

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

May 16, 2019

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01 p.m., Thursday, May 16, 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, Vette, and Frisbie

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, Human Resources Director Kim Archambault, 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. Vette leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res. 80-2019

"Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Miller to approve the agenda of the May 16, 2019 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the May. 2, 2019 Board of Commissioners Equalization Session

Res. 81-2019

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the minutes of the May. 2, 2019 Regular Session as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Wesley Hummel, Convis Township resident and Emmett Township business owner, thanked the County for the opportunity to do construction work for the County in the past and expressed concerns with

some of the County Road Department's requirements for contractors, expressing that he believed equipment and material specifications led to unacceptable quality of patching.

An employee of the Marian Burch Daycare Center asked for the Board's support of the supplemental funding item on the agenda. She explained the importance of the daycare center and explained that it allowed seniors an opportunity to see a nurse while attending and also provided an opportunity for homebound seniors to get out of the house for socialization.

Lee Township Supervisor Art Farmer expressed concern with the way the proposed road failure policy on that evening's agenda was written and asked that the Board reconsider voting on the policy.

Richard Porter, Albion resident and Sheridan Township Supervisor stated that his township had an average road rating of 2.61, between very poor and poor, and that the cost to rebuild the roads in 2016 was \$39M. Mr. Porter stated that their Road Committee was trying to pass a millage and that 3,800 acres slated for new solar panels would greatly increase the traffic. He asked that the Board reconsider the road infrastructure failure policy.

Glenn Meyers of Lee Township stated that it would be less expensive to maintain gravel roads and asked if there had ever been an audit to determine where the money had been going over the last 10 to 20 years. He stated that the roads were in the worse shape and that in the 1970s the roads were in great shape.

Tekonsha Township Supervisor Bob Overley stated that he had a complaint from the township against the County Administrator for failure to manage her management staff and that they only received four days' notice prior to one of their roads being turned back to gravel without any say from the Township. Tekonsha Township Trustee George Moore expressed concern that the County complained about being broke and asked why they hired a consultant to hire a new Managing Director.

Lee Township resident Carl Galahugh stated that people had offered to help take care of the roads personally and the County refused the help.

Tekonsha Fire Chief Daryl Cummins stated that there was a lot of money invested in fire trucks and the roads caused excessive wear and tear on the trucks. He explained that he was not notified that a road was impassable and current conditions reduced response time to emergencies as they had to slow down to go around potholes. He expressed concern regarding the condition of the bridge on US 27 over the St. Joseph river and stated that it need to be taken care of immediately.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Sheriff Matt Saxton thanked the Commissioners that attended the Sheriff's Office Employee Recognition Program. He shared that Matt Hartig was named Corrections Deputy of the Year, Curtis Smith was named Law Enforcement Deputy of the Year, Joan Bowers was named Civilian Employee of the Year and Deputy Foran was named Rookie of the Year. Sheriff Saxton stated that Wed., May 15 was Law Enforcement Memorial Day, Mon., May 13, 351 officer's names were added to the Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. and 158 lives were lost last year which was more than the number of serviceman that lost their lives. He shared that he was thankful for his staff.

Senior Services Manager Helen Guzzo spoke about the Joann Konkle Award and explained that she was instrumental in establishing the Marian Burch Daycare and Fork Senior Center and Art Kale asked that they create an award in her name to honor her. Ms. Guzzo explained that that year Jane Chappell and Micki Oglibee would be honored with the award at the Centenarian luncheon.

New Public Defender David Makled introduced himself and stated that he was excited to be in his first week on the job. Mr. Makled stated that the department had tremendous potential and was an asset for the community and encouraged people to stop by and ask questions.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Jane Chappell Tribute

SPECIAL TRIBUTE To Jane Chappell

WHEREAS, Jane Chappell, worked as a nurse in Calhoun County, serving seniors, for sixty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Jane began her nursing career in 1954 at Leila Hospital, where she was recognized by the Michigan Department of Health for her work in Infection Control and Care of the Aged, and was instrumental in launching Hospice Care Services in Battle Creek. When Leila Hospital purchased the old Lakeview General Hospital, Jane was appointed Director of Nursing, and was responsible for established Mercy Pavilion, a new nursing home; and

