendums, with amendment of Item 11.A. (8) - Legal Counsel for Labor Relations Bid Award to be addressed as informational rather than an item requiring action.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the October 2, 2008 and the October 16, 2008 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Ms. Pearl Gray-McWhorter, Battle Creek resident, advised that she was robbed by a caregiver employed by ADL and that when she reported the theft to ADL, ADL "fired" her as a patient. Ms. Gray-McWhorter stated that she needs to find someone to assist her.

Ms. Gray-McWhorter further advised that she lost her driver's license because she refused to stay at the rehabilitation hospital for four weeks. Ms. Gray-McWhorter stated that she had to re-take her driving test, which she passed; however, was advised that since the doctors at the hospital reported her, she must now have a doctor's slip each year to drive.

Mr. Dan Livingston, Fredonia resident, inquired whether there is anything the county can do to assist in getting Fredonia Township to resolve outstanding zoning cases in a timely manner, advising that one case is a year old and another is seven months old.

Chairwoman Segal offered to discuss the issue with Mr. Livingston after the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 171-2008

"Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following November 6, 2008 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Clinton County opposing House Bill No. 6112 {Corrections Officers Compulsory Arbitration Act}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Sheriff Allen Byam)
- (2) Notices of a public hearing scheduled for October 21, 2008 regarding establishment of an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District, and granting Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates to Geislinger Corporation; Denso Manufacturing Michigan, Inc.; Post Foods, LLC; and DeMaagd Estate B.C., LLC, DeMaagd Property Company B.C., LLC, and Credit Care Gas B.C., LLC received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)

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- (3) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for October 28, 2008 regarding granting Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates to United Solar Ovonic, LLC received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)
- (4) Resolution received from Antrim County opposing House Bill No. 6070 {Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act Amendment}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Emergency Telephone District Board Chairman Allen Byam)
- (5) Resolutions received from Lake County {1} urging the Legislature and the Governor to pass the E 9-1-1 funding plan as proposed by the Michigan Association of Counties, and {2} opposing House Bill Nos. 4454-4455 {"Right-To-Work" legislation}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy of {1} remitted to Emergency Telephone District Board Chairman Allen Byam)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Agricultural Preservation Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2011)
 - {a} Jody Marshall -- Real Estate/Development Representative"

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS:

Department of Human Services Governing Board Appointment

Res. 172-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners remove from table an appointment to the Department of Human Services Governing Board.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Res. 172-A-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners appoint Joyce Spicer to the Department of Human Services Governing Board, with the appointment term to expire October 31, 2011.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

FY 2009 Community Corrections Plan, Drunk Driver Reduction and
Community Treatment Program Agreement

Interim County Administrator Don Gilmer recommended approval of the Community Corrections Program Agreement between the Michigan Department of Corrections and the county for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009. Mr. Gilmer stated that the Agreement is the annual agreement and is important to the tether program.

Sheriff Allen Byam advised that the Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Community Corrections Advisory Board and follows the state guidelines.

Res. 173-2008

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2009 Comprehensive Corrections Plans Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Corrections and Calhoun County for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Comr. Rae inquired regarding the current jail population. Community Corrections Manager Roselynn Goff responded that the population today is 283 inmates.

Ms. Goff advised that the funding provided in the grant is “flat,” and that there was a decrease in the drunk driver reduction monies; further, that there was a change in the state funding for parolees. Ms. Goff stated that in the past funds for residential services have been administered by the counties, however, beginning in FY 2008 the State assumed that administration.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Arnquist, Bolger, Moore, Rae, Segal and Solis)

Temporarily Excused - 1 (Comr. Todd)
Motion CARRIED

Cognitive Education Programs Agreement

Mr. Gilmer recommended the Board approve the 2009 Cognitive Education Programs Agreement.

Res. 174-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2009 Cognitive Education Programs Agreement between Cognitive Interventions and Calhoun County Community Corrections in the amount of \$35,500 for the period of October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County and Calhoun County Community Corrections.”

