

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

May 6, 2010

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01 p.m., Thursday, May 6, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

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

Staff Present: Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Jr., Human Resources Manager Kim Archambault, Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher, County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson, Sheriff Allen Byam, Prosecutor Susan Mladenoff, Extension Program Coordinator Rita Klavinski, Assistant County Administrator Bradley Wilcox, Health Officer James Rutherford, Environmental Health Manager Paul Makoski, Family and Children's Services Employee Ted Limburgh and Deputy Clerk/Board Executive Secretary Mary Lou Barrett.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Rocho, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the May 6, 2010 agenda, as amended, with the addition of Item 8.C. -- Armed Forces Day 2010 Tribute.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Gerow, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the April 13, 2010 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Substance Abuse Council Executive Director Suzanne Horsfall presented Board members with a flyer of

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Council alcohol awareness activities, and advised that there will also be a town hall meeting regarding underage drinking in Homer.

ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Extension Program Coordinator Rita Klavinski introduced MSU Extension District 13 Coordinator Brad Neumann. Mr. Neumann advised of MSU Extension's vision for the district; e.g., to continue to help residents, businesses and organizations innovate by leveraging partnerships and delivering timely, transformational education to help put Michigan on a path to renewed prosperity. Mr. Neumann advised that many of the current programs shall continue and that Ms. Klavinski's role shall be program delivery.

Comr. Rocho thanked Ms. Klavinski for her service throughout the years. Chairman Rae welcomed Mr. Neumann in his new position, and addressed the relationship between Calhoun County and MSU Extension.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

"National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month" Proclamation and Video Presentation

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership Representative Shannon McMorro presented a video entitled "I Wish."

Comr. Gerow read the following proclamation, and accompanied by Chairman Rae, presented the proclamation to Ms. McMorro, and Mr. Ted Limburgh of Family and Children's Services.

Res. 59-2010

"Motion by Comr. Lee, supported by Comr. Gerow, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, May has been designated National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> has been designated as the 9<sup>th</sup> annual National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day; and

WHEREAS, locally the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership (TP3) engages diverse partners county wide such as individuals, organizations, schools, and local government to support prevent teen pregnancy prevention; and

WHEREAS, the teen pregnancy rate in Calhoun County has been one of the highest in Michigan for nearly 2 decades with a current rate of 78 per 1000 women compared to the MI rate of 54 per 1000 women; and

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WHEREAS, teen child bearing has far reaching health impact with infants more likely to be born prematurely, to be low birth weight, to be more likely to suffer abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, high rates of teen parenthood lead to a continuing negative cycle with daughters born to teens 3 times more likely to be a teen mom and sons of teens 2 times more likely to be incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, teen parenthood has far reaching social and economic impact on our community affecting rates of school dropout, access to higher education, access to employment opportunities, lower incomes, and higher rates of households headed by a single mother.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mike Rae, Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2010 as

“NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH”

in Calhoun County and encourage citizens to recognize the far reaching impact of the high teen birth rate in our community and to support individuals, organizations, schools and policies that help reduce teen pregnancy.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Comr. Rocho requested access to the video. Comr. Camp inquired how the video is utilized within the community. Ms. McMorrow advised that the video was produced in Jackson County and is being shown to adults, youth organizations, and has been taken to reproductive advisory committees for consideration in their curriculums.

“Dr. Ron Davis’ Smoke Free Law - Public Act 188 of 2009” Presentation

Environmental Health Manager Paul Makoski advised that the law was signed in December 2009 and became effective May 1. Mr. Makoski stated that the Health Department celebrated with a gala bowling event which was very successful. Mr. Makoski addressed the Department’s smoking regulation versus the new law. Mr. Makoski advised that the Department shall continue to educate the public through printed material, advertisements and presentations.

Comr. Haadsma inquired whether Mr. Makoski believes that there shall be an increase of hookah bars. Mr. Makoski responded that he has not noticed an “up swing,” and is not worried about that.

Comr. Camp expressed appreciation for being given the opportunity to express her concerns regarding the

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departmental regulation versus the state's law at Health Board meetings. Comr. Rocho inquired whether the regulation should be revised. Mr. Makoski responded that the regulation is tougher than the law. Mr. Makoski pointed out that the main thrust of the law is to protect workers from second-hand smoke.

Armed Forces Day 2010 Tribute

Res. 60-2010

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following tribute:

WHEREAS, the men and women of the U.S. Military Active, Reserve and Guard forces serve and respond whenever called upon to defend our State and Nation's security at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, our men and women in uniform put their lives at risk, placing their country's safety and security above their own, seeking to secure freedom and liberty for oppressed people around the world; and

WHEREAS, the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower written in 1953 remain true today: “It is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute one of the bulwarks guarding the freedom of this nation and the peace of the free world.” On Armed Forces Day, our grateful Nation salutes the brave men and women who protect our country, defend freedom, and help make our world a better place; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby thank and honor our men and women in uniform on **Saturday, May 15, 2010 - Armed Forces Day 2010** and call upon all citizens of the County of Calhoun to take a moment this day to join us and others in honoring them and remembering those that have given their lives to protect our freedoms in this great country, and encourage everyone to attend our local events in their honor.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 61-2010

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Gerow, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following May 6, 2010 Consent Agenda as presented:

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A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolutions received from Allegan County {1} requesting the state modify Act 312 of 1969, and {2} supporting efforts to stop Asian carp migration into the Great Lakes. (Received and placed on file, with a copy of {1} remitted to Sheriff Allen Byam)
- (2) Resolution received from Lake County supporting state and federal efforts to stop the migration of the Asian carp into the Great Lakes. (Received and placed on file)
- (3) Resolution received from Midland County supporting the final report of the Legislative Commission on Statutory Mandates. (Received and placed on file)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Youth Council Appointments  
(Terms Expire June 30, 2011)
  - {a} Rashonda Short
  - {b} Lesia Armstrong
  - {c} Karissa Lee
  - {d} Victoria Thompson”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS:

Teen Pregnancy Prevention Partnership

Comr. Gerow reported that the Partnership is offering parents free sex education packets for discussing the subject with their children. The packets are available through Family and Children’s Services.

Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Center Authority

Chairman Rae reported that the Authority has been meeting and that a sub-committee was appointed to work out a formula for paying for the services. The sub-committee has met twice and will report to the Authority next Tuesday with a recommendation.

Cities/County Collaboration

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Chairman Rae reported that six months ago the county commenced meeting with the cities on a regular basis, collaborating on a number of issues.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated that the county did a number of things during National County Government Month in April. Ms. Scott advised that Mr. Gibson came up with a banner thanking the Board which Human Resources took to all the employees to sign. Ms. Scott requested that the Board gather by the banner for a photo.

Joint Workforce Development Agreement

Workforce Development Director M.J. Bruns introduced Chief Executive Board Officers Lynne Haley and Terance Lunger. Ms. Bruns advised that the agreement has been renewed since 2005, and addressed extension of the agreement from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2012.

Comr. Rocho advised that she shall be abstaining from voting due to her work with the Calhoun Intermediate School District and membership on the Workforce Development Chief Executive Officers Board.

Ms. Bruns advised of program highlights for 2008 and 2009.

Res. 62-2010

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Gerow, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Joint Workforce Development Agreement between the Counties of Barry, Branch and Calhoun; the Workforce Development Board; the Chief Executive Officers Board; and the Calhoun Intermediate School District, effective July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011, at which time it will automatically renew for another one-year period effective July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Rae, Todd, Camp, Gerow, Haadsma and Lee)

Abstain - 1 (Comr. Rocho)

Motion CARRIED

Prosecutor's FY 2011 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Grant Application

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Ms. Scott advised that the application is the Prosecutor's annual state grant which allows the Office seven employees who focus upon establishing paternity and child support enforcement.

Res. 63-2010

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2011 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Program Application for the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office in the amount of \$522,217; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Grant Application on behalf of Calhoun County and the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office for remittance to the Michigan Department of Human Services, Office of Child Support.”

Comr. Camp inquired regarding the caseload. Prosecutor Susan Mladenoff responded that the number of cases varies by year, and offered to provide the numbers to Commissioner Camp. Ms. Mladenoff advised that the cases are referred to the Office from the Friend of the Court.

Comr. Rocho questioned whether the amount of the grant would decrease if the county were to decrease its match. Ms. Mladenoff responded Yes. Comr. Rocho inquired whether the Office collects any data regarding delivery of services and cost avoidance. Ms. Mladenoff responded yes, that the Office provides that data to the Friend of the Court. Comr. Rocho requested that data for budget deliberations. Comr. Rocho questioned whether the technology portion of the grant is part of the county's comprehensive technology plan. Asst. County Administrator Bradley Wilcox responded that it is not due to the source of the funding. Mr. Wilcox advised that the Office utilizes a centralized platform and that Information Technology provides support to the Office.

Comr. Camp advised that she would also be interested in the caseload statistics to address groups within the community.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

County Website Development Consultant Bid Award

Ms. Scott advised that the county website was established ten years ago, and that the proposal requires no General Fund appropriation. Ms. Scott stated that the expenditure shall come from hotel accommodations tax collections.

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Res. 64-2010

“Motion by Comr. Camp, supported by Comr. Rocho, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFQ#114-09} in an amount not to exceed \$94,000 to provide website design and development for an enhanced Calhoun County e-Government website to Americaneagle.com and authorize the Administrative Services Department to issue a purchase order to Americaneagle.com for said services with the amount not to exceed \$94,000; further amend County Special Project Fund #228 in the same amount, appropriating Fund Balance to pay for the project.”

Comr. Haadsma inquired whether any of the finalists were from Michigan. Mr. Wilcox responded that four of the vendors are in Michigan. Mr. Wilcox advised that the price differences were significant; i.e., \$60,000 difference between Plante and Moran and Americaneagle.com. Mr. Wilcox advised that Americaneagle.com was unanimously recommended by the website development committee.

Comr. Rocho addressed monies collected through the accommodations tax, and inquired what would occur to those funds should the casino build a hotel. Mr. Wilcox responded that he would not have a guess. Mr. Wilcox pointed out that \$20,000 annually is used to support Information Technology and that the remainder is placed into the special project fund balance.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

FY 2009-2010 Public Act 2 Substance Abuse Budget Amendment

Ms. Scott advised that \$91,872 became available with the close of the year, and are therefore available for the FY 2009-2010 program year. The recommendation from the coordinating agency is that \$53,889 be used for out patient substance abuse treatment for jail services and the remaining \$37,983 be split between the Substance Abuse Council, Substance Abuse Prevention Service, and a transfer to make up for state budget cuts.

Ms. Horsfall thanked the Board for approving additional funding to the Council. Ms. Horsfall advised that the funding shall be used for underage drinking prevention; further, that new program funding will be utilized for a pilot program with the Drug Court.

Res. 65-2010

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve amendment to the FY 2009-2010 P.A. 2 budget for substance abuse services in the amount of \$91,872, as administered by the Kalamazoo

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Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Coordinating Agency.”

Comr. Haadsma inquired whether all of the prevention providers are receiving what they wanted. Ms. Scott responded that the providers are now getting the money requested. Comr. Haadsma stated that he wants to ensure that one provider is not receiving more than another.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS' TIME:

Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson announced that June 7 is the kick-off for the millage campaign. Mr. Gibson stated that perhaps this year he believes it would be appreciated if the Board could give notice to some of the older Americans in Calhoun County. Mr. Gibson advised that last year there were 30 individuals over 100 years of age.

Chairman Rae stated that it sounds like a good idea, and advised Mr. Gibson to sit down with Administration; further, requested Mr. Gibson email Board members regarding the kick-off date.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Chairman Rae congratulated Marshall for approving their millage and “Landslide Lindsey” on becoming a member of the Marshall School Board.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 66-2010

“Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee, 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 \$2,087,216.86 for the three {3} weeks ending April 28, 2010.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comr. Todd announced that Saturday is the book drive for the Battle Creek area at McCamly Place from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Comr. Todd advised that the entry cost is \$20 or 2 books. Comr. Todd thanked Commissioners Lee and Rocho for their donations. Comr. Todd further advised that individuals can tour Battle

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Creek Central High School's new addition on May 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Comr. Haadsma announced that JONAH has their Jubilee Program on Saturday, May 15 at the First United Methodist Church, the Sojourner Truth Park, as well as the First Baptist Church at 2:00 p.m. Comr. Haadsma further announced that a new credit union at the corner of East Michigan Avenue and McCamly Street will have a "soft" grand opening on May 17.

CLOSED SESSION:

Res. 67-2010

"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 legal counsel."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

The Board met in Closed Session commencing at 8:41 p.m. until 8:55 p.m. with Human Resources Manager Kim Archambault, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Jr., County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Asst. County Administrator Bradley Wilcox, Finance Director Mark Stuhldreher, Attorney William Horton of Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. and Deputy Clerk/Board Executive Secretary Mary Lou Barrett present.

OPEN SESSION:

Calhoun County vs. Blue Cross/Blue Shield Case Evaluation Award Acceptance

Res. 68-2010

"Motion by Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners accept the Calhoun County vs. Blue Cross/Blue Shield case evaluation award as recommended by legal counsel."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m at the call of the Chair.

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