

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

December 16, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 16, 2010 in the Commissioners' Meeting room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Chairman Rae called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk to call the roll.

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

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, HR Director Kim Archambault, Financial Analyst Pam Kline, and Executive Assistant/Deputy Clerk Chris Zuidema

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board held a moment of silence followed by Comr. Rocho leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Camp to approve the amended December 16, 2010 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners agenda as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

"Moved Comr. Lee, supported by Comr. Rocho to approve the minutes of the amended December 2, 2010 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Autumn Smith, 993 E. Michigan Avenue, continued urging people to watch what's going on with the oil spill. She and John Bollenbaugh will be hosting a public forum on Saturday, December 18, from 6-8 p.m. at the Urban League in Battle Creek. The forum will be sponsored by NAACP. They asked for community support.

Robert Brownell, Supervisor of Marengo Township, spoke in support of Charles Monaweck. He stated any attempt to change the appointment would be purely political and an attempt to load the Board.

Charles Letts, Lee Township trustee, also spoke in support of Mr. Monaweck and his efforts as Road Commissioner. Mr. Letts stated that it is deplorable that we have a system where we don't have a caucus to determine who is eligible for the Road Commission. He felt the Board did a disgraceful thing to Mr. Monaweck. He stated that Commissioner Rae claimed Mr. Monaweck was at fault for hiring the plowing company but no one checked to see if the snow plow company could do the job before they hired them.

Russ Clutter, of in Newton Township, former Pennfield Supervisor, stated he is in support of Charles Monaweck. Mr. Clutter stated Mr. Monaweck is the only Road Commissioner that has ever checked on workers to see if the workers were doing the job. He stated he didn't think the Board of Commissioners were looking for someone who could do the job. Mr. Clutter stated it was like a slap in the face when Commissioner Rae said Charlie did a rotten job. He believes it's ridiculous and untrue.

Jim Monaweck, son of Chuck (Monaweck), stated he was very upset at the way Mike Rae portrayed his father. He believed his father's contribution was shown by all the people who attended the meeting on his behalf. He stated his father attended every Road Commission meeting and the Board should look at the attendance of every other Commissioner. He stated Comr. Rae implied that his father had something to do with a loan to the DPW, but that loan was 2 years before his dad was on the Road Commission. Mr. Monaweck stated he would like to know why Comr. Rae portrayed his father in that light. He stated his father was one of 5 people that made the decision about the snow plowing and because something didn't work, do they deserve that kind of press? He stated there were 4 other people who voted but Comr. Rae chose to rebuke his father. He stated he thought it was pathetic the way this is being handled and he would like to know if that's the best argument that Comr. Rae had that his dad didn't do a good job. He concluded by asking that the decision to choose the Road Commissioner be left to the incoming Board.

Jerry Boyce, 6424 5 mile, stated he has a 500 acre farm and owns the elevator in East Leroy. He claimed Charlie (Monaweck) has been the only Road Commissioner who has visited the people and businesses. He stated that there needs to be a communicator between the Road Commission and the people because the Road Commission treats people badly. He believed Charlie had a wealth of experience and that's what you need on a board. He believed that Mr. Monaweck was probably one of the best Commissioners the County has ever had and it was sickening that the Board isn't reappointing him.

Greg Moore from Athens Township stated that he was a former Commissioner and didn't normally feel he should speak out on the Commission's decisions but on occasion there was something important enough to cause him to do so. He stated he knew the process of choosing a Road Commissioner because he reinstated it. He claimed the Board had gone through that process to choose Charles Monaweck, it was an open process and they did interviews. He stated when he opened the paper and read the article

he was stunned by the unprofessionalism and the lack of facts. He believed the Board would want someone who had the experience that Charles Monaweck did. He stated that unless in this county we don't have a problem with money, he would think Mr. Monaweck's knowledge and vote would be a good thing. He stated that it seemed that at least one mind was made up but reminded the Board that their job was to represent the public, they weren't there to represent a party or a third party and they had the public at the meeting asking them to reappoint someone. He stated they had three options and they were to approve, to reappoint, or to put the decision off to let the new Commission handle it. He stated that these positions were important, Mr. Monaweck has proven himself, he has served the longest and he visits constituents. Mr. Moore stated he hoped the Board's minds were not made up and they would do what was right for the county.