Sheriff Byam advised that the Agreement has also been approved by the Community Corrections Advisory Board.

Comr. Bolger noted that the recidivism rate is 21 percent, and inquired what the recidivism rate would be without the programs. Ms. Goff responded that the national rate is 26 percent.

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

County Auditing Services Bid Award

Mr. Gilmer recommended the Board approve the bid award and authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute a five year agreement with Rehmann Robson to provide auditing services for the county for the fiscal years of 2008 through 2012. Mr. Gilmer advised that Rehmann Robson is the firm that has previously provided the county's audits.

Res. 175-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP#109-08} in the total amount of \$209,000 to Rehmann Robson to provide auditing services to Calhoun County for the fiscal years of 2008 through 2012; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute a five {5} year Agreement with Rehmann Robson for the total amount of \$209,000 on behalf of Calhoun County.”

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Comr. Bolger questioned why a change of personnel assigned to the county has been requested. Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher responded that the staff is routinely rotated to keep a fresh perspective. Comr. Rae inquired how long the Firm has been providing auditing services to the county. Mr. Stuhldreher responded "More than ten years." Comr. Rae inquired whether the Firm's fee increased. Mr. Stuhldreher responded "Yes, slightly." Comr. Rae inquired how much the price increased. Mr. Stuhldreher responded that he does not know the exact amount. Mr. Stuhldreher advised that in this bidding process the Road Commission was included for a joint proposal that resulted in a savings to both for the five year period.

Comr. Moore inquired whether \$209,000 is the amount for both the county and the Road Commission. Mr. Stuhldreher responded that \$209,000 is just the county's cost. Comr. Moore inquired whether the cost for the FY 2008 audit is \$42,500. Asst. County Administrator Bradley Wilcox advised that \$42,500 is the budgeted amount. Mr. Stuhldreher advised that the bid for the 2008 audit is \$40,000.

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

FY 2009 Senior Millage Funding Recommendations

Mr. Gilmer advised that the funding allocations in the total amount of \$2,649,726 are recommended by the Senior Millage Allocation Committee.

Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson thanked Commissioners Bolger, Arnquist and Solis for serving on the Senior Millage Allocation Committee. Mr. Gibson advised that there are services available to Ms. Gray-McWhorter and that he shall contact her in the morning.

Mr. Gibson stated that the recommended appropriations are basically a continuation budget with no additional funds for 2009.

Res. 176-2008

"Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2009 Senior Millage funding appropriations totaling \$1,492,500 towards the delivery of senior services in Calhoun County to the following service providers; further, authorize the Administrative Services and the Senior Services Departments to prepare the service provider agreements for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,492,500 for execution by the Board Chairwoman on behalf of Calhoun County:

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<u>Agency</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Region 3-B Area Agency on Aging	Benefits Counseling	\$ 29,500
	Care Management	\$625,000
	Hearing Services	\$ 45,000
	Information & Assistance	\$ 5,000
	Prescription Vouchers	\$ 65,000
	Transportation	\$ 45,000
	Vision Services	\$ 30,000
Family Health Center	Dental Services	\$130,000
Forks Senior Center	Senior Center Staffing	\$ 25,000
	Transportation	\$ 5,000
Fountain Clinic	Dental	\$115,000
	Prescription Vouchers	\$ 7,000
Guardian Finance & Advocacy	Guardianship	\$ 85,000
	Money Management	\$ 30,000
Legal Services of SC MI	Legal Services	\$ 30,000
Lifespan, Inc.	Hospice Respite	\$ 15,000
	Personal Emergency Response	\$ 36,000
Marian Burch Adult Day Care Center	Adult Day Care/Caregiver Respite	\$100,000
Senior Health Partners	Whole Person Wellness	\$ 53,000
Hands on Battle Creek/211	Information and Referral	\$ 17,000"

Comr. Bolger inquired regarding collaboration with the Battle Creek Community Foundation for dental services. Mr. Gibson advised that the grant request is for \$10,000 and that the Department should have a reply from the Foundation shortly.

