

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

November 1, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, November 1, 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 (arrived at 7:20), Haadsma, Frisbie, VanSickle and Kale

Absent: Comr. Camp Seifke

Staff Present: County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County 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

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. VanSickle to approve the agenda of the November 1, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners amended with the addition of the Road Department Claims Payable."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the October 18, 2012 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Haadsma to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Matt Saxton, Sheriff-elect, complimented Kim Archambault and Richard Lindsey for stepping up and taking over the United Way campaign for the County. He stated they had done a great job and the County came in over goal.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There were none.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Calhoun County Trailway Project Update Presentation

Bob Gregerson, Trailway Project Manager, introduced Tim Stewart of Hurley & Stewart to provide the latest update on the Calhoun County Trailway Project.

Tim Stewart, Trailway Project Engineer, stated they had solidified the route of the trail, submitted for permit applications and approvals with the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Transportation and the State Historic Preservation office. He stated the next step was to resolve outstanding issues in one area of the Ott Preserve but they had met with the Friends of the Ott and felt like they were close to having the route set for formal submittal to the Department of Transportation. He stated they had also secured the necessary five easements and if everything fell into place with MDOT they were looking at bidding in April and construction in early fall.

B. Special Tribute to Ann Rosenbaum

Comr. Kale read the special tribute to Ann Rosenbaum into the record.

**WHEREAS**, Ann Rosenbaum was born in Brooklyn, New York and spent her teen years growing up in Long Island; and

**WHEREAS**, She graduated with a B.A. in History from Hofstra University and a Masters in Public Administration from Western Michigan University; and

**WHEREAS**, Ann Rosenbaum moved to Battle Creek in 1969, became the Deputy Treasurer of Calhoun County in 1979 and the Treasurer in 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, She has served as the Calhoun County Treasurer from 1980 through 2012, acting as the custodian of all monies and securities for Calhoun County with the primary function being the settlement with local units of government for current tax collections of all delinquent real taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Ann Rosenbaum has served as a member of the Board of Directors for many organizations in Calhoun County such as Kellogg Community College, Oaklawn Hospital, Fort Custer Tax Increment Financing Authority, Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau, Burnham Brook, Region 111B Area Agency on Aging , to name just a few; and

**WHEREAS**, She holds several professional memberships, such as the Who's Who of American Women, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, National Association of County Treasurers and more; and

**WHEREAS**, Ann Rosenbaum will retire from Calhoun County on December 31, 2012 after an unprecedented career as the Treasurer of Calhoun County; and

**WHEREAS**, She has two sons, Russell and David; two grandchildren who are the loves of her life, Beth Anne and Cameron; and is very close with her three stepdaughters, Natasha, Katrina and Alena and their children Julia, Matthew and Cecilia.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners would like to thank Ann Rosenbaum for her years of service and unwavering dedication to the citizens of Calhoun County and wish her the very best in her retirement.

Res. 147-2012

"Moved Comr. Dunn, Supported Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the special tribute to Ann Rosenbaum as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

C. Proclamation to Honor the United States Air Force Band of Flight Concert Band

Comr. Frisbie read the proclamation to honor the United States Air Force Band of Flight Concert Band into the record.

**Whereas** The United States Air Force Band of Flight is one of the 12 bands in the Air Force. The band's purpose is to support the global Air Force mission in war and peace by fostering our national heritage and providing professional musical products and services for official military, recruiting, and community relations events; and

**Whereas** The Concert Band is the largest and most versatile of The United States Air Force Band of Flight; and

**Whereas** Under the baton of 1sr Lt. Daniel Boothe, the band will present its program titled "On Tour!" The Concert Band will perform a variety of new and well-known works to include marches, vocal selections, and patriotic music; and

**Whereas** Virtuosity will shine in Luis Serrano Alarcon’s “Concertango”, a masterful tour de force for alto saxophone, jazz trio and symphonic winds. The band will also spotlight staff arranger Tech. Sgt. Scott Wise, a Quincy, Michigan native and Interlochen Arts Academy graduate; and