Art Farmer, 20059 21 Mile Rd and Lee Township Supervisor, stated the best thing he could say about the article was shame on you. He stated that when you put that in print, being unprofessional, it's deplorable. He stated he knew Eric Johnson and he was a fine individual but he felt Mr. Monaweck was being dealt with unfairly. He believed the Board should get in contact with people months ahead of time and give them the opportunity to say if they want to be reappointed. He stated that he was asking that all the Commissioners treat Charlie Monaweck as they would want to be treated. He believed Mr. Monaweck had done an impeccable job as a Commissioner and his constituents could always rely on him. He stated it was Charlie that took care of letting him know there was a road in Lee Township that had been taken back to gravel and no one else from the Road Commission contacted him. He believed the process of choosing a Road Commissioner needed to go through the appropriate standards.

Todd Wildt, Homer Township Supervisor, stated that Mr. Monaweck was the only one to give him the time of day and help him out. He stated when the selection committee for Road Commissioners was developed, he was on the committee and he's not sure why the Board is getting away from the selection committee. He stated that out of three that he put on the Road Commission, he believed Charlie did the best job. He stated the last time the selection committee met, they got down to two guys and debated for an hour. He stated that didn't necessarily think that Charlie should be appointed again but that there should be an interview and selection.

Larry Voice stated he had known Charlie for a long time. He stated people who see things tell Charlie and he would go see what was going on. He asked the Board to take 5 minutes to look at the records and see if the other commissioners have done that?

Tom Case, Burlington Township Supervisor, stated he was in attendance to speak to the process. The selection committee used to be in place and that's not what was done. He stated if the appointment wasn't made that night, it wouldn't affect the business of the Road Commission. He wondered when the politics would end and he now believed it would end in two weeks.

Louis Monaweck, 167 Rosewood Trail, told Comr. Rae it would be in his best behalf to print a retraction and told him shame on you. He stated a public servant should show an interest and desire to serve residents and take an active role in serving. He stated we are living in difficult times and we need someone who thinks outside of the box. He stated his father has taken an interest, has helped reduce operating costs and found new ways to bring efficiencies. He claimed his father takes phone calls from residents, talks with them and reports back to the Commission. He stated his father could tell the caller to call the office but he gives the taxpayer the courtesy to find out the problem. He claimed his father was not afraid to go against the grain and do what's right for the taxpayer, not what's politically correct.

John Cash, 121 Academy, Battle Creek, stated that in 2004, both he and Charles Monaweck were up for the Road Commission appointment and he was the runner up. Mr. Cash stated he could come before the Board and say Mr. Monaweck was the last nonpartisan appointment. Mr. Cash stated the system is broke and maybe the positions should be elected.

Steve Irons, Athens Township, stated that there are two commissioners from his township and Charlie is one of the few who has ever attended a board meeting. He believed the Board of Commissioners used to operate on good ole boy system and the squeaky wheel got the grease and it looked like they were going back to the same thing. He stated there were 4 other Road Commissioners who wouldn't do anything but the Board gets memos from Charlie about what's going on at the Road Commission. He stated that people can't go to a Road Commission meeting because they won't let you talk. He believed what the Board was doing was wrong and they were heading into the good ole boy system.

Melvin Boughton, President of the Calhoun County Farm Bureau, stated that the article that was in the paper was very immature. He believed the Board should send an apology to Charlie. He stated Charlie was the only Road Commissioner to attend Farm Bureau meetings. He stated there needs to be an election instead of an appointment and questioned if the Board was qualified to appoint someone to take care of the roads.

