

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

March 4, 2010

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 4, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

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

Staff Present: Sheriff Allen Byam, Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Jr., Human Resources Manager Kim Archambault, Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher, Assistant County Administrator Bradley Wilcox, Water Resources Commissioner Larry Cortright, Juvenile Home Director Michael Gillum and Deputy Clerk/Board Executive Secretary Mary Lou Barrett.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A Moment of Silence was observed in remembrance of Potawatomi Indian Band Chairwoman Laura Spurr and Kellogg Community College's first President Richard Witmore; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Lee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the March 4, 2010 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 February 18, 2010 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Sheriff Allen Byam announced that the Annual Outdoor Family Safety Day events are Thursday, March 11, which is Student Day from 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., and Family Day is Friday, March 12 from 9:00 a.m.

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through 9:00 p.m. Sheriff Byam advised that last year 1,200 students went through the exhibit. Sheriff Byam stated that hot dogs will be provided free.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Calhoun County Trailway Trust Grant Application Presentation

Calhoun County Trailway Alliance Project Coordinator Robert Gregersen introduced Alliance President Tom Garnett.

Mr. Garnett advised that the Alliance is working on acquiring funding from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). Mr. Garnett stated that on December 1, 2009 the grant application went before the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, however, MDOT could not give its approval for match at that time due to the width of the boardwalk trails. Mr. Garnett advised that the Alliance has received a firm commitment for the local match, however, the Alliance does not have the state funding “in hand” yet. Mr. Garnett advised that the Alliance does not have to reapply to MDOT.

Mr. Garnett continued that the Alliance had the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) come and look at the plans for the boardwalk, which the DEQ approved; and now MDOT wants a review for an exception to the ruling that the width must be fourteen feet rather than the planned ten feet. Mr. Garnett stated that the next step shall be application to the DNR to reapply for funding. Mr. Garnett advised that a public hearing regarding the application is scheduled for the next Board meeting. Mr. Garnett further advised that the Alliance is committed to providing the funding for the trailway at both the state and local level, including the maintenance of the trailway; and urged the Board to approve the application on March 18.

Comr. Camp thanked Mr. Garnett for the tour of the Ott Preserve. Comr. Camp requested Mr. Garnett advise of his meeting with the Parks Trustee Board. Mr. Garnett advised that the Alliance requested a resolution of support and was provided with such a resolution encouraging the Board of Commissioners to support the application.

Comr. Haadsma inquired regarding local partnerships. Mr. Garnett advised that the Alliance has been meeting with the Battle Creek Community Foundation and has received \$5,000 for strategic planning.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 29-2010

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Camp, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following March 4, 2010 Consent Agenda

as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolutions received from Bay and Saginaw County supporting the Interim Report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. (Received and placed on file)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Agricultural Preservation Board Appointments (Terms Expire December 31, 2013)
 - {a} Wayne Cornell -- Agricultural Representative
 - {b} Daniel Kesselring -- Conservation Representative
 - {c} Sue Ann Jessup -- Agricultural Representative
- (2) Jail Population Management Committee Creation/Appointments (Terms Expire December 31, 2012) (ATTACHMENT A)
- (3) Summit Pointe Board of Directors Appointment Confirmations (Terms Expire March 31, 2013)
 - {a} Michael Brubaker
 - {b} JoAnne Miller
 - {c} Pollis Robertson

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Chairman Rae addressed the reestablishment of the Jail Population Management Committee, advising that over twenty years ago the jail was built in Battle Creek for two purposes; e.g., to provide an adequate jail, and to provide the opportunity to bring in revenue to offset the expense of operating the jail. Chairman Rae addressed the importance of managing the local inmate population through alternative programs to provide more beds for renting out. Chairman Rae advised that the Committee shall be reporting to the Commission in the near future.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

Civil Process Division Reorganization Request

Asst. County Administrator Bradley Wilcox advised that the Sheriff requests to reorganize the Civil Process Division, changing the staffing level from two part-time Civil Process Servers to one full-time position, which will provide a savings.

Sheriff Byam advised that during the summer the Division had a Civil Process Server on maternity leave and and utilized the proposed model successfully.

Res. 30-2010

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Rocho, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Sheriff's request to reorganize the Civil Process Division and create a full-time Civil Process Server position and eliminate two {2} part-time Civil Process Server positions.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Lee advised that he had the opportunity at a recent school board meeting to watch the scouts conduct a flag retirement ceremony, which he found very interesting.

Comr. Todd advised that he had the opportunity to attend a Young Mens Conference sponsored by Summit Pointe at the McCamley Plaza Hotel and had a great time. Comr. Todd advised that 200 men were in attendance.

Comr. Todd advised that last Monday his family was involved in a head-on collision on M-37, and expressed his appreciation to Battle Creek Health Systems for the great care he and his family received, the Barry County Emergency Response Team and the Hastings County Emergency Response Team for getting on the scene fast, the Junior League in Battle Creek that brought meals to the home, the Emmanuel Covenant Church, and the Family Y Center for taking his daughters on walks and stopping by; further, expressed his love and gratitude to his in-laws, neighbors, friends, members of the Board, and his Mother.

Comr. Camp advised that she, accompanied by Commissioner Haadsma, attended Laura Spurr's visitation and paid their final respects along with Ms. Scott and Mr. Lindsey. Comr. Camp stated that she is looking forward

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to supporting the transition in the Tribe's leadership.

Comr. Haadsma recognized all the scouts from the Minges Brooks area, and invited them back for a longer Board meeting. Comr. Haadsma introduced Tony Lupine who attended the meeting with him tonight as part of a school assignment.

Comr. Haadsma thanked Mr. Cortright for participating in the Minges Brook Big Marsh Drain hearing last Wednesday; further, thanked the Drain Commissioner from Kalamazoo County and all the citizens that participated. Comr. Haadsma also thanked Mr. Gillum who spent time with him this week and for taking care of an issue immediately.

Comr. Haadsma announced that March 16 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. the N.A.A.C.P. is hosting a conference at the Urban League Building in Battle Creek.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 31-2010

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, 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 \$1,213,959.08 for the two {2} weeks ending February 24, 2010.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comr. Rocho announced that the Oaklawn Benefit Luncheon/Auction is March 13 at the MAC Activity Center.

CLOSED SESSION:

Res. 32-2010

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Rocho, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with Corporation Counsel.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

The Board met in Closed Session commencing at 7:34 p.m. until 7:45 p.m. with Assistant County Administrator Bradley Wilcox, Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher, Human Resources Manager Kim Archambault,

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Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Jr. and Deputy Clerk/Board Executive Secretary Mary Lou Barrett present.

OPEN SESSION -- ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting reconvened into Open Session and adjourned at 7:45 p.m at the call of the Chair.

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