**Whereas** Through excerpts from the 1940 Franklin D. Roosevelt radio broadcast and use of a live narrator, Sergeant Wise’s composition “The Arsenal of Democracy” will tell the story of Detroit and the United States’ industrial contributions to our European allies during World War II; and

**Whereas** The Yellow Ribbon Committee presents The United Air Force Band of Flight Concert Band on Monday, November 5, 2012 doors open at 6:00pm at the W.K. Auditorium 50 West Van Buren, Battle Creek, Michigan. The concert is part of the weekly performances through the country with very special musical talent; and

**Now, therefore,** the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners recognizes the United Air Force Band of Flight Concert Band Concert Band and encourages the citizens of Calhoun County to attend their November 5 concert in Battle Creek. For more information about this and other performances by your United States Air Force Band of Flight, please go to [www.bandofflight.af.mil](http://www.bandofflight.af.mil). Or call (269) 589-6208.

Res. 148-2012

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported Comr. Haadsma to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt the proclamation honoring the United States Air Force Band of Flight Concert Band as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Oceana County Resolution Opposing Ballot Proposition 3 and 5

B. Resolutions

1. Solid Waste Advisory Committee Appointments  
(Terms to Expire December 31, 2014)

- {a} Ken Kohs
- {b} Cheryl Vosburg
- {c} Walt Obrinske

Res. 149-2012

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the consent agenda of the November 1, 2012 meeting as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Haadsma noted he had attending a meeting of the Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS), where there was an introduction of Mindy Smith, the new Executive Director of KCMHSAS. He stated that agency ensures that dollars are distributed to our substance abuse prevention and treatment programs

Comr. Haadsma stated he went to the Jail Population Management Committee meeting and would be following the population numbers diligently because of increased policing of probation violators, the problems and cost of sobriety court participants fail and issues arising because of child support arrearage.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller’s Report

1. Calhoun County Road Department

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the new County Road Department went live today and the resolution that was on the agenda for approval would complete most of the legal issues and formalities. She stated she had meetings scheduled to discuss communication, operational issues and would be moving forward with discussions on change.

2. Care Here Project

Administrator/Controller Scott stated she would like to provide an update on the consideration of new “onsite” or “near site” employee health clinic in Battle Creek that was a collaborative effort with the City of Battle Creek and Toyota Tsusho.

Human Resources Director Archambault stated they had brought forth information on the Care Here collaboration and there had been some questions about Care Here and why they were chosen. She stated Toyota Tsusho was spearheading the project and their representative was present to explain the choice.

Scott Fillion of Toyota Tsoshu in Battle Creek, stated Toyota had 35 clinic locations with Care Here in the United States. He stated Toyota was headquartered in Georgetown, Kentucky and was frustrated with the rising cost of health care so they did a thorough comparison of employer sponsored clinics. He stated there had to be approximately 800 employees to have a full time clinic. He stated Toyota collaborates with government entities or public or private corporations to generate enough people attending the clinic to earn savings. He shared the comparison Toyota compiled on several companies and their plans, Care Here was an independent organization, and their model was transparent. He stated there would be no copay for prescriptions or office visits, costs would be at a wholesale price and passed on to the client, doctors could make sure that patients were staying on their medications and track their conditions closely. He stated Toyota was asking for collaboration with the County, the City of Battle Creek and had approached Kalamazoo County.

Corporation Counsel Lindsey stated he met with City of Battle Creek Risk Manager Hensley and their attorney for a phone conference with Care Here. He stated it was a very simple plan and they only came across minor issues that could be taken care of quickly.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated we were looking at a way to enter into a contract that was financially favorable to the county, would save healthcare costs, and would be better for employees, giving them one-stop shopping for all of their healthcare needs, offered at wholesale costs. She stated as soon as the legal questions were answered, there would be a contract brought back to the Board. She stated Care Here would work in the community to find the right doctors for the clinic. Scott stated an interlocal agreement with the city and an agreement with Care Here would be presented to the Board, possibly in December. She stated it would be approximately four months after Board approval for the clinic to open. She stated Calhoun County would be ahead of a lot of governments in Michigan with this type of program but there are many of them all over the United States. She stated the clinic was an option for employees, they were not required to use it but study shows that within a year about 63% of employees use the clinic as their primary provider.