Steve Mobley, Village of Athens, stated he has attended many Road Commission meetings and has seen only 2 of the Board attend and only one with any regularity. He believes to make statements without any first-hand experience is ludicrous. He stated he has seen Charlie come in with photos to state his case and has seen him meeting with farmers. Public servants need to make sure they serve the people so for those who are leaving and staying, there is still an obligation you need to live up to it. He stated that if it's in the best interest of the people to delay the decision, they are urged to make that decision.

Charles Monaweck stated he was accused of doing nothing and not doing the job but there is a list of minutes of meetings that show he did the job. He stated that he was in favor of the snow plowing, felt the County needed to look at it and thinks the County needs to revisit the issue as many counties in the state have been doing it for many years. He stated that the County can't sit with their eyes covered and say they don't want to do it; they are going to have to revisit it. He stated he tabled the work agreements for the executive staff at the Road Commission when Mr. Randolph resigned. He stated that he felt at that time wages and benefits could not be sustained and the Road Commission has been in a cost cutting, restructuring mode since. He stated he thinks he did his job.

Barb Frederick, Sheridan Township, stated that Charlie was appointed under her reign as County Commissioner. She stated there was never a partisan appointment during her time and they tried to give people the respect they deserved. She claimed the Commission she was on started the interview process for the Road Commission and they tried to get representatives from respective districts so they were all represented. She believes this Board treated Charlie with no respect. She stated she didn't know Charlie when he was appointed, but she thinks as elected officials you are representing the people and you need to put into place someone who is the most qualified. She believes he has done the best he can to represent the people and the Board should reconsider and reappoint Charlie.

Blaine VanSickle, a farmer in Marengo Township, stated he worked with Charlie when he was the Drain Commissioner. He stated Mr. Monaweck is the only Road Commissioner he ever worked with and Charlie was there for every project. He stated he concurred with Greg Moore's statement that the process is not what it should be. He stated that as a new commissioner he hoped he can do something different about that.

7. ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS COMMENTS

Comr. Rae responded to the public comment statements, commenting that some stated that they were upset because of what they had read in the paper but they all should know, especially Mr. Moore, that what you say to a reporter is not always accurately stated. He stated the fact is that there was an Enquirer story, in the story he was quoted and was asked what the controversy was. He stated he knows that Mr. Monaweck was going around saying he wants this job and has his friends here at the meeting. Comr. Rae stated he hesitated to talk to the reporter but he thought it was necessary to give the knowledge to the community that there were reasons why he should be replaced. He stated one of the points that was put forth in the paper and what the reporter was told was that there had not been sufficient overview of what had been done and that's the purpose of a Board. He stated that what he said was that there was a Duck Lake sewage project that resulted in a significant sum of money, but he never stated any amounts. He stated that it was brought to the attention of the County Commission that it never should have been done. Mr. Monaweck was on the board and knew about the problems and nothing was done until the County Commission passed a resolution to allow the Road Commission to expand from 3 to 5 Commissioners. He stated this project ended up costing the Road Commission thousands of dollars. Comr. Rae stated the same thing was applicable to the bridge park; money was going to the bridge park instead of to the roads. He stated he also said there was a debacle as far as the Road Commission subcontracting out to the company to plow the roads. He stated they hired a company to plow a portion of Emmett, Pennfield and Bedford, they did a terrible job and it never should have been done. He stated that in addition to those issues, there was also the problem of purchasing a golf course. He wondered why they did that when roads should be the emphasis. He added there was also an approval of a buyout of the previous administration of the Road Commission which was way too much. He stated the fact of the matter is that judgments are made and he doesn't think that Charlie did his job. He concluded by saying people can object and that's fine - taking heat goes with the territory but he thinks there is a basis to not reappoint.

