

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 19, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5, 2019 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Smith, Miller, Hatcher, Tompkins, King, Frisbie, and Vette

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, Communications Manager Lucy Blair and Deputy Clerk Shana Huerta

2 and 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE/INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res. 186-2019

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to ratify and amend the 2019 Schedule of Meetings to provide that the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Calhoun County Commission be rescheduled from October 3, 2019 to September 19, 2019 as presented."

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

Res. 187-2019

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Smith to approve the agenda of the Sept. 19, 2019 Annual Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Sept. 5, 2019 Board of Commissioners Regular Session

Res. 188-2019

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the minutes of the Aug. 15, 2019 Regular Session as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

There was none.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Deputy Treasurer Melinda Weaver shared that in effort to get more dogs licensed, the first Fall Pawloza event will take place at the County Building on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. She explained that a local veterinarian will volunteer their services and a one-year rabies vaccination and license would be \$25 and a three-year vaccination and license would be \$50.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Bi-Annual Update

Land Bank Director Krista Trout- Edwards provided a bi-annual update, highlighting accomplishments in 2017 and 2018. She noted that there was a significant amount of demolition utilizing a \$4M grant, that their Neighborhood Maintenance Mow program had grown from 280 lots in 2017 to 428 lots in 2018, and that their side lot sales had decreased in 2018. Ms. Trout-Edwards stated that their property sales had decreased from 97 in 2017 to 73 in 2018. She shared that the Land Bank's funding was received primarily through grants and most of that funding went toward demolitions in 2017 and 2018. Ms. Trout-Edwards explained that their Transform This Home program had grown since its inception in 2015, with success stories of homes that had been rehabbed and either moved into or sold. She stated that demolitions continued to be a large part of their work and that in 2017 and 2018 a total of 262 were taken down in partnership with the County, City of Albion, City of Battle Creek, City of Springfield and Emmett Township. She added that the Land Bank also received an assessment grant through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) which allowed them to assist with many commercial projects throughout the County.

2. Stepping-Up Resolution

Comr. King read the Stepping-Up Resolution read the proclamation into record.

Stepping Up to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails Resolution

WHEREAS, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year;

WHEREAS, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general public;

WHEREAS, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders;

WHEREAS, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and, upon release, are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders;

WHEREAS, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs;

WHEREAS, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare, and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County has developed a Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), which helps to divert individuals experiencing mental health and/or substance use concerns from being incarcerated. Since the inception of the program in 2017, there have been over 550 CIT contacts. Of those contacts, 541 have been linked to appropriate treatment and community resources; and

WHEREAS, through Stepping Up, the National Association of Counties, The Council of State Governments Justice Center, and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private, and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT WE, Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees, and residents to participate in Stepping Up. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through Stepping Up to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails;
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels;
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community;
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers;
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan; and
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes.

Signed,

Steve Frisbie, Chair
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Summit Pointe's Community Outreach Coordinator Meghan Taft explained that it was Summit Pointe's goal to build on the existing Crisis Intervention Team initiative to divert people with mental health disorders from County jails.

Leonard Swanson from Wayne State University's Center for Behavioral Health and Justice explained that their research team provided technical assistance to aid Counties in applying for grants from the State Foundation and Federal funding to assist with mental health treatment in County jails. Mr. Swanson stated that Medicaid benefits are suspended when individuals are incarcerated and the lack of treatment causes a threat to both the individual as well as jail staff. He noted that their team would compile baseline data to support the need for the grant funding. He explained that there would be no cost to the County in approving the resolution and utilizing the program as it was funded through Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Mental Health Division Council. Mr. Swanson stated that 19 other counties were involved with the Stepping Up program and provided success stories from some of those counties.

Comr. Tompkins stated that according to the handout, 90% of stakeholders that were surveyed agreed with the Stepping Up initiative while 10% did not and asked what their concerns were and how they were being addressed.

Mr. Swanson replied that it was a matter of timing because at the time the survey was given all of the work on the initiative had not yet been completed. He stated that the concern centered around how tracking would be done on an ongoing basis and they had not finished their comprehensive analysis to determine that.

Comr. Hatcher asked if substance abuse was being handled the same as mental health issues.

Mr. Swanson explained that the two were treated differently only because the funding was split at the State and regional levels, but their team could assist the County with collecting data for both.

Res. 189-2019

"Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Stepping-Up resolution as presented."

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

Comr. Frisbie stated that Comr. King had been instrumental in pushing the resolution the last few weeks and expressed his appreciation for his dedication in bringing this before the Board.

3. County Board of Canvassers Election

Comr. Frisbie explained that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners was required to fill vacancies on the Board of Canvassers by electing a Democratic and Republican member from the names submitted by each of the party's county committees to the County's Election Clerk. He stated that Michigan election law specified that a ballot be used by the Board of Commissioners in filling the seats.

The Democratic Party submitted the names of Susan Buckley, Tabitha Young Mingus and Steve Wettle. The Republican Party submitted the names of Judy Mason, Sallie Massa and Eryicka Tucker.

The Board of Commissioners held a biennial election by ballot and the results were tabulated by Comr. Kathy Sue Vette and Comr. Jake Smith, as appointed by Chair Frisbie. By unanimous vote, Susan Buckley was elected as the Democrat to the Board of Canvassers. By unanimous vote, Eryicka Tucker was elected as the Republican to the Board of Canvassers. The official ballot is retained in the September 19, 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting file.

Res. 190-19

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the appointment of Democrat Susan Buckley and Republican Eryicka Tucker to the Calhoun County Board of Canvassers as presented.”

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Huron County Resolution Opposing Trial Court Funding Commission Report
2. Iosco County Resolution Opposing Trial Court Funding Commission Report
3. Huron County Medicaid Capitation Resolution
4. Eaton County Resolution 19-8-89 Opposing Medicaid Audit Takeback
5. Cheboygan Resolution in Support of Line 5 Tunnel
6. Antrim County Resolution Opposing Trial Court Funding Commission Report

B. Resolutions

1. Senior Millage Allocation Committee Appointment
(Term effective immediately through April 30, 2021)

{a} Robert Lyng
2. Calhoun County Mental Health Authority (operating as Summit Pointe) Appointment
and Term Corrections -- attachment

{a} Scott Frank
(Term effective immediately through March 31, 2022)

{b} Marcia Starkey
(Correct term to expire on March 31, 2020)

{c} Sherii Sherban
(Correct term to expire on March 31, 2022)

3. 2020 BCNA Retiree Health Care Plan Renewal
4. 2020 Medicare Advantage Retiree Health Care Plan Renewal
5. Policy 371 – Family Medical Leave Act

Res. 191-2019

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Consent Agenda of the Sept. 19, 2019 Board of Commissioners’ Regular Session as presented.”

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Tompkins stated that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) met on Friday, Sept. 6, 2019 and approved the recommendation of Robert Lyng to the committee, approved the proposed 2020 budget and approved a number of Request for Proposals (RFPs) for hearing, vision, dental, money management, legal services, and home heating assistance. He shared that that the Substance Use Disorder Oversight Policy Board met Monday, Sept. 9, 2019 and held a public budget hearing outlining the 2020 fiscal year budget. Comr. Tompkins stated that the Homer Lake Board met Tuesday, Sept. 10 and Blake Mallory from BLM Land Management discussed the areas that had been treated that summer and approved the 2019 assessment role. He shared that the Trailway Alliance met Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019, and received an update on the Albion trailhead project as well as an overview from Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy on the work they do.

Comr. Vette stated that the Calhoun County Visitor Board held their Organizational Meeting and she was elected Chair, Paul Conkey was elected Vice-Chair, Kelli Scott was elected Treasurer and Lowell Weaver was elected Secretary. She shared that the Board welcomed new members, Jim Wise, Dawn Worthington, Ben Randalls and Diane Thompson at that meeting and they held their first segment of strategic planning sessions on Friday, Sept. 13, 2019.

Comr. King stated the Land Bank Authority met earlier that day and encouraged the Commissioners to attend the Transform This Home Tour that would take place the following day, Friday, Sept. 20, 2019. He shared they discussed the State Farm property development and that the Bandeen’s rock wall project for Downtown Battle Creek was moving forward. Comr. King stated that all of the FireKeeper’s Local Revenue Sharing Board checks had been mailed to all of the recipients and they hoped to have the results of the 10-year impact study at the following meeting.

