

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 7, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 7, 2016 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

Clerk and Register of Deeds Anne Norlander called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Comrs. Dunn, Reynolds, Haadsma, Frisbie, King, VanSickle and Bearman

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

3. INVOCATION

Matthew Hall gave the invocation.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Clerk Norlander led the Pledge of Allegiance.

She thanked everyone who contacted her with condolences and support when her brother recently passed away.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Election of Board Chairperson

Comr. Haadsma nominated Comr. King as Chair of the 2016 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Bearman to appoint Comr. King as the Chair of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2016."

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

B. Election of Board Vice Chairperson

Comr. Haadsma nominated Comr. Frisbie as Vice Chair of the 2016 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to appoint Comr. Frisbie as the Vice Chair of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2016.”

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

Clerk Norlander administered the oath of office to Comr. King and Comr. Frisbie.

Chair King presided over the remainder of the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the agenda of the January 7, 2016 Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the December 17, 2015 Regular Session

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

8. CITIZENS' TIME

John Teachout, Emmett Township, followed up on his previous concerns regarding septic tank dumping.

Creighton Burrows, Marengo Township, stated concerns and frustrations about his road.

9. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Prosecutor David Gilbert gave an update on the 2015 activity in the Prosecutor's Office.

Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson stated one of the four global trends right now is an increasing senior population and care concerns. He appreciated Calhoun County's support and was proud to work here.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Oceana County Resolution Opposing House Bill 4947 through 4966

B. Resolutions

1. 2016 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

Res. 1-2016

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda of the January 7, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

11. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Bearman stated he attended a very interesting focus group with the Workforce Development Board regarding career readiness. He stated that last month the county had a 4.5% unemployment rate.

Comr. Dunn stated she is on the Employee Recognition Committee and congratulated Comr. VanSickle for his fifteen years with the county.

Comr. Dunn stated she serves on the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council, a five county unit, and they have an open seat due to the loss of a Calhoun County representative. She noted if anyone was interested, there was information on the website.

Comr. Dunn stated she also serves on the Summit Pointe Board and they recently named Jeannie Goodrich as their permanent CEO and Tim Nendorf as the Deputy Director.

Comr. VanSickle stated Comr. King was re-elected as Chair of Parks and Recreation Commission and they discussed beaver removal in Kimball Pines.

Comr. King stated the Parks and Recreation Commission heard a presentation from ITC Transmission regarding clearing along power lines. He stated they were proposing to give the county a \$10,000 grant for trees, prairie grass and flowers to replace what they remove during the clearing process.

12. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

13. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott congratulated Chair King and Vice Chair Frisbie and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Scott added to Comr. Dunn's report on Summit Pointe, stating they continued to make progress on the Audit and Finance Committee. She stated that Summit Pointe selected a new financial and compliance audit firm, and that the Fiscal Year 2015 audit has started and they have a preliminary year-end financial report. She stated they were expecting a deficit but the report shows it may not be as extreme as first thought. She stated that based on plan provision changes made, the pension fund is \$10 million in the surplus, and that Summit Pointe selected a new defined benefit plan administrator and a new actuarial firm. She announced that in addition to a new Deputy Director, they have hired an in-house general counsel.

She stated Human Resources has been interviewing for the Finance Director position for the county and will be interviewing for an accounts payable person soon.

Scott announced that she and Chair King would be on WBCK 95.3 talk radio station tomorrow morning for a 2015 wrap up.

B. New Business

1. 340B Health Care Services Contract with Bronson Battle Creek for Indigent Care

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated this was a compliance item from the Health Department, as the law requires the hospital to have a contract committing them to care for indigent individuals in order to qualify for state funding. She stated there were no obligations from the county and Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey had reviewed the contract. She noted it would jeopardize funding for the hospital if the Board does not approve the contract.

Res. 2-2016

"Motion by Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 340B Health Care Services Contract for Indigent Care between Bronson Battle Creek and the Calhoun County Health Department as presented."

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

2. Grant Application for Trail Engineering

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated this was a grant application for trail engineering, and that it was part of the Iron Belle project. She stated we are partnering with other units of government to explore getting funding for engineering of a Trailway continuation. She stated there is no financial obligation to the county, and that this is being emphasized as a priority statewide initiative. She noted the Trailway Alliance is supportive. She stated that under the county grant policy this application is not required to be brought before the Board because no match is required, but that County administration believed it to be important to inform the Board and assure everyone that the County is not offering any commitment to fund new trailway construction, but rather is supporting the engineering work to be covered by the grant.

Res. 3-2016

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. VanSickle to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the grant application for trail engineering as presented.”

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

3. MERS Generic Service Credit

Administrator/Controller stated this is the third recent request received for a service credit purchase for an employee at full cost. She stated there is no impact to the county but the Municipal Employees Retirement System requires a Board resolution to process.

Res. 4-2016

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchasing of Municipal Employee Retirement System Generic Service Credit by Kevin Callahan as presented.”

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

14. CITIZEN’S TIME

Autumn Smith, Battle Creek, noted that Comr. Dunn gave an update for Summit Pointe and inquired how much liability will be passed on to the citizens for the misuse of funds by Mr. Brinker. She also asked for clarification on misdemeanor data reported by Prosecutor David Gilbert.

Creighton Burrows, Marengo Township, stated his concerns about taxes and the cost of the new salt barn that the Road Department is building.

Jerry, Emmett Township, inquired about the absentee ballot process.

Matthew Hall, Sheridan Township and Road Department Teamsters Steward, stated the approval of the Teamsters contract was on the agenda. He stated they came to an agreement that was a compromise on both sides, he appreciated the hard work and encouraged the Board to vote yes.

15. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Bearman encouraged everyone to attend the Cardboard Classic in January.

Comr. Frisbie thanked Comr. Haadsma for the nomination and the Board for their support for the year.

Comr. King also thanked the Board for their support.

16. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for December 11 - 31, 2015 in the amount of \$3,587,551.75 and Road Department Claims from December 14, 2015 in the amount of \$1,534,345.07

Res. 5-2016

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for December 11 - 31, 2015 in the amount of \$3,587,551.75 and Road Department Claims from December 14, 2015 in the amount of \$1,534,345.07 as presented.”

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

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

18. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION AND LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

Res. 6-2016

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby retire to closed session to include appropriate staff.”

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

The Board entered closed session at 7:41 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 8:32 p.m.

19. APPROVAL OF AFSCME CONTRACT

Res. 7-2016

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the AFSCME contract as presented.”

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

20. APPROVAL OF UAW – ROAD CONTRACT

Res. 8-2016

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the UAW – Road Contract as presented.”

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

21. APPROVAL OF TEAMSTERS CONTRACT

Res. 9-2016

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the TPOAM - Circuit Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.”

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

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

Clerk