Comr. Camp stated she would like to start with a phone call she made to Chair Rae two weeks ago, when she asked him about the Road Commission appointment and he told her "that's not important enough to discuss with you". She stated in September Mr. Monaweck wrote a letter to the Commission asking for reappointment. She stated she is familiar with the process that has been used and she asked the Chair and Administration when the process would start. She stated that she goes to the Township meetings, she listens to them talk about the roads and she goes to Road Commission meetings. Mr. Monaweck serves the entire County. She stated they were hearing not from friends but from professionals and elected officials; they are coming and asking us to work with them. She claimed she has had an opportunity to speak with the sitting Road Commissioners and found that 2 commissioners and staff are in support of Charlie. She believes this goes way beyond difference of opinion. She stated the process used was disrespectful, regardless of the fact that you as chair can put something on the

agenda. She recapped some of the comments made in support of Mr. Monaweck and she confirmed that his attendance has been perfect. She stated that the Commissioners should keep in mind that there were farmers who spoke and farming is the number two industry in the county. She appreciated those of you who said this is partisan, this is not a partisan issue, it's a leadership style. She concluded by stating that the other Commissioners have not been involved in this decision.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Proclamation Honoring the 2010 Calhoun County/Court Retirees

Comr. Kirk Lee read the resolution and names of 2010 Calhoun County retirees.

Res. 186-2010

In celebration and honor of the 2010 Calhoun County/Court retirees, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize the service and dedication of the following individuals:

Lee, Ivory	December 31, 2009
Snyder, William H	December 31, 2009
Robinson, Lurethra	January 20, 2010
Bradley, Sharon E	January 29, 2010
Stadtfeld, Joann	February 2, 2010
Whitesell, Thomas	March 11, 2010
Grenier, Jeannette A	April 13, 2010
Goff, Roselynn A	April 22, 2010
Waite, Nancy G	June 3, 2010
Montroy, Brenda J	June 3, 2010
Haight, Judy K	June 30, 2010
Darby, Margaret A	August 2, 2010
Barrett, Mary Lou	August 31, 2010
Hoxie, Stanley P	September 9, 2010
Plowman, Kathryn A	September 23, 2010
Bracke, Connie S	September 29, 2010
Cuatt, Westly J	September 30, 2010
Lindsey, William G	September 30, 2010
Varner, Patricia k	October 7, 2010
Ham, Gregory D	October 29, 2010
Terry Arnold	October 29, 2010
Brown, Marietta k	November 4, 2010
Brown, Shirley C	November 4, 2010
Cordrey, Georgia G	December 1, 2010
VanAuken, Jill A	December 16, 2010
Everett, Ann M	December 16, 2010
Baribeau, Mary A	December 16, 2010

Cook, Barbara L	December 30, 2010
Williams, D. Diane	December 31, 2010
Morris, Elizabeth J	December 31, 2010
VanDorsten, Sandra L	December 31, 2010
Dean, Jerald L	December 31, 2010
Shubert, Michael F	December 31, 2010
Agy, Diana	December 31, 2010
Barker, Steven H	December 31, 2010
Scofield, Charles, S	December 31, 2010
Smith, Frances A	December 31, 2010

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners wish to sincerely thank all of these retirees for their service with Calhoun County and offer our best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

“Moved Comr. Camp, supported by Comr. Rocho to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Special Tribute to the 2010 Calhoun County/Clerk Retirees.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

B. Honeywell Energy Savings Program Project Update Presentation

Assistant Administrator Wilcox gave a status update on the Honeywell Energy Savings Project that started in August 2009. He stated the project is nearing completion and they would like to thank the Board for their support of the project. He stated he has been impressed with his staff and their ability to handle their role in the project.

Dick Williams of Honeywell gave a brief overview of the project and introduced members of his staff. Mr. Williams summarized how the project was handled and how energy savings were found. He stated they tried to use as much local labor as possible. He stated they will be working on an ongoing basis to make sure county is seeing the savings that were guaranteed. He commended the Commission for doing things that were in the best interest of the county. He stated the County is utilizing savings to fund the project and being proactive instead of reactive.

Assistant Administrator Wilcox reviewed the funding used for the project, which is economically responsible. Honeywell did a great job for the community in the most economical and responsible way.

Comr. Haadsma inquired what process was used to find local contractors.

