

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 17, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 17, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Behnke, Todd, Haadsma, Camp Seifke, Frisbie, VanSickle and Kale

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Human Resources Director Kim Archambault and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board held a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comr. Frisbie.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Behnke, supported by Comr. Haadsma to approve the agenda of the November 17, 2011 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Behnke to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2011 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Nancy McFarlane, of 104 Lakewood and the CEO of Community Action, stated the Senior Millage Allocation Committee met to make recommendations on vendors that will come to the Board on December 1. She stated it had been announced that half of the home delivered meal program would be awarded to Kalamazoo Senior Services Inc. She stated Community Action had been awarded the whole program in the past and she believed they had always done a good job for the County. She stated Community Action employs 15 Calhoun County tax payers and they had provided good services to the seniors. She stated they had informed employees and to reduce confusion, they have notified clients. She stated they had recommended any seniors who had questions or complaints to contact Calhoun County Senior Services. She stated they would like to continue to provide services to the seniors of Calhoun County.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Carl Gibson, Calhoun County Senior Services Manager, announced the ending of the Senior Prescription Card Program that was started in 2010. He stated Medicare Part D has reduced the need for the service and the amount allocated was higher than the amount used. He stated they had notified users and recommended they switch to Medicare Part D. He stated seniors will pay more for Medicare Part D up from but will see bigger savings.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Presentation of Administrator/Controller's FY 2012 Budget Recommendation and Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2012 Budget

Administrator/Controller Scott stated she was presenting the 2012 recommended budget that was prepared in accordance to The Uniform Budget and Accounting Act and Board policies. She stated the proper notices had been posted in the newspaper and on county's website. She stated this budget was the result of a lot of determination and effort, starting with Budget Committee, who put in a lot of time and met once a month. She acknowledged the hard work of Budget Analyst Pam Kline, who provided technical leadership. She also acknowledged the Elected Officials and judges who recognized the emphasis on long term stability. She stated the Board was being presented with a balanced budget of approximately \$39.5 million and includes 32 fewer funded positions than 3 years ago. She pointed out the budget maintains the current level of reserves, or 10%, maintains a stable outlook and bond rating, and retains \$500,000 in the Capital Improvement fund while investing a balanced amount in human resources. She stated there have been 5 layoffs proposed and 9 hours reductions. She stated she recommended this budget to the Board of Commissioners and noted that it was subject to change until adopted on December 1.

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported Comr. Todd to open the public hearing on the Administrator/Controller's Recommended FY 2012 Budget."

Chair Kale stated the public hearing was open and asked for anyone with comment to come forward.

There were none.

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported Comr. Todd to close the public hearing on the Administrator/Controller’s Recommended FY 2012 Budget.”

B. World AIDS Day Proclamation

Comr. Haadsma read the World AIDS Day Proclamation into record.

Res. 157-2011

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, supported Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the special tribute to Lori Phillips as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

WORLD AIDS DAY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of Calhoun County’s greatest assets is the health of its people; and

WHEREAS, over 35 million people in the world now live with HIV/AIDS and two million of them are under the age of 15; and

WHEREAS, there are approximately 1.2 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health estimates that 170 people are HIV positive in Calhoun County, approximately twenty of whom are under the age of twenty; and

WHEREAS, the number of women living with HIV in the United States has tripled in the last two decades and in Calhoun County approximately 50 women are currently HIV positive; and

WHEREAS, the HIV prevalence estimates of all persons living in Calhoun County with a diagnosis of HIV or AIDS has steadily increased since 1983; and

WHEREAS, every 15 seconds a young person in our world, age 13-24, is infected with HIV, including two American teens every hour and one in five Americans do not know they have HIV; and

WHEREAS, it is important that we raise awareness of HIV/AIDs by fighting prejudice, improving education, remembering that HIV has not gone away, that we need to talk about it, provide testing and shine a light for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, President of the United States of America, Barack Obama, proclaimed December 1, 2011, as World AIDS Day;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners recognize Wednesday, December 1, 2011, as

“WORLD AIDS DAY”

In Calhoun County and urge all citizens to recognized and promote its observance.

Comrs. Haadsma and Kale presented the proclamation to Mr. Larry Dillon, who thanked the Commission for their support and announced free, anonymous HIV testing will take place Thursday, December 1 from 2:00 – 5:30 p.m. at the Urban League of Battle Creek, 172 W. Van Buren Street in Battle Creek.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. City of Battle Creek Notice of Public Hearing for an Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate Request from TRMI, Inc.

B. Resolutions

Res. 157-2011

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the Consent Agenda of the November 17, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

There were none.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Administrator/Controller Scott stated she had failed to recognize HR Director Archambault for her work during the budget process. She noted Archambault had the difficult task of guiding Department Heads through the layoff procedure to ensure employees were treated as respectfully as possible.

Administrator/Controller Scott also acknowledged the invaluable input provided by Corporation Counsel Lindsey and Assistant County Administrator Wilcox.

A. Award Bid for Restoration of Kimball Pines Structures

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the item was part of the effort to clean up damage done by the May storms and came from a recommendation by the Parks Trustees Board to approve Summit Building Services, LLC to repair structures in Kimball Pines. She stated the County provides insurance for the parks through MMRMA. She stated there was still discussion ongoing for harvesting timber and restoring the park to original.

Res. 158-2011

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported Comr. Behnke to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the bid award for the restoration of Kimball Pines structures.”

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

B. October 2011 Financial Statements

Administrator/Controller Scott stated it appeared the General Fund is on track. She stated there were still a couple more months to monitor but they were still projecting to end the year with a small surplus and 10% fund balance.

“Moved Comr. Behnke, supported Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept for information the October 2011 Financial Statements.”

On a voice vote, Yes – 7. Motion CARRIED.

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

There was none.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Kale stated he was really impressed with the Executive Team and the efforts of Comrs. Frisbie and Haadsma. He stated the budget was very difficult and he had often used the term gut wrenching. He stated it took great effort by the Elected Officials, Department Heads, everyone and it made a difficult process easy that everyone worked together.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

Res. 159-2011

“Moved Comr. Behnke, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Claims Payable Listing for October 28 – November 10, 2011 in the amount of \$1,209,246.38.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Todd announced he was recently named the Interim President of the Battle Creek National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He alerted everyone there was an individual trying to come into the community to protest but this individual did not represent the NAACP in any way. He stated the person had not been authorized by the Battle Creek, state or national branch and they are totally against what he was doing.

Comr. Frisbie claimed he was sorry to report that the Pennfield Beavers football team lost but he wished the best to Harper Creek in the state finals.

Comr. Todd announced if anyone wanted to watch a good high school football locally, Battle Creek Central would be hosting a Division 1 game at 1:00 on Saturday, November 19.

Comr. VanSickle congratulated Albion College on their advancement to the NCAA Division III Football Championship.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners