

**CALHOUN COUNTY**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 20, 2009

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 20, 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, Deputy Equalization Director John Hippensteel, Deputy Matt Saxton, Treasurer Ann Rosenbaum, Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson, Circuit Court Administrator Jeffrey Albaugh, Health Officer James Rutherford 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. Haadsma.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

“Motion by Comr. Camp, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the August 20, 2009 agenda as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Overview of Battle Creek’s Downtown Transformation Vision**

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Battle Creek Unlimited Senior Advisor Jim Hettinger presented Battle Creek's downtown transformation vision of creating a food science industry community through innovation growth.

Casino Baseline Study Update

Upjohn Institute Senior Regional Analyst and Economist George Erickcek presented an update of social and economic impacts of the opening of the casino. Mr. Erickcek advised that it shall be two years before the data becomes available.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 134-2009

"Motion by Comr. Camp, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following August 20, 2009 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Notice of Hearing scheduled for August 11, 2009 for Nextgen Communications, Inc. to provide basic local exchange services throughout the State of Michigan received from the Michigan Public Service Commission. (Received and placed on file)
- (2) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for July 13, 2009 regarding granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate Application for Jorgensen Steel Machining & Fabrication, Inc. for new equipment received from Tekonsha Village. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)
- (3) Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act Notice of Mass Layoff Update received from Cequent Performance Products in Tekonsha. (Received and placed on file)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Veterans Affairs Committee Appointment Confirmations (Terms Expire October 31, 2013)
  - {a} Todd Kaminski

{b} David Martin”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott provided an update of her meeting with the Association of Local Assessors and attendance at the Michigan Association of Counties’ Summer Conference.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Equipment Assistance Grant

Res. 135-2009

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Camp, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize the Calhoun County Juvenile Home to accept the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Equipment Assistance Grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Michigan Department of Education to assist in the upgrade and replacement of the Calhoun County Juvenile Home kitchen equipment.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Children’s Special Health Care Services Mini-Grant and  
Health Department FY 2009 Budget Amendment

Res. 136-2009

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Gerow, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize the Calhoun County Health Department to accept a mini-grant in the amount of \$3,866.60 for Children’s Special Health Care Services from the Michigan Department of Community Health; further, approve the following budget amendment to the Health Department’s FY 2009 budget:

<u>Business Unit</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
2627 Children’s Special Health Care Svcs.	\$3,867	
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Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Todd, Gerow, Haadsma, Lee, Rae and Rocho)  
No - 1 (Comr. Camp)  
Motion CARRIED

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Friend of the Court 2009--2012 Cooperative Reimbursement Program Grant Agreement

Res. 137-2009

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Friend of the Court 2009-2012 Cooperative Reimbursement Program (IV-D Child Support Enforcement) Grant Agreement CSFOC-10-13001; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County. Nothing in this approval shall be construed so as to prohibit the county from asserting a claim against the state for reimbursement of mandated local expenditures in providing services required by federal and/or state law/regulation.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Amendment of County Policy No. 270 - Enhanced Access to Public Records Act  
and Revised Fee Schedule

Res. 138-2009

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Rocho, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners amend County Policy No. 270 - Enhanced Access to Public Records Act and Fee Schedule, as recommended by the Equalization Department.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Gerow, Haadsma, Lee, Rae, Rocho and Todd)  
No - 1 (Comr. Camp)  
Motion CARRIED

July 2009 Financial Statements

Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher reported that General Fund revenues are “running” less than the 2008 levels due to decreased ticket revenue, the declining real estate market, interest earned and decreased jail bed rental for federal prisoners. Mr. Stuhldreher advised that due to the shortfall of revenue the Administrator is exploring options to ensure that the budgeted General Fund balance can be achieved through attempting to identify surplus fringe benefit resources; e.g., \$100,000 from the Sick and Accident Fund and \$300,000 from the Employee Health Insurance funds.

Comr. Rocho inquired whether a listing of mandated versus non-mandated services shall be provided. Mr. Stuhldreher responded that mandated versus non-mandated services shall be discussed, however, that he does not know whether such a list will be ready. Comr. Camp requested a time line of when the list will be ready. Ms. Scott responded that she does not believe the list will be ready for the 2010 budget process.

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Comr. Camp addressed water project petitions. Ms. Scott advised that Administration has a list of pending budget issues and that the petitions are on the list.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Todd extended condolences to the Binda family for their loss. Comr. Todd advised that Mrs. Binda recently passed, and recognized her service to the Battle Creek community. Comr. Todd thanked the young professionals group of the Urban League, organizers of the International Festival, and Environmental Health Department staff that attended to educate the food vendors.

Comr. Haadsma advised that the Health Department's Open House was yesterday and applauded Mr. Rutherford for the positive direction of the Department.

Comr. Camp thanked Marissa and the Extension Office for providing Project Fresh vouchers in the Athens area.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTING:

Res. 139-2009

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, 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 \$1,093,464.32 for the two {2} weeks ending August 20, 2009.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comr. Haadsma announced that the Kingman Museum fund raiser is tomorrow; further, that the Battle Creek Mustache Society is having Stache Bash Saturday at the Arcadia Brewery. Comr. Haadsma thanked Board members and others he saw attending the Calhoun County Fair and urged everyone to support the Fair.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

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