Assistant County Administrator Wilcox stated that it was a competitive project that was put out to bid. The local contractors provided competitive bids with local suppliers. Many of them were familiar with the project and had worked on the building before.

- C. Special Tribute to Lisa Gerow
- D. Special Tribute to Mike Rae
- E. Special Tribute to Kirk Lee
- F. Special Tribute to Rebecca Rocho

Res. 187-2010

“Move Comr. Haadsma, supported Comr. Gerow to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Special Tributes to Lisa Gerow, Mike Rae, Kirk Lee and Rebecca Rocho.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

Vice Chair Todd presented plaques to honor the outgoing Commissioners. He stated that he feels truly blessed to have served on the Board. He stated that some decisions have brought success in saving money and we greatly appreciate everything you have done. He stated he is sure the incoming board will do a great job on our behalf as well.

Comr. Haadsma stated it had been his pleasure to work with the Commissioners. He stated they haven't always agreed on the issues but he knows everyone has acted in the best interest of Calhoun County.

Comr. Camp stated that contributions of Comrs. Rocho and Gerow and the conversations they have had have been beneficial.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Comr. Camp requested the removal of Items 9 B 1-5, 7-9, 11-13, 16-22 and 24-26.

Res. 188-2010

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

- 1. November 2010 Financial Statements
- 2. Resolution to Adopt Millage Ballot Language from Emmett Charter Township
- 3. Lake County Resolution in Support of House Bill 6535

B. Resolutions

- 6. Calhoun County Hospital Finance Authority Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Jon Bartlett

10. Department of Human Services Board Appointment
(Term expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Michael Lind

14. Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau Appointment
(Term expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Kelli Scott
{b.} Ann Rosenbaum

15. Housing Rehabilitation Program Review Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Jon Bartlett

23. Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium Advisory Committee Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Tiffany Eichorst

27. Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission Appointments
(Term Expires December 31, 2013)
{a.} Daniel Kesselring
{b.} Larry Rizor

28. Calhoun County Health Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Ken Ponds

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Todd to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve Consent Agenda Items 9 A 1, 2, and 3 and 9 B 6, 10, 14, 15,23, 27 and 28.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

B. Resolutions

1. Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Terris Todd

Res 189-2010

“Moved Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the appointment of Terris Todd to the Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority for a term expiring December 31, 2012.”

Comr. Camp stated she pulled the appointment off the Consent Agenda because there has been no communication with the incoming Board, Comr. Rae has already appointed someone to this Board and she does not feel that Comr. Rae should appoint returning Commissioners.

Comr. Haadsma stated he was concerned that this historically has been a process where the incoming Board Chair makes the appointments and he was concerned that there was a lack of communication with the other Commissioners. He stated it does not reflect on Comr. Todd's ability.

Comr. Rae responded that Comr. Todd has served in this capacity for 5 years, he has all kind of experience and it makes sense to appoint him. He state this commission has the power to make appointments until January 1, 2011 and they aren't doing their job if they don't make them.

Comr. Camp stated she has no issue with Comr. Todd doing the job. She stated she went to Comr. Rae to have someone appointed to the Veterans Affairs Boards when they didn't have enough members to have a quorum and got no response. She asked the other Comrs. not to make motions or second so they could simplify the evening and agree it's not that you can't do this, it's that you shouldn't.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

2. Battle Creek Area Transportation Study Policy Committee Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Terris Todd

Res. 190-2010

"Move Comr. Lee, supported by Comr. Gerow to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair's appointment of Terris Todd to the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study Policy Committee."

Comr. Camp stated her previously stated objection also applies here.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

3. Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan Governing Board of Directors Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Julie Camp

Comr. Camp declined the nomination stating she did not want Comr. Rae to make the decision of what Boards she served on.

4. Calhoun County Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Terris Todd

Res. 191-2010

"Move Comr. Gerow, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair's appointment of Terris Todd to the Calhoun County Community Corrections Advisory Board."