WHEREAS, Jane was later recruited by Joanne Konkle to become the Director of Nursing at the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility, where Jane also played an important role in writing the policies and procedures for the new Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from full-time work, Jane worked part-time for Good Samaritan Hospice and later at Senior Health Partners where she piloted what is now the highly successful Senior Fitness & Fun program. Jane was also influential in expanding Senior Health Partner's engagement with Parkinson's Disease, receiving an Award for Leadership from the Michigan Parkinson Foundation, and helping create a continuing partnership between SHP and Western Michigan University's School of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, Jane has also served on the Calhoun County Senior Millage Allocation Committee and the Area Agency on Aging Region 3B Advisory Board;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County Senior Services and the Senior Millage Allocation Committee have created the Joanne Konkle Senior Services Achievement Award which is awarded annually to recognized individuals who have given a life-time of service providing quality services and advocacy for seniors age 60 and over in Calhoun County following the example set by Joanne Konkle. To recognize Jane Chappell's service to Calhoun County, she will receive the Joanne Konkle Senior Services Achievement Award at the 2019 Centenarian Luncheon on May 23 at Schuler's Restaurant in Marshall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners that Jane Chappell is hereby honored and thanked for her many years of dedicated service to the nursing profession, Calhoun County and its citizens.

Signed,
Steve Frisbie
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res. 82-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Jane Chappell Tribute as presented.”

On a voice vote, Yes – 7. Motion **CARRIED**.

2. Micki Ogilbee Tribute

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE
To Micki Ogilbee**

WHEREAS, Micki Ogilbee, has served as a volunteer Medicare and Medicaid Assistance Program counselor for over ten years at the Forks Senior Center in Albion; and

WHEREAS, Micki is in constant communication with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Social Security Administration, and the Veteran’s Administration, to assist people who need help understanding and applying for government programs; and

WHEREAS, Micki sees hundreds of Albion area seniors during Medicare Open Enrollment each fall, and helps them save thousands of dollars by choosing the best supplemental health insurance and prescription drug coverage plans for their unique situations; and

WHEREAS, Micki served on the Forks Senior Center Board of Directors, serving two years as co-president, and also served on the Bronson Battle Creek Community Partner Board where she advocated for low-income older adults; and

WHEREAS, Micki spent three decades working as a special education instructor in the public school system prior to her career in counseling, and is one of the few people certified to teach children who are blind; and

WHEREAS, as a caregiver for her aging mother, Micki understands the challenges of aging and the need to advocate for loved ones when they are no longer able to advocate for themselves; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County Senior Services and the Senior Millage Allocation Committee created the Joanne Konkle Senior Services Achievement Award which is awarded annually to recognize individuals who have given exceptional services as volunteers to seniors age 60 and over in Calhoun County following the example set by Joanne Konkle. To recognize the volunteer work that Micki Ogilbee has

done with Calhoun County seniors, she will receive the Joanne Konkle Senior Services Achievement Award at the 2019 Centenarian Luncheon on May 23 at Schuler’s Restaurant in Marshall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners that Micki Ogilbee is hereby honored and thanked for her many years of dedicated volunteer service providing Medicare and Medicaid counseling to Calhoun County residents.

Signed,
Steve Frisbie
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res. 83-2019

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Micki Ogilbee Tribute as presented.”

On a voice vote, Yes – 7. Motion **CARRIED**.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Cheboygan County Resolution Supporting HB 4227

B. Resolutions

There was none.

Res. 84-2019

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. King to approve the Consent Agenda of the May 16, 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 met Fri., May 3, and that Mary Jo Byrne, Executive Director of the Fountain Clinic provided a presentation regarding their dental and prescription programs. He added that the committee approved a \$5,000 mini-grant application to Albion Community Gardens and \$500 for the Battle Creek Conservationist’s Senior Day. He shared that the Planning Commission met Mon., May 6, and recommended appointment of Jen Rice and the reappointment of Sarah Kelly, along with approval of several zoning amendment proposals. Comr. Tompkins stated that the Homer Lake Board met Tues., May 14 and the first lake application took place

earlier that week and would receive three more treatments that year that included the clearing of the lily pads in the dock areas.

Comr. Vette shared that the April Employee of the Month was Sheriff Department's Sgt. Matthew Gault who facilitated a massive security training program. She stated that Sgt. Gault had been an employee with the County for 12 years, really enjoyed his job and was a Vikings fan. Comr. Vette shared that the May Employee of the Month was Mick Rigg, a Project Leader at the Juvenile Home who embraced his new position, responded to emergencies that involved residents, was a team player and a 21 year employee.

Comr. Vette stated that Summit Pointe had their Annual Meeting and she was re-elected as Chairperson, Richard Lindsay was elected Vice Chair, Kelli Scott was re-elected Treasurer and Deb Davis was elected Secretary. Ms. Vette shared that she attended the Sheriff's Employee Recognition Event and it was an amazing event and a very inspiring evening.

Comr. King stated that he and Comr. Smith attended the first Board of Commissioners Budget Committee meeting of this year and heard a presentation from Honeywell regarding potential Road Department improvements, set the meeting schedule for the year and budget deadline dates.

Comr. Frisbie stated that Community Action of Southcentral Michigan in Battle Creek was awarded the bid to manage the Kalamazoo County Community Action after it was decertified as a County run organization and that implementation of services had started and was going well.

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 announced that at 10 a.m. Fri., May 24 a recognition ceremony for the new courtyard would be held to receive an award from the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association. She explained that there was a grant fund application item on tonight's agenda related to the courtyard for a piece of public art that had been in the plans since the inception of the project. Ms. Scott stated that the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board (FLRSB) met on Fri., May 3 and approved allocations for all of the formula-driven tiers, and at the next meeting on Mon., Jun. 3 they were scheduled to approve disbursement of all remaining checks to local governments and decide on whether or not to offer a discretionary grant program. She shared that the Calhoun County Visitors Bureau Board met Tue., May 14 and accepted their 2018 audit and tax return. She stated that it was a very positive year and they managed the approximately \$1M in annual hotel accommodation taxes very well and there were sufficient reserves and were able to offer over \$100,000 in incremental project funding for tourism support throughout the County.

B. New Business

1. Allocation of Demolition Funds to the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Amendment

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott explained that this item came from the Treasurer’s Office and Land Bank Authority regarding the best use of funding that had been generated in the Land Bank and was a proposal to amend a resolution that was passed almost a year ago to add additional projects.

Land Bank Director Krista Trout-Edwards stated that they were making adjustments to realign funds as some projects came in over budget while others came in under budget. She stated that they were adding seven additional projects and that almost all had to do with asbestos and that the \$51,000 balance was being allocated to a project related to a commercial building in Albion.

Comr. Tompkins thanked Ms. Trout-Edwards for their work on all of the demolitions that had completed over the last several years and asked where the remaining 2019 demolitions were located. Ms. Trout-Edwards replied they were located in Bedford, Albion, Battle Creek and Albion.

Res. 85-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Allocation of Demolition Funds to the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Amendment as presented and authorize the Treasurer to make the transfers in Amended Exhibit A, pursuant to Resolution 70-2018, approved on May 3, 2018.”

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

2. Public Art Grant Application

Ms. Scott stated that this was a grant application for a \$10,000 public art grant through the Michigan Council of Arts to complete the County courtyard project. She explained that the grant required a \$10,000 match that had already been set aside in the Capital Improvement Program fund and the art would be created by a regional artist with a Veteran’s focus.

Comr. Smith reiterated his prior position regarding using County funds on a statue and stated he was unable to support this item.

Res. 86-2019

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Vette to approve the grant application to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs (MCACA) and authorize the County Administrator/Controller to sign the application on behalf of the County.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comr. Miller, Comr. Tompkins, Comr. Vette, Comr. Hatcher, Comr. Frisbie, Comr. King. No – 1, Comr. Smith. Motion **CARRIED**.

3. Senior Millage Adult Day Care Supplemental Contract Amendment

Ms. Scott stated that this was a request to grant additional Senior Millage allocation funding through a supplemental contract to the Marian Burch Daycare program run by the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility. She explained that the additional amount was from the Fund balance that had accumulated through the Senior Millage that would address the increased demand for an additional 200 days. She noted that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) had already approved the additional funding.

Comr. Tompkins stated that as the Chair of the SMAC he supported the additional funding.

Comr. Frisbie stated that it was a wonderful program and he supported the additional funding.

Res. 87-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve supplemental Senior Millage funding for the Marian E. Burch Adult Day Care program run by the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility in the amount of \$23,000.00, and authorize the Board Chair to sign the Amendment on behalf of Calhoun County.”

