

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

February 1, 2018

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, February 1, 2018 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Smith, Frisbie, King, Potter, Tompkins, Reynolds, and Vette

Staff Present: Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Finance Director Michele Johnson, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer and Deputy Clerk Shana Huerta

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held followed by Comr. Reynolds leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved Comr. Potter, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the agenda of the February 1, 2018 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 January 18, 2018 Board of Commissioners Regular Session

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 Regular Session as presented.”

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

There was none.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There was none.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was none.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

1. Alger County Resolution #2018-01 Opposing HB 5096-5098
2. Gratiot County Resolution #18-226 Opposing HB 5096-5098
3. Wexford County Resolution #18-04 Opposing HB 5096-5098

Res. 16-2018

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the Consent Agenda of the February 1, 2018 Regular Session as presented.”

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Vette shared that the Calhoun County January Employee of the Month was Circuit Court Official Document Specialist Angela Stanton. Ms. Vette stated that Angela was chosen because of her great attitude and willingness to learn and help others.

Comr. King shared that he attended the Parks and Recreation meeting earlier that day and a representative from ITC, the transmission company that moves electricity through the power lines, was present and explained to the committee that they would be removing four to six trees and upgrading six miles of poles and lines through Kimball Pines to Historic Bridge Park. Mr. King stated the work would begin in March. Comr. Vette asked if the upgraded lines would be underground. Comr. King explained that they would be on new, state-of-the-art poles.

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. Community Development Services Procurement Agreement with Summit Pointe/Connections

Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox explained that the agreement would provide consistent staffing at the Marshall Recycling Center which has experienced a high volume of traffic since it opened in February of 2017. Mr. Wilcox stated that the center has tried a variety of measures including temporary and casual workers, fill-in maintenance workers, and volunteers but needs dependable staff in order to provide the community a consistent level of service. Mr. Wilcox stated that Summit Pointe/Connections was awarded a bid the previous spring to provide grounds keeping services for the County's parks and did a great job and those skills could be transferable to properly staff the recycling center. He explained that two positions would be funded through the Solid Waste budget and not the General Fund. Mr. Wilcox stated that there had been a legal review by Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer who worked with Summit Pointe's attorney which resulted in minor changes to the contract. Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated that Kelli Scott is on the Summit Pointe Board and when the agreement is considered she would be abstaining from the vote.

Community Development Director Jen Bomba explained that when the Marshall Recycling Center opened, the staffing plan was modeled after the Albion Recycling Center which was one part-time program technician and volunteers. Ms. Bomba stated that due to the overwhelming response from the Marshall community, there was a need to increase staff and open the center an additional day. Ms. Bomba shared that since the Marshall Recycling Center opened one year ago it has brought in over one hundred tons more material than the Albion Recycling Center and the additional staff would alleviate the traffic concerns and the burden on the current staff.

Comr. Potter commented that his business, Bud's Towing, is across the street from the recycling center and it has become a turnaround for the recycling center because of the amount of traffic that is backed up. Comr. Potter stated that lately he has received more correspondence regarding the inefficiencies of the Marshall Recycling Center than road concerns and was appreciative that the inefficiencies were being addressed.

Mr. Wilcox stated that there had been discussions with the Road Department regarding double lanes and additional signage recognizing that there are safety concerns that need to be addressed. Mr. Wilcox believed that adding staff and an additional day would help alleviate the problem.

Comr. Frisbie expressed that in addition to the traffic and staffing concerns the importance of recycling properly including sorting materials correctly so items don't become contaminated and lose the ability to generate revenue.

Res. 17-2018

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the Community Development/Solid Waste Services Procurement Agreement with Summit Pointe/Connections subject to minor changes acceptable to the Administrator/Controller and Corporation Counsel."

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

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

There was none.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

There was none.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. County Claims Payable for January 12, 2018 through January 25, 2018 in the amount of \$3,070,804.40

Res. 18-2018

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the County Claims Payable for January 12, 2018 through January 25, 2018 in the amount of \$3,070,804.40 as presented.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Reynolds announced the Southwest Michigan Urban League would be hosting the Martin Luther King (MLK) I Have a Dream Banquet at 5:30 p.m. February 9th with tickets being \$50 each. Ms. Reynolds stated there would be a Career Expo hosted by United Way, Michigan Works, Wings Stadium, Amerifirst and Midwest Communications at Wings Stadium on February 20th from 12:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. with transportation from Michigan Works in Battle Creek being provided at 11:30 a.m. and returning at 4:15 p.m.

Comr. Tompkins stated that the Homer Historical Society's 26th Annual Herb Workshop would be held on February 3rd at 9:30 a.m. at the Homer United Methodist Church with tickets being \$35 each. The Homer All In Community Breakfast would be held on February 9th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the Homer Presbyterian Church and he will be judging the 26th Annual Cardboard Classic Sled Race on February 10th at 12:00 p.m. at Victory Park in Albion. Mr. Tompkins concluded by sharing that the American Legion would be hosting at Veterans Town Hall on February 10th at 9:00 a.m.

Comr. Potter stated that the Celebrity Luncheon fundraiser benefiting the Fairgrounds would be held at Cornwell's and take place the following day, Friday, February 2nd from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Comr. Steve Frisbie would be serving.

Comr. Frisbie encouraged everyone to attend the luncheon and shared that Tuesday night he and Comr. Reynolds attended a meeting at Kellogg Community College (KCC) hosted by many groups including Senior Services focusing on affordable housing for people suffering with Dementia. Mr. Frisbie shared that it is a growing problem as someone in this country is diagnosed with Dementia every 66 seconds.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Res. 19-2018

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Reynolds to retire to closed session to discuss Written Legal Opinion of Corporation Counsel.”

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

The Board retired to Closed Session at 7:20 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:04 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

Clerk to the Board