Comr. Camp reiterated her previous objections.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation Appointments
(Term expires December 31, 2016)
 - {a.} Karl Dehn
 - {b.} Richard Frantz
 - {c.} Joseph Garcia
 - {d.} Susan Baldwin
 - {e.} Mike Rae

“Move Comr. Camp, supported by Comr. Todd to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Karl Dehn, Richard Frantz, Joseph Garcia and Susan Baldwin to the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation.”

On a voice vote, Motion FAILED

Res. 192-2010

“Move Comr. Lee, supported by Comr. Rocho to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Karl Dehn, Richard Frantz, Joseph Garcia, Susan Baldwin and Mike Rae to the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation.”

Comr. Rocho reminded the Commissioners that it is the Chair’s right to make these appointments and at the end of every session year the Chair makes the appointment. She stated she does not think it is appropriate to single out one person for doing what is the norm. She stated she respected Comr. Camp’s position but she hoped that the meeting would proceed in a respectful manner and the audience would allow them to do so.

Comr. Camp stated she was being respectful and she was making a point and considering it on merit.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

7. Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
 - {a.} Terris Todd

Res. 193-2010

“Move Comr. Gerow, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Terris Todd to the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Board of Directors.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

8. Calhoun County Building Authority Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
 - {a.} Kelli Scott

Res. 194-2010

"Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair's appointment of Kelli Scott to the Calhoun County Building Authority."

Comr. Camp noted that this has been a vacancy since 2007 and she believed that there should be a discussion among the Board before an appointment was made. She stated that in no way did that reflect on her opinion of Kelli Scott or the job she would do.

Comr. Haadsma stated he knew Chad Miller, who served on this Board and he is confident that he would wish to continue to serve. He stated he was frustrated with the lack of collaboration on the choices of these appointments. He also stated that, like Comr. Camp, he was opposed to the process.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

9. Calhoun County Youth Council Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Jim Haadsma

Comr. Haadsma declined the nomination for reasons previously stated.

11. Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Mark Behnke

Res. 195-2010

"Move Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair's appointment of Mark Behnke to the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board."

Comr. Camp stated there is no question Mark Behnke has a great relationship with the Tribe and would do a fine job but this appointment can be changed by the incoming Board and that should be considered by the outgoing Board.

Comr. Haadsma stated this is a choice best made by the incoming Chair and the incoming Board.

Comr. Rae stated that they have an obligation and they are following the rules. He stated Mr. Behnke has a fine rapport, he would do a good job and this was a good appointment.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

12. Friends of the Ott Committee Executive Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Julie Camp

Comr. Camp declined the nomination to the Friends of the Ott Committee Executive Board.

13. Gougac Lake Board Appointment
(Term Expired December 31, 2012)
{a.} Jim Haadsma

Comr. Haadsma declined the nomination to the Gougac Lake Board.

16. Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Terris Todd

Res. 196-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Terris Todd to the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

17. Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Advisory Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Julie Camp
{b.} Jim Haadsma

Comrs. Camp and Haadsma both declined the nomination.

18. Calhoun County Parks Trustee Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2014)
{a.} Eric Johnson

Res. 197-2010

“Move Comr. Lee, supported by Comr. Todd to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Eric Johnson to the Calhoun County Parks Trustee Board.”

Comr. Haadsma stated he has been burdened about the absence of process in this instance. He stated he thinks Mr. Monaweck has served admirably and has the best interest of the County at heart. He stated he also knows Mr. Johnson and believes he would serve admirably as well. He stated the process was not followed and as much as he would like to support Mr. Johnson, he voted no because of the absence of process.

Comr. Camp stated she didn’t know if Mr. Johnson was here and she appreciated Comr. Rae giving his reasons but Road Commissioners can be removed from office for poor performance. She questioned if Mr. Monaweck’s actions were that grievous why Comr. Rae didn’t pursue that. She stated he had taken away the ability of the Board of Commissioners to compare the candidates’ qualifications and choose the best applicant. She stated the praise that had been given to Mr. Monaweck was qualified and asked that the Commissioners vote no.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

19. Potawatomi Resource Conservation and Development Council Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Julie Camp

Comr. Camp declined the nomination

20. Calhoun County Road Commission Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2014)
{a.} Eric Johnson

Res. 198-2010

“Move Comr. Lee, supported by Comr. Gerow to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Eric Johnson to the Calhoun County Road Commission.”