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

4. Iron Belle Trail (IBT) Challenge Grant

Ms. Scott explained that this item was from Road Department to accept a grant to install a pedestrian crossway for the trail at Raymond Road and Emmett Street and was a collaborative effort between the Trailway Alliance, County and the City of Battle Creek to safely connect the end of the City’s Linear Path to the County’s trail that continued south to the Ott Preserve. She stated that it was a \$20,000 project that required a 50% match and that the City of Battle Creek had agreed to do the work as they maintain the traffic signals at that intersection.

Res. 88-2019

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. King to support the acceptance of an Iron Belle Trail (IBT) Challenge Grant to receive funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the installation of a safe pedestrian road crossing at the intersection of Emmett Street and Raymond Road along the IBT/Calhoun County Trailway in Emmett Township as presented.”

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

5. Local Road Infrastructure Failure Policy

Ms. Scott explained that this was a proposed new Local Road Infrastructure Failure Policy and was modeled after other counties’ policies, including Kalamazoo County’s policy to clarify the relationship that the County would have with the Townships in relation to failing roads. She stated that the County had Policy 509 that addresses funding for new roads and resurfacing and that absent this new policy, projects to turn roads to gravel would also require the same match

funding as road construction projects, which is 30% county, and 70% township.. Ms. Scott explained that over the past few years the County Road Department has spoken with several Township Supervisors regarding the need to face the facts that certain roads were unsafe and without additional funding to resurface them, gravel roads would be the safest and most cost effective solution, at least for the short term She stated that the policy outlined that the roads were the County's responsibility as we own them and in discussions with township officials, once it was determined that the road should be returned to gravel the County would pay 100% to return the road to gravel.. Administrator/Controller Scott stated that there were several inaccuracies in Mr. Overley's statements, including the fact that P Drive South, which was turned to gravel last year, was a primary road and not a local road that would be impacted by the new proposed policy.

Managing Director John Midgely addressed the misconception that the County expected an agreement to fix the roads be entered into within a three-month period. He explained that going forward, the Road Department would create lists regarding failed roads and contact each township to determine next steps. Mr. Midgely explained that if there was not a base to correct roads, the best strategy would be to return the road to gravel.

Comr. King stated that the policy does include townships to help create plans to repair their roads.

Comr. Miller asked why the County hadn't sent the proposed policy to the townships six weeks prior to it being voted on and expressed concern regarding the County turning the road back to gravel if the township could not afford to pay to repair the road.

Comr. Tompkins stated that his townships overwhelmingly did not agree with the policy and he could not support this policy in the current form and wanted to rework the policy.

Comr. Tompkins made a motion to table the vote. Comr. Hatcher seconded the motion.

Comr. Frisbie stated that the problem with the roads had occurred since the 1990's and the County took over the roads as an effort to take care of its citizens. He explained that the County had been sued and had to pay as a result of someone's death on a County road in poor condition. He explained that he was disappointed that the policy was tabled and stated the Board would move forward and asked that everyone stop complaining and come forward with solutions.

Comr. Miller stated that the County spent hundreds of man hours rebuilding a salt shed wall that should have been contracted out when they could have been patching potholes. He stated that there had been several nice Fridays and Saturdays that the Road Department could have been out patching.

Comr. Hatcher explained that she understood the County's liability and her reason to postpone the decision on the policy was to have more time to gain a better knowledge regarding County roads. She encouraged residents to call her and help her.

Comr. Tompkins stated that he understood Chair Frisbie’s concerns and that most problems dealt with State legislation and Act 51 and that it needed to be changed. He explained that counties had 75% of the roads but only 30% of the funding. He stated that there needed to be a change to Act 51 in order to address the underlying problem with the roads.

Comr. King explained that he agreed with Comr. Tompkins. However, Calhoun County had 10% of townships in the State of Michigan that were not contributing to get their roads repaired and that State lawmakers should be contacted in an effort to get state agency funding to give counties more money for road repairs.

Comr. Vette stated that she appreciated the discussion and Chair Frisbie’s position. She asked Mr. Midgely about the allegation that there were nice days when no road crews were working.

Mr. Midgely explained that the Road Department was working four ten-hour days plus Fridays on voluntary overtime, weather permitting. He explained early this spring there was not hot mix asphalt available and so he chose not to offer overtime patching, and that sometimes the forecast was for inclement weather and so overtime was not scheduled.

Comr. Tompkins responded to King , stating that he believed there needed to be an amendment to policy 509 to address the townships that would never have the ability to put an extensive millage in place.

Comr. Frisbie stated that Comr. Tompkins did bring a proposal to him and to county administration for discussion,. He explained that the County was spending \$5M on patching per year and that could not be sustained.