Chairwoman Segal inquired whether the appropriation to the Fountain Clinic for dental services is an increase. Mr. Gibson responded Yes. Chairwoman Segal inquired whether the monies can be used for dentures. Mr. Gibson responded Yes. Mr. Gibson advised that the funding can also be used for restorations and maintenance whereby dentures are not required.

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Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Res. 176-A-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2009 Senior Millage funding appropriations totaling \$103,365 towards the delivery of senior services in Calhoun County to the Calhoun Health Plan; further, authorize the Administrative Services and the Senior Services Departments to prepare the service provider agreement for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$103,365 for execution by the Board Chairwoman on behalf of Calhoun County:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Calhoun Health Plan	Health Assistance Fund	\$ 10,000
	Prescription Drug Access	\$ 20,000
	Uninsured Basic Coverage	\$ 73,365"

Chairwoman Segal advised that she shall abstain from voting because she serves as President of the Calhoun Health Plan.

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

Res. 176-B-2008

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2009 Senior Millage funding appropriations totaling \$1,053,861 towards the delivery of senior services in Calhoun County to Community Action; further, authorize the Administrative Services and the Senior Services Departments to prepare the service provider agreement for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,053,861 for execution by the Board Chairwoman on behalf of Calhoun County:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Programs</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>
Community Action	Congregate/Home Delivered Meals	\$430,000
	Dispatch	\$ 48,000
	Home Heating Assistance	\$150,000
	Minor Home Repair	\$ 70,000

Transportation

\$355,861"

Comr. Arnquist advised that she shall abstain from voting because she is a member of the Community Action Governing Board of Directors.

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

FY 2008 Sheriff Department Budget Amendment

Mr. Gilmer advised that Administration requests a budget amendment in the amount of \$49,700 for payment of inmate medical claims for 2004 through 2007.

Res. 177-2008

“Motion by Comr. Arnquist, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the attached Sheriff Department FY 2008 budget amendment in the amount of \$49,700 (ATTACHMENT A) for payment of FY 2004-2007 inmate medical expense overages.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Refugees Health Assessment Services Agreement

Mr. Gilmer recommended approval of a three year grant Agreement from the state for the Health Department to provide health assessment services to refugees entering Calhoun County.

Res. 178-2008

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the three {3} year Agreement between the Michigan Department of Human Services and the Calhoun County Health Department for the provision of health assessment services to refugees entering Calhoun County in the total contract amount of \$1,755,000 for the period commencing October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2011; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Health Officer James Rutherford advised that 23 refugees are currently awaiting assessment. Services shall commence November 17.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Interim Corporation Counsel and Freedom of Information Act Coordinator Appointment

Mr. Gilmer introduced Duane Triemstra, advising that he has known Mr. Triemstra for over 30 years. Mr. Gilmer advised that Mr. Triemstra served in Kalamazoo County until his retirement and is very qualified for the position.

Mr. Triemstra advised that he started work within the Prosecutor's Office and after a few years was appointed as Chief of the Civil Division, where he served for 6 years. Mr. Triemstra continued that he was then named Corporation Counsel and served in that position for approximately 30 years, until he served as Acting County Administrator until his retirement.

Res. 179-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners appoint Duane Triemstra as part-time, temporary Interim Corporation Counsel and Freedom of Information Act Coordinator.”

Comr. Rae inquired regarding Mr. Triemstra's hourly rate. Mr. Triemstra responded “Eighty-Five Dollars.” Comr. Solis stated that he believes the hourly rate is very reasonable.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Interim Labor Counsel Discussion

Mr. Gilmer advised that the county has four labor agreements to be resolved in 2008, therefore, Administration sought bids from three legal firms with experience in labor negotiations. The Administrative Team reviewed the proposals and recommend Mr. Fernstrum of Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones of Grand Rapids. Mr. Gilmer stated that it is anticipated that services to assist the Human Resources Director shall not exceed \$20,000, therefore, he is authorized to execute a purchase order for that service.