Comr. Camp stated she would like to reiterate all of her previous comments.

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

21. Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee Appointments
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Ken Kohl
{b.} Terris Todd
{c.} Walt Obrinske
{d.} Cheryl Vosburg

Res. 199-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Lee to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Ken Kohl, Terris Todd, Walt Obrinske and Cheryl Vosburg to the Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

22. Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium Appointments
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Julie Camp
{b.} Tiffany Eichorst

Comr. Camp declined the nomination to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium

Res. 200-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Haadsma to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Tiffany Eichorst to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

24. United Way FEMA Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Terris Todd

Res. 201-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Gerow to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Tiffany Eichorst to the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium.”

25. Workforce Development Chief Officers Board Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)
{a.} Julie Camp

Comr. Camp declined the nomination to the Workforce Development Chief Officers Board stating it had been a positive experience and she would like to serve again but she would like to discuss it with the incoming Board.

26. Calhoun County Board of Public Works Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2014)
{a.} Eric Johnson

Res. 202-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Gerow to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to concur with the Chair’s appointment of Eric Johnson to the Calhoun County Board of Public Works.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Todd thanked Comrs. Rae and Rocho for their time on the Budget Committee. He stated they do present a balanced budget, which is always a plus. He also thanked Administration and the Department Heads for meeting guidelines they had set forth. He reiterated that they do present a balanced budget and he was appreciative of that and it will be helpful for the incoming Board.

Comr. Rocho thanked Comr. Todd for his leadership; she appreciated it because it’s been a difficult budget. She thanked Administration and said they have done an excellent job and used their problem solving skills to reach a balanced budget. She stated she also appreciated that Administration has reached out and given staff an opportunity for input.

Comr. Rae thanked Administration and his fellow budget committee members. He stated they spent a lot of time and effort for positions that they took. He also stated that he appreciates the incoming commissioners not objecting to cutting the health insurance and pension benefits and they were in support. He stated that it has been a difficult process, nobody likes to be criticized but it goes with the job and we have a budget we can be proud of.

11. UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

1. 2011 County Budget Adoption

Administrator/Controller Scott thanked the Commissioners who served on the Budget Committee and to Budget Analyst Pam Kline, who has played a leadership role in the budget preparation. She stated the Budget Committee met one final time to get the budget balanced that is presented here. She stated that we are not certain of the impact to the public but the budget does not include the elimination of entire services at this point. She stated there will be a crunch on everyone's workload; we will be trying to do things with less people. She stated the budget book has a memo in the front, with graphs showing trends and impacts. She stated the County will be losing about \$4 million in property taxes before economy rebounds so the cooperation and support of staff was needed. She stated this is a fiscally responsible budget, with just over 10% in reserves. She stated the appropriations resolution sets controls and will be posted on the County website.

Res. 203-2010

"Move Comr. Rocha, supported by Comr. Todd to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to adopt the 2011 General Appropriations Resolution and 2011 Budgets as presented."

Comr. Camp stated she applauds Administration for the process that they went through this year. She also appreciates that the total compensation for employees is less. She made the comment to the public that she has grave concerns about the Water Resources Commissioner. She stated the Water Resource office has gone from 1 1/2 employees to 3 and the budget has tripled. She stated he has escalated the money received from townships. She stated that he is an elected official and accountable to the people so people should look at the numbers and see what she is talking about.

Comr. Rae stated that the Water Resources Commissioner has done a good job and the fact that Comr. Camp cannot get an answer to a question when she wants it is no reason to attack a man who is doing a good job.

Comr. Camp responded that she has pleasant and informative conversations with the Water Resources Commissioner often. She stated her concern is when she has residents and township supervisors calling her, when she is spending hours and hours explaining to them how drains work, she is quoting their concerns. She stated she does not have an issue communicating with Mr. Cortright professionally.

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7. Motion CARRIED

2. Final 2010 Budget Adjustments

Administrator/Controller Scott stated that departments have the ability to do budget adjustments and account reconciliations are the final ones done at the end of the year. She stated the adjustments have no effect on the bottom line but they need to be reported.

Res. 204-2010

“Move Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Rocho to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to approve the final 2010 budget adjustments as presented.”

Comr. Rocho noted that this has a positive impact on the budget.

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Motion CARRIED

3. Authorized Staffing Allocation Revision

Res. 205-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Todd to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to approve the authorized staffing allocation revision as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Motion CARRIED

4. Revised Employee Benefit Policy #340

Res. 206-2010

“Move Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Haadsma to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to approve the revised employee benefit policy #340 as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Motion CARRIED

13. CITIZENS TIME

Matthew Walbeck , lives in East Leroy, commented that Mr. Rae stated no one is entitled to any of these appointments but there was no vetting process used. He stated that by Mr. Rae’s own admission that none of these people should have been appointed. He stated that Comr. Rae is incompetent and it’s a good thing he would be gone in two weeks.

Todd Wildt stated that he can see why 4 of the Commissioners are leaving and it’s too bad it isn't 5. Two of the Commissioners have done an outstanding job and he’s glad he voted the way he did.

Steve Sacks, City of Battle Creek, stated he would like to thank Comrs. Camp and Haadsma. He told Comr. Rae he was disappointed in him and his actions were deplorable.

John Bollenbaugh told Comr. Camp that she was right, she was fighting for the taxpayers in the budget and he appreciated her standing up to other Commissioners. He stated Comr. Haadsma went out on the river with him and spent the whole day. He stated they found oil, told Enbridge then they cleaned it up,

even after they tried to deny it but Haadsma kept telling them. He stated he has footage of oil on land that Enbridge owns. He stated they have been lying and he has proof. He stated Enbridge is very powerful and they give donations but they don't help homeowners. He claims that he has his foreman backing him and admitting that he asked him to cover up oil.

Autumn Smith stated she has FOIA'd the EPA for documents. She stated the documents were due yesterday, but the EPA has asked for an extension. She claimed that the documents were going to prove something so her opinion is that they are fixing the documents. She called for Patrick Daniel, the CEO of Enbridge, to be put in jail.

Louis Monaweck apologized for not making more meetings but stated he would be sure to attend more now. He stated what he witnessed tonight left him shocked and appalled at the lack of process. He stated Comr. Rae's words were very divisive, not inclusive, and very unprofessional. He stated they heard from the public tonight, representative of the community. Comr. Rae's words in the paper were deplorable and shame on him.

14. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

Comr. Camp wished everyone a Merry Christmas despite the unpleasantness.

Comr. Todd wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Comr. Todd thanked Dana Kanouse-Jamerson, GM for Hampton Inn of Battle Creek, for everyone who could attend last Saturday. He stated it was a great gesture they showed.

Comr. Todd stated he is looking forward to working with new commission.

Comr. Lee stated his time on the Board has been a great learning experience. He stated the only negatives were the first meeting was gun board then tonight. He stated it has been a great time, a great learning experience and he wished everyone the best.

Comr. Haadsma stated it has been his privilege to work with the Commissioners. He stated judgments are made and people are elected to make judgments. He stated he is confident Chair Rae served as admirably as he could have and he made the best judgments he could. He noted that Commissioners have to vote their consciences and everyone did. He stated they have had battles but he has enjoyed working with all the Commissioners. He also commented that it has been a great opportunity working with administration and he is looking forward to the next 2 years.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

Res. 207-2010

“Move Comr. Rocho, supported by Comr. Todd to adopt the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to approve the Claims Payable for November 25 - December 9, 2010 in the amount of \$1,387,308.38 .”

On a voice vote, Yes – 7, Motion CARRIED

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners