

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 6, 2009

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Camp, Gerow, Haadsma, Lee, Rae, Rocho and Todd.

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Jr., County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher, Assistant County Administrator Bradley Wilcox, Human Resources Manager Kim Archambault, Road Commission Managing Director Kevin Henning and Deputy Clerk/Board Executive Secretary Mary Lou Barrett.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the August 6, 2009 agenda as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Gerow, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the July 2, 2009 and the July 16, 2009 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Lane Landis, Homer resident, addressed the deterioration of Calhoun County roads and infrastructure.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Local Roads Matter! Presentation

Road Commission Managing Director Kevin Henning addressed road funding received from the state and the work of the transportation task force. Mr. Henning advised that he is talking with the townships and groups recommending that they contact legislators to request that the legislature fund the state and local road system.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 131-2009

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following August 6, 2009 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Gratiot County urging the State of Michigan to restore revenue sharing. (Received and placed on file)
- (2) Resolution received from Charlevoix County opposing Senate Joint Resolution H {Taxable Value of Property}. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)
- (3) Resolutions received from Menominee County {1} supporting local operation of the Upper Peninsula State Fair, {2} proclaiming April 2009 Head Start Month, {3} proclaiming July 12-18, 2009 as Road Rage Awareness Week, {4} supporting the Michigan Energy Fair, and {5} supporting Camp Manistique being reused as a jail facility. (Received and placed on file, with a copy of {3} and {5} remitted to Sheriff Allen Byam)
- (4) Resolution received from Alger County supporting House Bills 4785 and 4786 {Expansion of Unemployment Benefits and Acceptance of \$138 Million in Federal Stimulus Funds}. (Received and placed on file)
- (5) Resolutions received from Barry County {1} urging the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to pursue counties relief from child care funding increases from the settlement agreement with Children’s Rights, {2} supporting restoration of revenue sharing payments to Michigan’s

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counties, and {3} requesting increase and restoration funding for the Michigan Department of Community Health. (Received and placed on file, with a copy of {1} remitted to Family Court Administrator Michael Boltz, and a copy of {3} remitted to Health Officer James Rutherford)

- (6) Notice of a Public Hearing scheduled for August 4, 2009 regarding granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to II Stanley Company, Inc. received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)

- (7) Resolutions received from Antrim County {1} supporting House Bill 5019, and {2} opposing changes to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, Part 201 {Baseline Environmental Assessment} proposed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. (Received and placed on file, with a copy of {2} remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

Region 3B Area Agency on Aging’s FY 2010 - 2012 Multi-Year Plan

Res. 132-2009

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

WHEREAS, the Region 3B Area Agency on Aging is a not-for-profit serving Calhoun and Barry Counties; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is to promote health, independence and choice with a vision of creating choices for living; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the Region 3B AAA are to work to improve the health and nutrition of older adults, ensure that older adults have a choice in where they live through increased access to information and services, protect older adults from abuse and exploitation and improve the effectiveness, efficiency and quality of services provided; and

WHEREAS, the Region 3B AAA presented their FY 2010 - FY 2012 Multi-Year Plan to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners at their July 16, 2009 meeting.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby support the Region 3B Area Agency on Aging's FY 2010 - FY 2012 Multi-Year Plan."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Comr. Rocho stated that she would like the Board to receive an annual report regarding potential budget reductions, and an explanation regarding services to seniors in the middle of the county.

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott addressed her August 5 Summary Report, advising that the county is now providing office space on the third floor of the County Building for Congressman Schauer to meet with constituents; discussion with the Treasurer regarding land bank activities and the status of the recently applied for Neighborhood Stabilization Program, as well as discussion with representatives from Battle Creek City regarding continuation of cooperative efforts related to land bank and revitalization of neighborhoods; a meeting with Health Officer Rutherford and the company which provides county prescription drug discount cards, advising that she shall be working with the Senior Services Office and Samantha Pearl to determine whether there is the potential to partner to provide one discount card county wide. Ms. Scott further reported regarding Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Center construction progress, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding for energy conservation within the county's facilities, and setting up meetings regarding zoning and intergovernmental cooperation along the casino corridor.

Ms. Scott addressed her email to Commissioners regarding quarterly Board workshops and advised that she shall work with the Deputy Clerk to schedule those meetings.

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, advised that he attended the last Road Commission meeting and that Mr. Henning did not receive authorization from the Road Commissioners to address the Commission tonight. Mr. Berezonsky questioned why the Road Commissioners are not present. Mr. Berezonsky further advised that he attended the last Health Board meeting, and voiced concern that the Health Board conducted a closed session which had not been placed on their agenda.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Gerow advised that the Health Department is offering immunizations at the clinics with special attention to children going into kindergarten; further, advised that vision and hearing screenings are also available.

Comr. Rocho advised that the Calhoun County Fair commences August 16 through August 22; further, that the Solid Waste Management Department has established the Fall recycling collection dates.

Chairman Rae reported that Ms. Scott and he are attempting to revive the City/County meetings and that the

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first meeting was today. Chairman Rae advised that they hope to meet on a quarterly basis.

Chairman Rae addressed his letter of support for the Michigan Horse Park project.

Comr. Lee explained the study conducted by the Michigan Equine Partnership for the establishment of a Horse Park, advising that three areas are being considered and that a determination should be made sometime in September.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTING:

Res. 133-2009

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Haadsma, 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 \$1,976,266.76 for the three {3} weeks ending July 29, 2009.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Scott introduced her family.

Chairman Rae invited county staff and Board members to attend a celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Scott’s wedding in the Law Library upon conclusion of the Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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