Permanent Corporation Counsel Hiring Process Discussion

Mr. Gilmer recommended that a part-time employee be hired with consideration of a separate Labor Counsel.

Comr. Bolger inquired regarding the total budget for the two positions; e.g., Corporation Counsel and Labor Counsel. Mr. Gilmer responded that he has not sat down and surveyed the total expense yet and wants to check with other counties. Mr. Gilmer stated that the Labor Counsel position would be the more expensive, however, that he does not believe it shall be a great deal more. Comr. Bolger inquired whether the positions would receive any fringe benefits. Mr. Wilcox responded that there shall be no medical benefits, however, that they

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would receive personal time off and holiday pay. Brief discussion regarding the remaining Corporation Counsel budget.

Comr. Solis stated that he understands the numbers are rough, however, advised that he is not keen on making the Corporation Counsel position part time. Comr. Solis pointed out that the Board hired Corporation Counsel to assist the other departments whereby departments would not be seeking their own counsel. Comr. Solis stated that he is not convinced that a part time position would be sufficient to handle the work, however, that he is willing to review the numbers to “see how they play.”

Comr. Moore voiced concern that a part time Corporation Counsel would not be adequate, and questioned why this Board is having this discussion and not the new Board that shall be taking office in January. Comr. Moore inquired whether there is a need to push the issue now rather than allowing the new Board to make such determination. Mr. Gilmer responded that one issue is that there has been no discussion regarding how long the Interim Corporation Counsel will serve. Mr. Gilmer advised that Mr. Triemstra is willing to assist the county and work approximately 20 hours per week. Mr. Gilmer stated that in conversations with Ms. Mullett, she believes 20 hours a week is adequate for the position with the amount of business coming into the Corporation Counsel’s Office.

Comr. Rae advised that this issue was discussed at length by the Budget Committee and that it was the consensus of the Committee that a part-time Interim Corporation Counsel should be hired and that after January the Board would proceed to seek a permanent Corporation Counsel that would not be responsible for labor negotiations. Comr. Rae stated that he believes to hire a part-time Corporation Counsel would be a mistake and that there would be departments back sliding and hiring their own counsel; further, believes that the new Board will follow the current Board’s lead regarding Corporation Counsel. Comr. Rae continued that the Budget Committee is committed to the concept of a Corporation Counsel that can also provide services to the other units of government.

Comr. Arnquist pointed out that the next Board will not know the history of the position, therefore, she believes that the current Board should make the determination.

Comr. Solis advised that he is still open to looking at the numbers.

Comr. Bolger voiced concern regarding increasing administrative expenses, stating that he does not wish to spend more for the two separated positions.

Comr. Moore pointed out that Commissioners Rae and Solis will be on the next Board to assist the new Board in making this decision. Comr. Moore stated that the county is guessing regarding the cost; further, again pointed out that there is no immediate rush to make this decision. Comr. Moore stated that he believes the numbers have to be “nailed down.”

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Comr. Arnquist inquired how long Mr. Triemstra shall be available. Mr. Triemstra responded that he was “looking” at the end of the year. Mr. Triemstra pointed out that he is retired and travels to Arizona in the Winter; e.g., February or March. Mr. Triemstra stated that he is willing to assist for a reasonable time period, however, does not want to work for a year.

Chairwoman Segal stated that she believes the county needs to determine what the other counties are doing, and advised that the Board shall look for more information from Administration.

Road Commissioner Vacancy

Chairwoman Segal advised that there is a vacancy on the Road Commission Board as Chester Travis shall not be serving another term. Chairwoman Segal outlined the approach which the Board employed in searching and hiring a Road Commissioner a year ago.

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the attached process as presented for hiring a Road Commissioner.”

Comr. Moore questioned geographic representation and whether applications should be restricted to only those who reside within the center of the county.

Comr. Bolger stated that he believes within the posting that the current compensation should be listed; further, that no fringe benefits are provided.

