

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 7, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 7, 2012 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. Dunn, Todd, Haadsma, Camp Seifke, Frisbie, VanSickle and Kale

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

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sheriff Byam thanked everyone for their support during the passing of Chief Deputy Marshall Weeks. He stated Weeks was very well regarded and honors have come in as far away as Washington D.C.

The Board held a moment of silence in honor of Chief Deputy Weeks followed by the Star Spangled Banner sung by Cereal City Barbershop Chorus.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the agenda of the June 7, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the May 17, 2012 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Derek King, Emmett Township, announced he was running for County Commissioner in District 5 and gave his background information.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There was none.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was none.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

There was none.

B. Resolution

1. Department of Human Service Board Re-Appointment
(Term Expires December 31, 2013)

 {a} Michael Lind
2. Marshall Township Resolution Concerning 911 Funding Proposal
3. Marshall Township Resolution Concerning the Final Disposition, Maintenance and Control of Funding for Saylor's Landing
4. Marshall Township Request Sheriff Department and Emmett Charter Township Enforcement at Ceresco Bridge
5. Marshall Township Request to Calhoun County Road Commission for Signage at Ceresco Bridge
6. Marshall Township Request for Emmett Charter Township's Support of Signage at Ceresco Bridge
7. Van Buren County Resolution Opposing the Proposed Rate Increase for Foster Care Facilities

Res. 57-2012

“Moved Comr. Camp Seifke, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the June 7, 2012 Consent Agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Dunn stated she had attended her first Goguac Lake Board meeting and was learning the Board's responsibilities.

Comr. Kale stated the Road Commission Task Force met and had discussion about the matrix reflective of the last 5 years of Road Commission audits. He stated they looked at key financial indicators and he felt some numbers and trends were disturbing including a significant decline in cash and a negative unrestricted fund balance. He stated they would hear from Dave Fisher of Rehmann Robson about comparative analysis at the next meeting on June 22 at 7:30 a.m. Kale advised the Task Force was planning to invite the Road Commission management team to discuss concerns as well. He stated more information and the meeting schedule would be on the website and in the paper.

Comr. Todd stated he had attended a Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) meeting and they made amendments to their fiscal year projects, including a resurfacing project moved from 2014 to this year.

Comr. Frisbie stated he had attended an AMSA meeting where they had discussion on the benefits of collaboration of administrative services.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board (FLRSB) met May 18 and will meet again on June 29. The FLRSB received the check from Firekeepers Casino for just under \$4.9 million and will be issuing checks for all of the remaining funds except the unassigned 5% of the Tier 4 portion. She stated the County would receive approximately \$416,000. She stated they were looking forward to finalizing last year's audit.

Scott noted she had attended the Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers (MACAO) spring conference where they discussed topics such as revenue sharing, the proposed elimination of personal property tax, Road Commission consolidations and the Kolbe Index, which measures one's instinctive motivation.

Scott advised the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation had met but did not have quorum so no action was taken. She stated they had discussed the Casino Corridor planning effort and got input on the proposal for Calhoun County Planning Director Bomba to work with Emmett and Marshall Townships, the Sackriders, the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians, the County Road Commission, the Cities of Marshall and Battle Creek and the Michigan Department of Transportation to communicate about proposed development in the Casino Corridor. She noted a proposal would be heard by the Local Revenue Sharing Board for consideration of funding.

Scott stated she had met with The Coordinating Council regarding the PA2 budget carryover of remaining funds after budget and the Sobriety Court's request for a \$21,000 and Psychological Consultants for drug testing asked for \$20,000. She stated they supported the recommendation for an amended budget so she would be working on putting that together. She stated the Coordinating Council had an accumulated carryover from prior years of about \$193,000 that had to be used on substance abuse prevention and treatment.

Scott announced the State Court of Appeals awarded in favor of Blue Cross Blue Shield. She stated we were originally awarded about \$1.1 million last fall in a summary judgment and unless we request the case go to the Supreme Court, the case would be closed. She stated last spring there had been a jury trial for \$1.5 million that also ruled in favor of Blue Cross Blue Shield. She stated it was very disappointing news, we had hoped the court would side in favor of us that Blue Cross Blue Shield breached our contract and fraudulently concealed some of the fees we have paid for many years. She stated if, after talking to the attorney, they decide to take the case of the Supreme Court, there will be a closed session at a future Board meeting.

Scott reminded everyone she would be attending the Honeywell User Group's annual conference in Arizona to speak about Honeywell's work for the County. She stated the County project had well exceeded expectations so Honeywell invited to host her at the conference to present the County's story at one of the sessions.

B. New Business

1. Amended Calhoun County Address Ordinance of 2000, Ordinance Number 2000-1

Scott stated the Ordinance was the result of discussion from the Legislative Liaisons after seeking input from local governmental officials and Consolidated Dispatch. She stated the Road Commission had been administering the Ordinance.

Corporation Counsel Lindsey stated prior to 2000 there was no ordinance dealing with addressing. He stated the original Ordinance was prepared by the Road Commission then sent to Board of Commissioners for adoption. He stated there are issues across the county regarding road names and it was very much a public safety issue. He noted the appeal process was not clear so it had been clarified and made it more responsive to the citizens.

