

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 6, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 16, 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, VanSickle and Kale

Excused: Comr. King

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

2 and 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Todd to approve the agenda of the November 6, 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 October 2, 2014 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the minutes of the October 16, 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

Probate Judge Mike Jaconette, Chair of the Judicial Council and Chair of the Election Commission, thanked the Board for the work they had done. He stated they were conscious we would be losing two commissioners at the end of the year. He stated this Board worked well together thanked them on behalf of the courts. He thanked Comrs. Todd and Kale, stating it was a pleasure to work with them and we would miss them.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Veteran's Day Tribute

Comr. VanSickle read the Proclamation into the record.

WHEREAS, The Citizens of Calhoun County and the United States of America live in freedom because of the contributions and personal sacrifices made by those who have served and by those now serving in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, Our nation has fought and continues to fight battles around the world for the ideals of liberty and justice and the words of the first Veterans Day proclamation signed by President Eisenhower still ring true: "Let us solemnly remember the sacrifices of all those who fought so valiantly, on the seas, in the air, and on foreign shores, to preserve our heritage of freedom, and let us reconsecrate ourselves to the task of promoting an enduring peace so that their efforts shall not have been in vain"; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County and the State of Michigan have always provided their best and brightest sons and daughters to serve bravely in America's Armed Forces, we remember with somber and grateful hearts those men and women who have served in the military with distinction and valor and offer our sincere prayers for those who continue to defend the principles on which our nation was founded; and

WHEREAS, We are proud to recognize our country's veterans and extend the appreciation to our citizens to those who wear the uniforms of the United States Armed Forces, preserving freedom and liberty.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby recognize November 11, 2014, as VETERANS DAY in Calhoun County and encourage all citizens to observe and appreciate the sacrifices and contributions of our veterans who fought for peace and defended democracy in our land and abroad.

Res. 182-2014

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Haadsma to approve the Veteran’s Day Tribute as presented.”

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Huron County Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 1038
2. Huron County Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 1076
3. Huron County Resolution Supporting Senate Bill 495 – 498
4. Washtenaw County Resolution Asking the State for Road Funding
5. Washtenaw County Resolution Levying a Special Tax for Roads

B. Resolutions

1. Workforce Development Board Appointment
(Term to Expire September 30, 2017)

{a} John Fiore, representing MRS – Calhoun County
Alternate to Bob Smith, Kalamazoo County

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Frisbie stated the Community Action lawsuit had been settled and they were moving on to Strategic Planning.

Comr. Kale stated the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board had distributed about \$185,000 in Discretionary Grant Funds. He stated they had requests for \$1.2 million in projects. He stated it was a great process and they were assisting worthy projects. He noted they couldn’t guarantee the grants could be distributed every year but they would send out notice if they could next year.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

B. New Business

1. Summit Pointe Interagency Agreement with the Calhoun County Public Health Department

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was an annual agreement between Summit Pointe and the Calhoun County Health Department. She stated it was a good opportunity to leverage some of Summit's resources. She stated there was an hourly rate charged and Corporation Counsel Lindsey had reviewed.

Health Director James Rutherford appreciated the consideration of the contract. He stated they had worked with Summit in the past to provide social workers, which was a requirement in school-based health clinics. He explained that when there were referrals for mental health assistance from a nurse contact in the schools then Summit Pointe would take over. He stated this type of service was a requirement from the Department of Community Health grant and it made sense to partner with Summit since they had the staff.

Comr. Todd thanked the Health Department for the good work they were doing. He stated they had done a lot of great work and have fought to keep healthcare in the schools.

Rutherford thanked Comr. Todd for his support and stated that for some of these kids this was the only health care they receive.

Res. 183-2014

"Motion by Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Summit Pointe Interagency Agreement with the Calhoun County Public Health Department as presented."

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

2. Senior Millage Allocation Committee Funding Recommendations

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was an annual request for approval of funding recommendations using Senior Millage funds. She stated the recommendation was for the Area Agency on Aging - Region 3B (\$350,000 for community care, \$50,000 for Personal Emergency Response System and \$40,000 for benefits counseling), Community Health Care Connections (\$25,000 for prescription drug access), Forks Senior Center (\$35,000 for Senior Center operations and support), and Senior Services, Inc. (\$30,000 for chore services assistance). She explained that Assistant County Administrator Wilcox worked with the Senior Millage Allocation Committee and they revised, updated and enhanced their purchasing process. She stated these were now a three year contract running from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017, as opposed to the previous annual contracts.

Comr. Kale stated that Assistant Administrator Wilcox had done a terrific job moving departments forward and changing the purchasing procedures to make them more efficient.

Res. 184-2014

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. VanSickleFrisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the funding recommendations made by the Senior Millage Allocation Committee for Fiscal Year 2015 - 1027 services as presented.”

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

3. Authorization for the Administrator/Controller to Sign Documents Regarding Obtaining Permits for the Placement and Replacement of Culverts

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this item related to road or culvert work that needed to be done in the area of a county drain. She explained that entering into formal agreements allowed for efficiencies, lower costs and expedient processes. She stated this formalized what we had been trying to accomplish for these two departments to work together. She explained that instead of bringing every project to the Board, she would have blanket authority to approve so they could begin work immediately. She stated Corporation Counsel had reviewed and the agreement should create more efficiencies and lower costs. She reported that the Road Department and Water Resources were meeting regularly to discuss projects.

Res. 185-2014

“Moved Comr. Todd, second by Comr. Haadsma to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does authorize the Administrator/Controller, or her written designee, to sign agreements, memorandums of understandings, and required related documents as necessary to allow the Calhoun County Water Resources Commissioners to obtain permits from the Department of Environmental Quality relative to the placement and replacement of culverts by the Calhoun County Road Department.”

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

4. Designation of a “No Thru Trucks Over 100,000 Pounds” Route in Sheridan Township

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a request from Sheridan Township to restrict weights on one of their local roads, which the Township had the ability to do with the Board’s approval. She stated there was no budget impact, as the Township was being asked to pay for the signage.

Road Department Managing Director Christopher Bolt stated there was extensive patching done on the road, and the Township wanted to try to preserve it by restricting traffic weight.

Res. 186-2014

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the designation of a "No Thru Trucks Over 10,000 Pounds" route on C Drive North between 27 Mile Road and 28 Mile Road in Sheridan Township as presented.”

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Matthew Hall, Sheridan Township and Teamsters Chief Steward at the Road Department, explained their work on a bridge project in Sheridan Township and stated they were getting equipment ready for winter.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Todd thanked Judge Jaconette for his kind words. He stated the Board did work well together. He congratulated everyone on their elections, commended Comr. Haadsma for his dedication to stand in the rain at the polls and thanked the voters for electing their candidates.

Comr. Kale stated the Battle Creek Enquirer described Calhoun County as “after four years of stable, effective leadership” and that was because of the great staff and Board of Commissioners. He stated he was ecstatic everyone who was running for office was returning. He stated it was a great core team and adding Comrs. Elect Reynolds and Bearman would be a great addition.

Comr. Vansickle gave a heartfelt thank you to Comrs. Todd and Kale for the responsibilities and leadership they have given to the Commission. He stated it had been a pleasure to work with all the Comrs. and he echoed the sentiment that everyone was welcomed back. He congratulated the new Comrs. and stated they were welcome with open arms.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Claims Payable for October 7 - 28, 2014 in the amount of \$1,212,716.81 and Road Department Payables from October 13, 2014 in the amount of \$633,973.38

Res. 181-2014

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Haadsma to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for October 7 - 28, 2014 in the amount of \$1,212,716.81 and Road Department Payables from October 13, 2014 in the amount of \$633,973.38 as presented.”

On a voice vote, Yes – 6, Excused – 1 (King). Motion **CARRIED**.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County