

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 2, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 2, 2013 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Dunn, Haadsma, Frisbie, King, VanSickle and Kale

Excused: Comr. Todd

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

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. VanSickle to approve the agenda of the May 2, 2013 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 April 18, 2013 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the minutes of the April 18, 2013 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion **CARRIED**.

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Creighton Burrows, B Drive North, stated he attended a meeting in August and talked about this same thing, on B Drive North there were dead trees and terrible road conditions from the City of Marshall to 20 Mile Road. He stated he called the administrative office, left a message but no one had called him back and he wanted something done. He stated he had never seen county roads as bad as they were in Calhoun County and something needed to change.

Larry Skelding, Pennfield, stated that on Pennfield Road the cars were crossing over to ride on the other side because only the south side of the road was smooth. He stated it was dangerous and they would like help.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Matt Smith, Chief Assistant Prosecutor for Calhoun County, stated they continue to issue approximately 450 warrants per month, have cleared up the backlog and were now working on cold cases. He stated they were digging into old files to try to bring justice to people. He stated they had met with the Sheriff and other law enforcement officials to discuss the issue of people stealing then going to a pawn shop or second hand dealers. He explained that Kalamazoo had a system that required their dealers to use an electronic system and they are charged \$.25 per transaction. He stated this put all dealer inventory into a uniform, searchable database that was accessible to law enforcement. He stated stolen items could easily be searched and alerts could be issued when items are stolen so dealers could watch for it. Smith stated that the Prosecutor's Office had agreed with Calhoun County law enforcement they would develop a uniform statute based on the Kalamazoo system. He stated the and Prosecutor Gilbert would be going to the townships and cities to try to have uniform ordinances passed that require the use of this system and requires gold and silver retailers to hold their property for 21 days. He explained to the Board that some areas of the County may not be covered under the local ordinances so they would be coming before the Board sometime in the future asking to adopt a county wide ordinance that will be identical to the local ordinances. He stated they wanted to be sure thieves don't have an area in the county where they know they can go without the increased scrutiny.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was none.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Village of Homer Resolution in Support of Conducting a New Vote on 9-1-1 Phone Surcharge Funding.
2. Sheridan Township Resolution in Support of Conducting a New Vote on 9-1-1 Phone Surcharge Funding.

3. Leroy Township Resolution Requesting the County Board of Commissioners Place the 911 Surcharge Funding Proposal Back on the Ballot for Calhoun County Voters.

B. Resolutions

There were none.

Res. 74-2013

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the consent agenda of the April 18, 2013 meeting with the removal of Agenda Item 9B2 for discussion.”

On a voice vote, Motion **CARRIED**.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. VanSickle stated the Planning Commission meeting for April had been canceled due to a lack of agenda items.

Comr. VanSickle stated Homer Lake Board met and discussed the dredging of Homer Lake. He stated it is a needed project but it will be very expensive. He noted that in 2003 the project was turned down at \$1.4 million but now they were moving forward with a new engineer to see if they could give an opinion on the scope and cost of the project to see where they want to go with it.

Comr. Dunn stated the South Central Michigan Planning Council (SMPC) met the prior week with the Northwestern Planning Council, which covered ten counties in the Traverse City area, and they were the model the Governor would like to see other planning councils modeled after. She stated it looked like we may lose Barry County but gain three more counties. She noted changes were going on hold for now but members of our council were going to Traverse City to attend their meeting next month.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller’s Report

There was none.

B. New Business

1. Approval of the Submission of the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) Grant Application to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA) by the Office of the Sheriff

Assistant County Administrator Wilcox stated the request was from the Office of the Sheriff to approve the submission of a Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) grant to cover the cost of tasers with video cameras. He stated this grant was offered by our insurance carrier, Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) and would assist in lowering liability. He stated the project budget was for \$12,660.40, the grant would cover \$3,200, the remainder would be paid for by drug forfeiture and no funds would be required from the general fund.

Corporation Counsel explained the video camera was built in to the taser so it was ideal to show the situation as it unfolds to limit liability and there would be no impact on the budget.

Res. 75-2013

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported by Comr. Haadsma to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the submission of the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP) grant application to the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Association (MMRMA) to assist in the purchase of Tasers for law enforcement deputies.”

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Matt Hall, Sheridan Township, Road Department employee and union steward for the Teamsters, stated he had walked and patched roads personally and he wanted people to know the Road Department employees were working hard.

Hall also announced the First Baptist and several other churches were on the circle around the fountain because this was National Prayer Day and they prayed for everyone in government.

Mark Janousek, Convis Township, asked for the status of the Wilder Creek property that was up for bid. Corporation Counsel Lindsey offered to talk with him after the meeting.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Haadsma commended Chief Assistant Prosecutor Smith for the recommendation he brought to the Board about the pawn shops tracking stolen items was a great idea. He stated he would like to see the ordinance brought to the County at the forefront instead of at the end because this is a problem and we want the whole county on the same page.

Comr. King thanked Matt Hall for being at the meeting and for his comments. He told him to keep up the good work and let him know that it was being noticed.

Comr. Frisbie acknowledged Chief Assistant Prosecutor Smith and asked if the Board could get the information they were working with so they could talk to their municipalities and show support for the program. He agreed with Comr. Haadsma, stating if we don't cover the entire county, there will be places the thieves can hide.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County payables for April 12 -25, 2013 in the amount of \$13,136,424.54, the County P-Card payables for March 2013 in the amount of \$23,246.31 and the Road Department payables in the amount of \$258,220.77

Res. 76-2013

"Moved Comr. Dunn, Supported Comr. Haadsma to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners County do hereby approve the Calhoun County payables for April 12 -25, 2013 in the amount of \$13,136,424.54, the County P-Card payables for March 2013 in the amount of \$23,246.31 and the Road Department payables in the amount of \$258,220.77.

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Kale announced there would be a public road forum on Wednesday, May 8, at 6:30 at Burnham Brook with MDOT and the county represented. He invited public to attend.

A resident stated he was supportive of the Prosecutor's idea for tracking stolen items.

Comr. Kale congratulated Blaine Van Sickle for his 40 years of service on the MarLee School Board, 20 years as Board Chair. He stated Blaine's family had a long history of service to MarLee and the school has remained an educational leader under Blaine's leadership. He congratulated Blaine and thanked him for his service.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Res. 77-2013

"Moved Comr. King, Supported by Comr. Dunn to retire to closed session to discuss labor negotiations."

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

The Board retired to closed session at 7:34 p.m. The Board returned to open session at 8:23 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County