Res. 58-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, Supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the Amended Calhoun County Address Ordinance of 2000, Ordinance Number 2000-1 as presented and shall become effective immediately upon publication of notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation in Calhoun County.”

Comr. Camp Seifke stated this was a good example of collaboration for a better product and she had heard only positive feedback about how we name private roads. She stated it was time for changes to the Ordinance to make it square with GIS and she applauded Administration for communicating with the townships. She stated from what she heard from residents was that this wasn't balanced enough, particularly the appeals process. She stated if her concern was warranted she would bring it back at a later time, and she would be voting no.

Comr. VanSickle stated the Legislative Liaisons committee spent considerable time reviewing the Ordinance and he felt it was a very workable ordinance that works for the safety of Calhoun County. He stated it would be in place so residents can be found.

Comr. Haadsma commended Administration for being outreaching to residents and said he would be supporting the Ordinance.

Comr. Kale stated he would vote in favor. He stated he understood he would have to make adjustments at his own home because the addresses were hard to find. He stated the County had gotten feedback and reacted.

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, No – 1 (Camp Seifke). Motion CARRIED.

Res. 59-2012

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, supported by Comr. Camp Seifke to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby appoint Erin Cummings as the Calhoun County Address Administrator.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

Comr. Camp Seifke also stated she appreciated working with Erin (Cummings, Calhoun County Addressing Coordinator), as she did a good job.

2. Approval of W.K. Kellogg Foundation Grant Agreement

Paul Makoski, Environmental Health Manager introduced Ryan Tetrault, Sanitary Engineer and Bonnie Detwiler, Health Department Financial Consultant.

Makoski stated the grant is to develop a program to identify lead in the drinking water of schools and child care facilities then take care of remediation. He stated it was designed to be a pilot program and what was developed will be used by other communities. He noted it was a non-enforceable program that would require communication, education and collaboration with parents and superintendents. He confirmed the program was fully grant funded and they didn't expect large remediation costs because the water supply going in the buildings had safe levels of lead, and so the issues will be inside the buildings with things such as drinking fountains.

Tetrault stated a lot of fountains put in before 1984 had brass or bronze pipes and you tend to get lead from them, and so remediation could be as simple as changing a fitting or changing the use of softeners.

Makoski stated findings would be reported to the school districts and that's as far as it goes. He stated the Health Department was not responsible for giving reports to any other government agency. He noted they anticipate all buildings can be done in the three year grant timeline.

Res. 60-2012

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, Supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the acceptance of the W.K. Kellogg Grant Agreement beginning June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2015 for the 3T’s for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Schools Program.”

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

3. Calhoun County Public Health Department FYE 2012 Budget Adjustments

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the Health Department had an October to September fiscal year and the summary was to indicate the total revenue adjusted up, as well as expenditures the same.

Detwiler confirmed there was no impact in the total budget and no additional County General Funds were being requested.

Comr. Frisbie thanked Bonnie for her help and stated she had brought expertise and clarity to the Health Department finances.

Res. 61-2012

“Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approves the Calhoun County Public Health Department FYE 2012 Budget Adjustments .”

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

There was none.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Todd stated he had received an email from Representative Kate Segal stating that Saturday, June 16 would be the Battle Creek Juneteenth celebration of the culture of the African American community. He stated there would also be a Freedom Walk to benefit sickle cell that would kick off at 11. He invited everyone to join in the celebration.

Comr. Kale stated that Memorial Day weekend he went to the National Cemetery for their ceremonies and commended Nola Batch for doing a great job putting it together.

Comr. Kale stated he had visited Steel Products, producer of railroad products in Homer, and it was an impressive plant with knowledgeable people.

Comr. Kale stated he attended the Branch County Economic Summit where the emphasis was that businesses were looking for an educated work force and highways for transportation.

Comr. Kale stated there was a serious issue going on in Albion, as Battle Creek Health System has pulled the Doctor from Albion and moved him back to Battle Creek. He stated there had been discussions going on, he had tried to call the Chair at the Health Center and he was waiting for a call back.

Comr. Frisbie paid a debt of gratitude to Colonel Sidell, who retired last Saturday. He stated Colonel Sidell had really gone to bat for the Battle Creek base. He stated he attended the Change of Command Ceremony for the Wing Commander bringing in Colonel Ron Wilson and talked to the General from the State of Michigan, who gave his support of the 110.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Claims Payable for May 11-31, 2012 in the Amount of \$1,719,019.72

Res. 62-2012

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Claims Payable Listing for May 11-31, 2012 in the amount of \$1,719,019.72.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Todd congratulated Sherry Rarick Geisel and her dance class as they held their 50th annual dance recital at W.K. Kellogg Auditorium.

Comr. Frisbie congratulated the recent Pennfield High School graduates including his daughter Lindsey. He stated the Superintendent announced the class received over \$1million in scholarships and he was pleased to see the community steps up and supports kids.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners