

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 1, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 1, 2014 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, Todd, Haadsma, Frisbie, King, VanSickle and Kale

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

2 and 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE 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. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the agenda of the May 1, 2014 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 15, 2014 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2014 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

There was none.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Carl Gibson, Senior Services Manager, announced that May was Older Americans Month and next month was Older Michiganians Month. He stated he had attended a Conference on Elders Justice in Lansing sponsored by the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan and found that financial exploitation had become the biggest problem seniors were facing. He stated we needed to change our culture and society to protect our elders. He announced Senior Services had been awarded a \$750 grant from the Marshall Community Foundation for support of meals at the Senior Fair. He stated the Senior Services Incorporated of Kalamazoo, our vendor for the meals program for the area seniors, had been interviewed for a possible story about cutting back on meal delivery from five days a week to three. He noted this change was not because of funding problems but because the amounts of meals delivered in Calhoun County was over 20% higher than expected this year, driving them over budget. He stated they were not planning to cut them back but they wanted to be able to meet the need and they would be discussing at the next Senior Millage Allocation Meeting. He stated the demand and quality has far exceed what they have had in the past but he was very pleased.

Gibson congratulated Michelle Hill on her retirement and wished her good luck.

Sheriff Matt Saxton stated the new Report Management System and Jail Management System was scheduled to go live May 5. He stated he had extra staff working to transfer their approximately 555 inmates into the new system. He announced the Federal Inspection of the jail facility was scheduled for May 15.

Saxton stated the law enforcement contract with the Village of Homer would begin on May 16, if approved when presented for Board approval at their May 15 meeting. He stated the Office of the Sheriff was busy with all that happening.

Saxton extended his congratulations and thanks to Michelle Hill on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. He stated she had been a tremendous asset to the County and she was very appreciated.

Saxton announced that on Friday, May 9, he and Art Kale would be celebrity servers at the Safe Place fundraiser at the McCamly Plaza Hotel. He stated it was a great cause and a great organization and invited everyone to attend.

Assistant Prosecutor Matthew Smith announced the Economic Crimes Unit was started about 30 days prior and had about 20 people enrolled, and that they were hoping to increase it to 30 per month. He stated he met with the largest stores in the county and their security managers to explain the program and they were very enthusiastic.

Smith stated that Dave Heiss had left the Prosecutor's Office to take the position of Attorney Magistrate in District Court and Angelice Camfield Kieper was their new Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. He wished Michelle Hill the best of luck in her retirement, stating she had been an absolute treasure to work with and wished Kate Ambrose luck as she filled Michelle's position.

Comr. Haadsma asked Assistant Prosecutor Smith for more information about the Economic Crimes Unit.

Smith stated individuals who were charged with larceny offenses, mostly retail fraud, could qualify for the program if they didn't have an extensive criminal history; paid the Prosecutor's Office for processing time; had a one on one meeting with him; paid all restitution; wrote an apology letter to the victim; and go through two 2 hour long cognitive thinking programs. He stated he and his wife, who used to teach a similar program in Kent County, went through the program in Ingham County. He stated it wasn't so much a shoplifting class but one that teaches people that as their emotions get higher the less their ability was to think clearly. He stated they were taught how to recognize when their emotions were getting higher, how to step out of that situation, and come up with a new plan that didn't involve things that were illegal. Smith explained the second half of the program required them to go through an exercise that required them to explain to the group what effects their crime had had on them, those around them and the community as a whole. He stated that if they successfully completed all of the requirements they were not prosecuted and if charges had already been instituted, they would be dismissed. He noted if they didn't complete all the requirements within the required time frame the charges would re-instituted.

Smith stated the Economic Crimes Unit was also starting a program to give people a chance to pay off bad checks within a set period of time to avoid criminal charges. He stated they were also instituting a program for failure to return rental property which would have the same requirements as the shoplifting program. He explained that they were set up with a payment plan and classes and could avoid charges or have them dismissed. He stated the whole idea was to help cut down on losses by making sure the victims got their restitution. He noted that if the store made a civil demand for payment to them, they must have proof that is paid before they could start the program.