Comr. Frisbie requested a summary of services the clinic would provide.

## B. New Business

### 1. Resolution Regarding Road Commission Contractual Obligations

Administrator/Controller Scott stated Corporation Counsel Lindsey worked with Road Department staff to develop a full list of contracts from the Road Commission so the county could take control. She stated we were still working on employment agreements for the Managing Director and Assistant Director as well as still working with unions to determine whether to move Road Department employees to the County health insurance plan. She stated if there were any other contracts out there that weren't included on the list, they would need to be brought to the Board separately.

Corporation Counsel Lindsey stated he had reviewed the contracts, they all had short termination clauses and the list included with the agenda materials provided short descriptions of each.

Scott stated one of the resolutions passed at the last meeting stated the Road Department would follow the County purchasing policy. She stated the department had a handle on everything that was out there and was putting efficiencies in place to get best prices.

Res. 150-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, Supported Comr. Todd to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the resolution regarding Road Commission Contractual Obligations as presented.”

**WHEREAS** the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners did on September 20, 2012, resolve to dissolve the Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners and transfer the powers, duties and functions provided by law for that Board to the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, effective November 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners wishes to assume, honor, or otherwise take action relative to the contractual obligations of the Calhoun County Road Commission in existence as of October 31, 2012;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners will, solely to the extent required by law, honor the terms of the Labor Agreement between the Board of County Road Commissioners and Unit 1 Service Employees International Union, Local No. 517M, through the end of the December 31, 2012, contract term;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners will, solely to the extent required by law, honor the terms of the Labor Agreement between the Board of County Road Commissioners and Teamsters, State, County and Municipal Workers Local No. 214, through the end of the May 19, 2013, contract term;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that each of the above-mentioned unions is recognized as the collective bargaining representative for the bargaining units covered by said Labor Agreements;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that all references in the above-mentioned Labor Agreements to the “Employer” shall be deemed to reference the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and all references to the “Managing Director” shall be deemed to reference the Calhoun County Administrator/Controller or designee;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as of November 1, 2012, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners recognizes and assumes all existing grant-related contractual obligations entered into by the Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners through the end of the applicable grant-contract periods;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as of November 1, 2012, the following existing contractual agreements entered into by the Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners are recognized and assumed by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners through the end of the applicable contract period:

MDOT – State Trunkline Maintenance Contract – Expiration: 9/30/16

Trash, recycling collection – Expiration: 12/31/14

Snow removal – Expiration: 12/31/12

Brush grinding – Expiration: 12/31/13

Roadside mowing – Expiration 12/31/12

Sodium chloride – Expiration: 4/30/13

Culverts – Expiration: 4/19/13

Pavement markings (lines) – Expiration: 4/19/14

HMA – Expiration: 4/19/13

Tree and stump removal – Expiration: 4/19/13

Aggregate – Expiration: 4/19/14

Materials Testing Services - Expiration: 12/31/14

Bridge Engineering, 23 Mile Road Bridge Replacement Project – Expiration: Completion of Project

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that as of November 1, 2012, the Capital Lease Agreement between the Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners and Michigan Leasing and Financial Services for the financing/lease/purchase and outfitting of six trucks is recognized and assumed by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners;

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Employment Agreements between Managing Director Kevin Henning and Assistant Managing Director Mary Jo Crumpton and the Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners are not adopted or assumed by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and the Calhoun County Administrator/Controller is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into employment agreements with said individuals on or after November 1, 2012; and

**IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED** that, other than as set forth herein or in any prior or subsequent resolution of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, no other existing contractual or other obligations of the Calhoun County Board of Road Commissioners are recognized, adopted or assumed by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (Camp Seifke). Motion CARRIED.



2. Publicly Funded Health Insurance Act of 2011

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was the second year of the requirement to comply with Public Act 152, requiring us to limit the amount we, as an employer, contributes to health care. She stated this was in line with our bargaining agreements and would apply to all employees of the County, courts and Road Department except the non-supervisory department of the office of the Sheriff (POAM) because they have an existing bargaining agreement in place through 2013. She stated this would save the county some costs, having the employees pay 20% of the premium instead of 15%. She stated Administration was again recommending the 80%/20% option for healthcare costs now totaling approximately \$6 million.

Human Resources Director Archambault stated open enrollment for employee health insurance in the second week of November. She stated the CB1 plan would be changed to have a small deductible and the office copay would go up, the CB3 plan would also increase the office visit charge. She stated that by making these changes we brought the Blue Cross Blue Shield increase down to 10.2% from 14.9%. She stated we rolled all the disability plans into one policy, the dental would be the same and the vision plan would allow for services every year instead of every other year. She stated Administration would bring the Non-Union Benefits Policy and a proposal for changing the Defined Benefit Pension plan administrator to a future Board meeting.

Scott stated the increase was built into the budget assumptions for next year, at a 10% cost increase, and the Care Here potential savings had not been figured into the budget.

Res. 151-2012

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, Supported Comr. Dunn to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby adopt Section 4 of the Publicly Funded Health Care Insurance Contribution Act of 2011.”

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (Camp Seifke). Motion CARRIED.

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Matthew Hall, Sheridan Township, thanked Comr. Haadsma for inviting him to his coffee hour to answer questions. He stated the Road Department employees had started looking at policies and spirits were high.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Frisbie congratulated and welcomed the new Road Department employees. He stated it was a long road, thanked them for sticking with us, and said we were glad to have them on board.

Comr. Todd stated he had attend the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study meeting on October 24 and they had voted in support of the PA 152 updated resolution to extend their opt out, matching the City of Battle Creek’s option.

Comr. Todd apologized for being tardy to the meeting, he was attending the Battle Creek Community Foundation's Ambassador training. He stated folks from Community Inclusive Recreation provided entertainment and he was pinned an ambassador.

Comr. Todd stated the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study had activities coming up that he would share, those interested could contact him. He stated they had voted to modify the National Functional Classification (NFC) of Avenue A and are looking at possibly re-routing the avenue. He stated the re-routing was still in the planning process but he wanted to let everyone know they were planning to address the issue with Avenue A.

Comr. Kale welcomed the Calhoun County Road Department to Calhoun County family. He stated it had been a long, arduous process but the whole purpose was to become efficient. He stated we had a great Executive Team and if there was anything they could do to help, he was sure they would. He stated he was looking forward to having them in the County family.

#### 15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. County Claims Payable for October 12 - 25, 2012 in the Amount of \$827,601.37 and Road Department Claims Payable for October 17 – 31, 2012 in the Amount of \$281,447.43.

##### Res. 152-2012

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the County Claims Payable Listing for October 12 - 25, 2012 in the Amount of \$827,601.37 and Road Department Claims Payable in the amount of \$281,447.43."

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (Camp Seifke). Motion CARRIED

#### 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Haadsma thanked Matthew Hall for attending his coffee hour to answer questions on Road Department procedures.

Comr. Haadsma announced he would be having a breakfast at Dotties Cafe on Territorial Road with the folks from the Ott at 7:30 on November 3.

Comr. Haadsma stated the Urban League would be hosting a basketball fundraiser at the Battle Creek Central gym.

Comr. Todd stated Harper Creek and St. Phil would be playing in the playoffs on November 2 and wished them good luck.

Comr. Frisbie stated there would be an arts and crafts show to support the Education Foundation at Pennfield Middle School on November 3 from 9 – 3.

Comr. Kale announced he was having a meet and greet Saturday, November 3 at his car wash next to Family Fare in Albion, with a pig roast and free car washes from 11-2.

Comr. Dunn announced the Harper Creek girls volleyball team would be playing in the district finals on Friday, November 2 at 7p.m. at Harper Creek High School.

Comr. Frisbie announced there would be a Veterans Day observance at Fort Custer on Sunday, November 11 at 11:00.

Comr. Kale reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming election.

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

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Clerk  
Calhoun County