Comr. Miller stated that Solid Waste Committee met Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019 and that over 174,000 lbs. of electronics and over 8,000 tires, 5,000 of those coming from a large project in Springfield, were collected in 2019.

Comr. Frisbie explained that the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission was working with Upjohn Institute to try and obtain economic development funding that they have been excluded from. He stated that they were working on redefining the relationship between the Institute and counties. Comr. Frisbie thanked the Calhoun County Board members for time and commitment in attending the numerous boards and committees that they are appointed to.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott shared that the Marshall Community Credit Union (MCCU) Board met earlier that week. She added that the Summit Pointe board met on Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2019 and heard strategic planning updates and adopted their 2020 fiscal year budget that starts October 1. Ms. Scott stated that the Board of Health met on Monday, Sept. 16, 2019 and approved their meeting schedule for the following year. She explained that they continued to receive updates regarding the mosquito spread Eastern Equine Encephalitis with additional animal and human infections being reported. Ms. Scott stated that the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance board met on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019 and Doug Ferrall spoke about the proposed countywide Parks Millage. She shared that the Michigan Municipal Services Authority Executive Committee met on Thursday, Sept. 12 and that earlier that week they interviewed two candidates for their CEO position. Ms. Scott explained that on Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2019 the County's refunding bonds were priced and received a favorable interest rate that would result in a cost savings of \$300,000 over the next 11 years.

B. New Business and adopted

1. Water Resources Annual Report

Water Resources Commissioner Fred Heaton stated that it had been a quiet year and they were working on projects as they came in. He explained that lake levels had been hard to maintain that year and that had been resolved. He shared that there was a petition for work on drain #2 in Pennfield that was bid out. He expressed concern regarding high pricing received for the job. Mr. Heaton explained that they removed trees by hand along the Gang of Lakes and were able to correctly fix a drain in Bedford Township that had been a problem for several years. He also expressed concern over a potential petition from Leroy Township for drain repair that was not completed correctly the first time.

Comr. Tompkins thanked Mr. Heaton for the Water Resources Department's work to relieve flooding on Prairie Lake and agreed it had been a quiet year as he had not received as many phone calls.

Comr. King questioned why Mr. Heaton felt the Pennfield drain work was out of line.

Mr. Heaton responded that the Engineer continued to add on work that was the Road Department's responsibility to maintain, not the Water Commission's. He stated that the problem had been resolved and that the Road Department had done a good job maintaining it.

Res. 192-2019

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to accept the 2019 Drain & Lake Level Projects Assessment Summary and Annual Report as presented and direct the Water Resources Commissioner to proceed as provided by law."

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

2. Approval of Lake Level Resolutions

Michigan Drain Attorney Stacy Hissong explained that the lake level resolutions on that night's agenda were the remaining lakes that needed to be reassessed in Calhoun County. She stated that hearings had been held for all six lakes and went well and were in accordance with the Inland Lake Level Act.

Res. 193-2019

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the lake level resolutions, as presented, for Goguac Lake, Graham Lake, Lee Lake, Lyon Lake, Nottawa Lake, and St. Mary's Lake, and authorize the Board Chair to sign all necessary documents."

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

3. 29 Mile Rd./Clark Street MDOT Transportation Economic Grant Application Resolution

Ms. Scott explained that this was a request for an approval of application for an economic development grant for improvements and expansion of 29 Mile Road in Albion. She stated that the total project cost was \$650,000 and that the County's portion was 10% or \$65,000 and was included in the Road Department's budget. Ms. Scott shared that the grant was for \$340,000 and that the City of Albion was paying the remaining \$245,000. She shared that it was a great opportunity to have projects that qualified for grants that would create jobs.

Res. 194-2019

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. King to approve a resolution in support of the submission of an MDOT Transportation Economic Development (TED) Fund Category grant application in partnership with the City of Albion and Knauf Insulation."

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

4. Senior Millage Amendment for the Community Care Options Program

Administrator/Controller Scott explained this item was an amendment for the Senior Millage's Community Care Options Program that would increase funding from \$300,000 to \$400,000 with a goal to alleviate the waiting list for 31 seniors. She stated that it was an agreement with Senior Health Care Partners doing business as PACE.

Res. 195-2019

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to approve the amendment to the Fiscal Year 2018-2020 contract between Calhoun County and Comprehensive Senior Care Corporation as presented."

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

5. Final FY19 Health Department Budget Amendments

Ms. Scott stated that this item was the Health Department's budget amendment in accordance with fiscal policy that required amendments over \$20,000 per business unit to come before the Board for approval. She explained that this was the Health Department's final budget adjustment as their fiscal year ended in September and would not impact the bottom line.

Res. 196-2019

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. King to approve the FY 2019 Final Budget adjustments for the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) as presented."

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

6. PA2 Budget for FY19/20

Ms. Scott stated that this was approval of the 2020 PA2 Alcohol Tax budget. She explained that these were local tax dollars collected from alcohol sales within Calhoun County and 50% went to the County's General Fund and the remainder was allocated for substance use disorder treatment. She stated that due to the 2015 sunset provision of a previous law distributing additional taxes to counties including Calhoun, funding is now at a decreased level, which will directly impact service providers and treatment received. Ms. Scott explained that the budget had been approved by various oversight boards.

Res. 197-2019

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Calhoun County PA2 Alcohol Tax Budget for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment services for FY19/20 in the amount of \$418,379 in expenses as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6. Abstain – 1, Comr. Smith. Motion **CARRIED**.

7. License to use the Sperry Avenue Right of Way

Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer stated that Sperry Avenue, owned by the County on behalf of our Road Department, was a dead-end street in Bedford Township that ran into a swale. He explained that the County was seeking an amendment to modify the plat, abandon the road and issue a permit to Overflow Church to install additional lighting in an existing parking lot.

Comr. Hatcher asked if the County abandoned the road would it automatically become property of the church.

Mr. Dyer stated that Circuit Court would decide but that it made sense to collapse the lines to the center line of the road as the church owned four properties surrounding the road.

Res. 198-2019

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Miller to approve the License to Use Property and Right of Way as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6. No – 1, Comr. Hatcher. Motion **CARRIED**.

8. Calhoun County August 2019 Financials

Ms. Scott explained that this item was the August 2019 County financial statements for information only, and noted that expenditures were as expected and the only significant variance on the revenue side was property taxes and property tax bills went out at the end of July, due in September, and that the timing variance should be resolved the following month.

Res. 199-2019

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Miller to accept the Calhoun County August 2019 Financial Statements for information only.”

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

9. Calhoun County Road Department August 2019 Financials

Ms. Scott explained that this item was the Road Department’s financial statements through August and pointed out that the main change from the previous month’s report was the considerable increase in preservation structural improvements and road construction related items due to a significant amount of work done on primary roads this year and more structural work provided with bonds proceeds.

Res. 200-2019

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Smith accept the Calhoun County Road Department August 2019 Financial Statements for information only.”

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

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

Jerry Keller stated that he believed the County should advertise that there is only one public entrance at the County Building.

Senior Service Manager and Co-Chair of the United Way Campaign Helen Guzzo encouraged each of the Commissioners to pledge to the United Way campaign and shared that the County had currently pledged \$12,000 with 132 pledges. She stated that the campaign ended the following Friday and the previous year the County raised \$19,000 with 154 pledges.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Miller thanked Commissioner Heaton for rejecting over-priced bids when he felt they were incorrect.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Claims Payable for August 30, 2019 through September 12, 2019 in the amount of \$5,727,943.83

Res. 201-2019

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve Claims Payable for August 30, 2019 through September 12, 2019 in the amount of \$5,727,943.83 as presented.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Tompkins shared that Albion's 53rd Annual Festival of the Forks would be held on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 20-21 and Saturday, Sept. 28, 2019 the Homer Historical Society will hold its 44th Annual Fall Festival from 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Blair Historical Farm.

Comr. Frisbie reminded everyone that there would not be a Board of Commissioners meeting on October 3rd as a couple of the Commissioners would be attending an event at the White House.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

Clerk to the Board