Comr. Todd asked if they had a set curriculum for these programs.

Smith explained they used a company called Cognitive Consultants out of Lansing, the same company that did the Ingham and Eaton County programs, for the educational part of the program.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Special Tribute to Michelle Hill

Comr. Haadsma read the tribute into the record.

WHEREAS, Michelle D. Hill, Court Administrator for the Tenth District Court, will retire from her position on May 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Michelle was hired by the Tenth District Court on December 28, 1978 as a Probation Officer and was appointed Court Administrator, after serving an interim period of time, on May 24, 1991. Michelle's service to the citizens of Calhoun County began in October 1976 with her Juvenile Court employment and has continued for the past 37 years; and

WHEREAS, Michelle's leadership, wisdom, vision, creativity and kindness are just a few of the characteristics that define her legacy; and

WHEREAS, Michelle’s management of the Tenth District Court has been people-focused with a simple belief and practice that open as well as frequent communication is the key to a successful work environment. Michelle has the respect and loyalty of employees; and

WHEREAS, Michelle’s 37 years of employment have been marked by loyalty and commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, Michelle will be greatly missed by the Judges and employees of the Tenth District Court, as well as many others. While Michelle’s position will be filled, she will never be replaced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners that Michelle D. Hill is hereby honored and thanked for her many years of dedicated service to the Tenth District Court, Calhoun County and its citizens. We offer her our best wishes for a healthy, happy and well-deserved retirement.

Res. 53-2014

“Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the Special Tribute to Michelle Hill as presented.”

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

Michelle Hill expressed her appreciation for her fellow employees and her family.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. City of Albion Notice of April 21, 2014 Hearing to Receive Comments on a New Personal Property Tax Exemption for Guardian Fiberglass, Inc.
2. City of Albion Notice of May 5, 2014 Hearing to Receive Comments on a New Personal Property Tax Exemption for Guardian Fiberglass, Inc.

B. Resolutions

1. Resolution Regarding Calhoun County Road Funding
2. Calhoun Public Safety Information Alliance Appointments
 - {a} Matt Saxton, Calhoun County Sheriff
- Alternate – Tim Hurtt, Calhoun County Undersheriff
 - {b} James McDonagh, Calhoun County Chief Deputy
 - {c} Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller
- Alternate – Brad Wilcox, Calhoun County Assistant Administrator

Comr. Kale stated the Consent Agenda included a resolution reflecting the Board's April 22 meeting regarding roads. He stated the County is supporting funding efforts at the State level and at the local township level for any road millage proposals they introduced.

Res. 54-2014

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Consent Agenda of the May 1, 2014 Regular Session."

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Frisbie stated the Workforce Development Board had found some resolution and was moving forward to resolve the administrative and fiduciary responsibilities and they would be working towards a solution for the next few months with Kelli Scott and Richard Lindsey assisting in developing options. He stated he, Comr. King and Comr. Dunn had put forth a lot of effort to make sure this worked. He stated there was a lot of potential moving ahead and he looked forward to those solutions.

Comr. King stated at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting updates on the parks were provided. He stated the Trailway was started, and the rough grade from Emmett and Raymond to the start of the Ott Preserve was done. He stated the logging at Kimball Pines was done, a buffer was left along Michigan Avenue so the landscape didn't look drastically changed and money from the trees would go back to the parks. He stated we had a groundbreaking ceremony for the Trailway with over 100 people in attendance. He added that the State presented a check for over \$1,000,000 and the DNR Trustee Fund, a contributor of over half a million dollars, was also in attendance, as well as Enbridge, who donated a couple hundred thousand dollars. He stated many other people donated money to this project and this would help complete the lake to lake trail. He noted the Trailway was scheduled to be finished in September.

Comr. Todd stated Recyclerama went very well, that it was a good day for it and that it was very successful. He gave hats off to the staff of the Health Department for their hard work.

Comr. VanSickle stated the Planning Commission meeting had been postponed. He stated he attended the Marengo Township Board meeting and they voted unanimously to put a request for one mill for township road funding on the August ballot. He stated this was a wonderful show of leadership for the other townships.

Comr. Frisbie stated Pennfield Township hosted a town hall meeting that he, Comr. Haadsma and Comr. Kale attended with about 130 residents to talk about how to help solve the problems with the roads, and though there were no final decisions, by a show of hands they were ready to support a local millage. He stated the resolution they passed tonight told the townships to keep moving in support of local funding solutions.

Frisbie stated Recyclerama went very well but they need to work on the logistics as it was hard to get to the hospital because the traffic was so backed up.

Comr. Kale stated there was a great turn out for Recyclorama and the popular comments were about the long wait and if we could do more of these in the county.

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. Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of 2014 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a continuation of our efforts to partner with the City of Marshall and the State Police for a new Regional Law Enforcement Center. She stated in January the Board posted an intent to issue bonds and there was no petition from the community. She stated at that time there was still a lot of financial issues to be worked out and a lot of analysis to be done as far as affordability. She stated since then we are very close to wrapping up all lease agreements and we were awarded a grant of a little over \$900,000 toward the capital cost of the building. She stated the notice of intent stated we would ask for a little over \$15 million in bonds but we were able to lower that to \$14 million and the latest figure shows it would be closer to \$12 million due to constructions costs being lower than anticipated. She stated the total cost of the building was to be about \$11.8 million, with the county's share being about \$3.5 million. She noted after subtracting the grant we will be at about \$2.5 million. Scott stated our financial experts have recommended we also issue bonds on behalf of the State because due to our strong credit rating and our debt capacity we could get the lowest interest rate. She explained the bond request was up to \$14 million to cover our portion of the building, the State's portion and approximately \$3.5 million in capital improvements for the county other than this new building. She introduced Financial Advisor Bobby Bendzinski and Bond Counsel Cassie Hare from Miller Canfield. She stated the issuance of bonds was contingent on securing a lease with the State, so we would secure bonds on behalf of the State Police then there would be a sub-lease agreement to cover 100% of their debt issuance. Scott stated we were not subsidizing the State's budget; we were being fully compensated for all of their debt service over the course of the bond life as well as their bond costs. She stated there were several lease agreements with the City and the State that would be the next thing to come before the Board. She noted the final approval of the grant award would also be coming before the Board soon. She noted the City of Marshall had all of these items on their Council agenda for May 5. She once again reiterated that not doing anything was not an option, and added that the old jail would be demolished, the parking would be increased and the green space improved around the Marshall County Building with the bond.

Comr. Todd asked where we were with the prevailing wage question.

Scott stated the City of Marshall would own land and building and as such they were managing the construction process under their purchasing policy. She stated Marshall's purchasing policy did not call for prevailing wage and the State did not require, nor would they support, prevailing wage in this type of arrangement. She stated we had input on the selection of the subcontractors to make sure it wasn't just about the lowest bid but also the most qualified. She stated preliminary information suggests that a major portion of the building costs were being awarded to local contractors and most of the larger subcontracts were to union shops.

Comr. King asked if the County purchasing policy stated that if all the bidders were qualified and you had a low bidder you had to go with the low bidder.

Assistant Administrator Wilcox responded, stating that the County, not by policy, used a scoring matrix that took into account bid price as one of the factors to choosing the award.

Res. 55-2014

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported by Comr. VanSickle to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Resolution Authorizing Issuance and Sale of 2014 General Obligation Limited Tax Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$14,000,000, as presented; and also approves the attached Application for State Treasurer's Approval to Issue Long-Term Securities, as presented."

Comr. Haadsma stated we discussed this issue in January and he believed there were balancing variables in this case. He stated we had no control over the weather in 2013, that a storm came through and took the roof off the old jail, and that there was certainly a need. He stated he was very supportive of collaboration with other government entities and it was important to him we did things more efficiently at less cost. He stated specifically what he was concerned about was that in this context collaboration meant the absence of prevailing wage being applied to this project. He stated he understood the City owns the real property but he didn't intend to trumpet collaboration and have that be an opportunity for our county to collaborate with Mexico. He stated that by saying that, we had a situation where we have the City of Marshall, which was not applying prevailing wage and potentially may not be affording us, the county, the partners in this, the best bang for our buck, the most high quality we could get for this money. He stated he was encouraged that there would be ongoing dialogue with our professional purchasing team. He stated he wanted to explain why he was going to be voting the way he was. He stated it was less an issue directed to the people at the podium and more a frustration about how this thing was outfitted and how the City of Marshall became the vector for an opportunity to avoid both the County and the State's prevailing wage requirements.

On a roll call vote – Yes – 5, No - 2 (Haadsma and Todd). Motion **CARRIED**.

2. Resolution Pledging Full Faith and Credit on the Horseshoe Pond Drain Drainage District Bonds, Series 2014

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the next item was a resolution pledging full faith and credit for some bonds for the Water Resource Commissioner. She stated Deputy Water Resources Commissioner Sherry Trader was in attendance and Water Resources used the same bond counsel so Bobby Bendzinski and Cassie Hare would stay to answer questions. She explained this was in regards to the Horseshoe Pond Drain District Bonds and this was one of the times when Water Resources needed the up-front cash. She stated they got better interest rates with the County's credit rating. She stated there was relatively no risk here because there would be a special assessment to provide a fixed revenue source that could repay the debt service on the bond. She stated there was a net principal of \$860,000, to be levied over a period not to exceed twelve years. She noted this project had been in the works since 2010.

Bobby Bendzinski, Bendzinski and Company stated the special assessment would be 1% over the bond to cover the debt service.

Res. 56-2014

"Moved Comr. Haadsma Supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the resolution pledging full faith and credit of the County for the prompt payment of principal and interest on the Horseshoe Pond Drain Drainage District Bonds, Series 2014 (General Obligation Limited Tax) as presented."

Comr. Frisbie asked Deputy Water Resources Commissioner Trader to explain the project.

Deputy Water Resources Commissioner Trader stated it consisted of three ponds that would eventually go into Goguac Lake and the storage would be provided by these ponds so that there wouldn't be an immediate flush. She stated there was a treatment facility at Goguac Lake to treat the water before it enters the facility. She stated everyone in district knew this was happening, and that they had a day of review in December and a public input meeting in late April. She stated she was not aware of any concerns raised by residents of the district.

Comr. King inquired if the contractors doing the work for Water Resources were required to follow the County purchasing policy and abide by the prevailing wage requirement.

Trader stated they did not.

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

3. Contracts W.K. Kellogg Foundation Health Block Grant Approval Request

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this items was a grant request from the Health Department for approval of a W.K. Kellogg Foundation Block Grant for about \$1.5 million over the next year and a half.

Health Officer Rutherford said this was a two part grant, and that this was part on of an overall \$3 million grant, that would cover about 18 months of grant activity. He stated this grant covered four existing programs all related to children. He stated the first was the School Wellness Program that we have had for almost four years, supplying a school nurse for almost every school district in the county. He stated the next program was the Nurse/Family Partnership Program which works with first time, low income moms, supplying a nurse to spend time with the mom and child for the first two years of the child's life. He stated the next program was the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Program which reviews all child related deaths. He stated this was a very important program because we use this data make recommendations to the Maternal/Infant Health Commission. Rutherford stated the final program was the Health Equity Alliance Program. He stated the grant amount was just over \$1.4 million for a year and a half of funding and then we would receive another \$1.5 million for the second year and a half.

Comr. Frisbie believed it was important for the public to understand that the Health Department was achieving great things with these grants. He stated he thought it was a great thing to deliver the type of services in the community they were and he applauded them for continuing to get these grants. He stated the Kellogg Foundation obviously felt the same way to continue to give them the grants.

Rutherford stated it was important to remember that while we had the Kellogg Foundation in our back yard, it was important to remember they didn't just give grants to everyone. He stated they had developed a good, trusting relationship with the Foundation and they were starting to see some fruition for all their hard work, such as a marked reduction in fetal infant mortality deaths from 20 to 12.

Res. 57-2014

"Moved Comr. Dunn, Supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the W.K.Kellogg Foundation Health Block Grant as presented."

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

4. Contracts Resolution to Approve Changes to the Road Department Annual Report

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a follow up to the Act 51 Mileage Certification Report that was approved at the April meeting. She stated the change required was to include this sentence as part of the resolution: "The changes made in the Annual Report were acceptable and reflected the new adjusted census urban boundaries based on the 2010 census." She stated there were no attachments, and that we just needed support for the record so it meets the Department of Transportation's requirements.

Res. 58-2014

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Resolution to Approve Changes to the Road Department Annual Report.”

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

5. Contract with Michigan Department of Transportation for Improvements on 22 Mile Road

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a request to approve a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for a safety grant for an amount not to exceed \$150,000 to be used for improvements to 22 Mile Road from M60 south to County Line Road and South County Line Road from 22 Mile east to 24 Mile. She stated the work described was hot mix asphalt, wedge material, chip seal, fog seal and pavement markings. She stated this road was a prioritization, it had to qualify for Federal funding and it came from the Road and Risk Fund. She stated the contract was reviewed and approved by Corporation Counsel Lindsey and it did not require a match, but if the grant did not cover all of the work the Road Department would be required to pay the remainder.

Res. 59-2014

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, Supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the improvements to 22 Mile Road from M-60 southerly to S. County Line Road and S. County Line Road from 22 Mile Road easterly to 24 Mile Road as presented.”

Comr. Frisbie stated it was nice to see these safety grants awarded to the Road Department. He stated he didn't think he had seen them before and wasn't sure if we had them in the past.

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

6. Chemical Storage Contract Amendment

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was simply the extension of a contract previously approved with MDOT to build a new salt barn at the Road Department grounds in Marshall. She stated this was a cost share arrangement where MDOT was paying 75% and we pay 25%. She stated it was otherwise a project we would have to pay on our own and this was just an extension of time by approximately a year and a half. She stated bid for the salt barn would soon be issued. She stated this would provide a better solution to protect their materials, better contain the runoff as well as increase capacity and storage.

Res. 60-2014

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Chemical Storage Contract Amendment as presented and Board Chair Art Kale is authorized to sign the same on behalf of Calhoun County.”

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

7. Local 9-1-1 Surcharge

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this item came from Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority (CCDA) Governing Board of Directors. She stated every year the county was asked to set and approve the 9-1-1 surcharge and certify to the State under Public Act 379. She stated the CCDA had already taken action to recommend that the county continue to collect the surcharge at its current rate of sixty cents per device. She stated this was for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

Res. 61-2014

“Moved Comr. King, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the collection of a local 9-1-1 surcharge at the rate of sixty (60) cents per device for July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.”

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

8. Senior Services Staffing Allocation Request

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this item was a staffing allocation change for the Senior Services Office, replacing a part time Administrative Assistant position with a full time Administrative Assistant. She stated the increase would be fully covered by the Senior Millage so there would be no impact on the General Fund. She stated it would give more support for the public and for the manager.

Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson stated one area they had an increase in demand for was insurance counseling at the end of the year but it was becoming more of a year-round need for seniors. He stated the Needs Assessment last year showed them they needed better communication and more outreach to the local communities.

Res. 62-2014

“Moved Comr. King, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve changes to the Authorized Staffing Allocation Report for Senior Services as presented.”

Comr. Haadsma asked if the position would be union.

Human Resources Director Archambault stated it was a GELC position and the only change would be the hours, with no change in union status.

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

9. Contract for Culverts and Related Hardware

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the final action item was the bid award for the Road Department RFP 107J-14 for culverts for the Calhoun and Jackson County Road Departments. She stated it was another joint purchasing effort with Jackson County.

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated that through the joint purchasing team they developed specifications and bid out a number of materials in addition to the standard galvanized pipe. He stated in doing an analysis of the bid over the materials they were selecting aluminized steel pipe. He stated that although its 12% more expensive, it lasts 40% longer so we save on the upfront cost of the materials as well as the labor associated with replacement. He stated the low bidder from four proposals for the aluminized steel pipe was St. Regis Culvert out of Charlotte, Michigan. He stated we were recommending them for contracts in both counties in the amount of \$35,000 per year. He stated we were estimating the savings, excluding labor, at about \$19,000 over the life of the contract

Res. 63-2014

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the two year contact with St. Regis Culvert, Inc. to provide culverts and related hardware to the Calhoun County Road Department and the Jackson Department of Transportation as presented.”

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

Comr. VanSickle asked if the Water Resources Commissioner would be able to purchase under this agreement also.

Wilcox stated he would need to know what their requirements were, but they bid it in a number of different diameters, and so depending on the application, he didn't see why they couldn't.

Comr. Haadsma appreciated the Purchasing Committee was looking at not only what was the cheapest but what was the most sensible. He stated St. Regis was from Charlotte in Eaton County, but where did we get this stuff from in the past and where were the other bidders from.

Wilcox stated there were four Michigan bidders, with the other three being from Sandusky, Zeeland and Ada. He stated we had purchased culverts in the past from St. Regis, as well as some other materials, so we had a long standing partnership with them.

Comr. Frisbie stated a few years ago they ran into an issue where the Water Resources Commissioner didn't get bids and just awarded a contract. He asked if we had been able to solve that issue of a bid like this where better quality, better price, everything had been taken care of, are Elected Official departments required to use our contracts or are we just asking them?

Wilcox stated he didn't believe they were required by statute to use the same contract. He stated he had talked to many of the electeds about procurement procedures and he didn't know why they wouldn't use this contract.

Comr. Frisbie stated he would like to see that we follow up and ask them to follow our purchasing policies to deliver the best cost, best service, locally.

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

Matthew Hall, Sheridan Township, stated May 1 was the National Day of Prayer and he had prayed for local government.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Frisbie stated Sally Shaw of Bedford Township was happy that the county had come to a resolution on road funding. He stated he hoped Bedford could do the same type of forum Pennfield did so residents could learn about the changes and the positive things that were happening. He stated residents needed to know that money was not going to be wasted and it would be put to good use. He offered to help Ms. Shaw and the township if they needed it.

Comr. Dunn wished her son a Happy Birthday.

Comr. Kale stated he was most concerned that the most qualified bidders were selected not necessarily the lowest bid. He stated he learned in manufacturing that the lowest bid isn't necessarily the least expensive. He stated he had all the confidence in the world that the Purchasing Department knew which dynamics to evaluate when selecting our sources and he didn't think that was any different than most of us do at home with our own money. He believed it was critical they were good stewards with our taxpayer monies if not better than they were with their own money at home. for the citizens of this county

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Claims Payable for April 4 - 25, 2014 in the amount of \$2,489,584.36 and the Road Department Claims from April 24, 2014 in the amount of \$101,856.68.

Res. 64-2014

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for April 4 - 25, 2014 in the amount of \$2,489,584.36 and the Road Department Claims from April 24, 2014 in the amount of \$101,856.68 as presented."

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Kale emphasized again that he and Sheriff Saxton were going to be the celebrity servers at the Safe Place Fundraiser and their theme was the Detroit Tigers.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County