Comr. Arnquist stated that she does not believe the application process should be limited to one area of the county or another as the county could miss out on some great candidates. Comr. Solis concurred.

Comr. Moore stated that it has been his experience that Road Commissioners do not travel the entire county, however, that if boundary townships were established, the Road Commissioner for that area would be familiar with the area. Comr. Moore stated that he believes it is a good customer service issue.

Res. 180-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners amend the proposed process for hiring a Road Commissioner, with the restriction that candidates must reside within the center of Calhoun County (East of Emmett Township and West of Albion or Sheridan Townships - District 6 and/or a portion of District 4).”

Chairwoman Segal advised that her concern with only central representation, is representation for townships near the corners of the county; i.e., Lee and Convis Townships.

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Comr. Rae raised the issue of point of order, pointing out that a motion and an amendment to the motion is presently on the floor.

Comr. Arnquist requested Road Commissioner Brown's opinion regarding a residence restriction.

Road Commissioner Scott Brown stated that his opinion regarding geographic representation is that the selection process should not be restricted as he believes it would limit the quality of the candidates.

Comr. Solis concurred, and pointed out that coverage of the county has been improved, as the Board increased the number of Road Commissioners.

Comr. Rae twice called for vote on the question before the Board.

Roll call vote on Res. 180-2008: Yes - 2 (Comrs. Bolger and Moore)
No - 5 (Comrs. Rae, Segal, Solis, Todd and Arnquist)
Motion DEFEATED

Res. 180-A-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the attached process as presented for hiring a Road Commissioner (ATTACHMENT B).”

Roll call vote on Res. 180-A-2008: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Road Commissioner Selection Committee Creation/Appointments

Chairwoman Segal advised that Robert Behnke and Todd Wildt wish to be a part of the selection process again. Comr. Moore advised that he will allow someone other than he to serve this time. Comr. Todd offered to serve.

Res. 180-B-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners create the Road Commissioner Selection Committee and appoint Eusebio Solis, Chairman; and members Mike Rae, Terris Todd, Robert Behnke and Todd Wildt.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Calhoun County United Way Campaign Update

Mr. Wilcox advised that this year the county's goal was \$23,000. The county raised \$28,000. Mr. Wilcox thanked Ms. Hill for an outstanding job.

District Court Administrator Michelle Hill advised that five years ago 90 employees participated in assisting with the pledging. This year 137 employees assisted. Ms. Hill thanked the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 38 that sponsored the theme baskets; advising that every raffle ticket sold, and that the theme baskets shall be a continuing event.

Ms. Hill continued that this year a trophy was created for the department that sold the most tickets which that department shall keep for a year. Ms. Hill advised that this is the second year that the county has partnered with the Veterans Administration Hospital. Ms. Hill thanked campaign committee members and stated that she is proud to Chair the committee.

Chairwoman Segal advised that she serves on the United Way Board for Battle Creek and that Commissioner Solis serves on the United Way Board for Albion, and commended the employees. Chairwoman Segal stated that Calhoun County is the entity that raises the most each year.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Ms. Gray-McWhorter readdressed her concerns with ADL and the rehabilitation hospital.

Mr. Jerry Keller, Battle Creek resident, stated that he believes assigning regions for Road Commissioners would hinder the county. Mr. Keller stated that he remembers when Road Commission coverage was by assigned areas, and some roads were taken care of well, while others were not. Mr. Keller encouraged the Board to hire the best candidate regardless of area of residence.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Chairwoman Segal recognized the presence of Commissioners-elect Gerow and Camp and offered congratulations upon their election to the Board.

Comr. Bolger offered congratulations to those who won their election, and to those that did not win, his appreciation for their service.

Comr. Arnquist announced that there is a Veterans Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery in Augusta commencing at 11:00 a.m.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTING:

Res. 181-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Arnquist, 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 \$5,756,980.78 for the three {3} weeks ending October 28, 2008.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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