Comr. King stated that he agreed with Comr. Tompkins that townships that were doing local road projects a bit at a time had the best roads, with Albion Township being one example Comr. King expressed concern that the road workers want to work Fridays on overtime to get paid time and a half, but they are not filling one and half times more potholes.

Comr. Miller stated that he strongly felt that the commissioners needed to talk with the townships. He stated that he agreed that the small millage that Albion has had for a long time had a major impact on the roads.

Res. 89-2019

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Frisbie to support and approve the Local Road Infrastructure Failure Policy as presented.”

Res. 90-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to table the vote to support and approve the Local Road Infrastructure Failure Policy for further discussion.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comr. Hatcher, Comr. Smith, Comr. Miller, Comr. Tompkins, Comr. Vette. No – 2, Comr. Frisbie, Comr. King. Motion **CARRIED**.

6. Convis Township Crush and Shape Agreement

Ms. Scott explained that this local road improvement agreement was a crush and shape for P Drive North and was unique because it is being funded by the County with dedicated road funding amounts contributed by the C&C Landfill as a condition of their expansion agreement with the county.

Comr. Frisbie stated that he attended the Convis Township meeting and they were very supportive of the agreement and he was glad that they were able to get the agreement on that evening's agenda.

Res. 91-2019

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to approve the signed agreement for Convis Township to perform construction work on P Drive N as presented, and authorize the Administrator/Controller to sign the agreement on behalf of the County."

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

7. Convis Township 18 Mile Road Crush and Shape Agreement

Ms. Scott explained that this agreement was for the 18 Mile Road crush and shape work approved by Convis Township and was the traditional 70%/30% match. She stated that it was a \$76,000 project and the County's portion was \$23,000 and the Township's portion was \$53,000.

Comr. Miller asked that since the road lined up with Lee Township would they do both lanes between L and N Drives?

Comr. Frisbie explained that Convis was going to do both lanes.

Res. 92-2019

"Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Miller to approve the signed agreement for the Convis Township local road improvement for 18 Mile Road as presented, and authorize the Administrator/Controller to sign the agreement on behalf of the County."

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

8. D Drive North Culvert Replacement

Administrator Scott explained that this was a local road agreement to replace the failed culvert on D Drive North. She stated that the culvert failed almost a year ago and the road had been closed ever since and the township authorized the 50% match as required. Ms. Scott explained that it was a \$600,000 project and the County had budgeted their portion.

Comr. Frisbie thanked Comr. King for working with Emmett Township on this project.

Comr. King explained that it was not just a culvert but because of its size it was considered a 27 foot bridge.

Res. 93-2019

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Miller to approve the local road agreement for the D Drive North Culvert Replacement project in Emmett Township to replace the failed culvert as presented, and authorize the Administrator/Controller to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.”

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

9. Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #19-5220

Administrator Scott explained that this was a request to approve a contract with MDOT for tree removal and clearing work along six federal aid routes. She stated that the funding was through safety and high risk rural road grants that provided 90% of funding with only a 10% County match. Ms. Scott stated that the Engineering staff did a great job in securing grant funding.

Res. 94-2019

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Tompkins to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #19-5220 as presented, and authorize the Board Chair and the County Administrator/Controller to sign the contract on behalf of Calhoun County.”

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

10. Countywide Pulverization Project Bid Award

Administrator Scott explained that this item was for countywide pulverization bid award to Kalin Construction for the pulverization portion of four road improvement projects that had already been identified. The projects were in Marengo, Convis, Lee, Sheridan and Albion Townships at a total cost of \$85,000 at a 70/30 Township/County match.

Res. 95-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the award of the 2019 Countywide Pulverization Project bid to Kalin Construction as presented.”

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

11. Approval of the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies

Administrator Scott explained that this item was for a MDOT resolution that related to the County being able to do work in MDOT owned rightaways. She stated that it was a standard

resolution to ensure that it covered all of the various departments that have the potential to require work in those rightaways.

Res. 96-2019

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies as presented.”

Jim Dyer asked for an amendment to the resolution to add the Water Resources Department.

Res. 97-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. King to amend the MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies to include the Water Resources Department.”

On a voice vote, Yes – 7. Motion **CARRIED**.

Res. 98-2019

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the amended MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies to include the Water Resources Department.”

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

12. Approval of CareHere Medical Services Agreement Renewal

Administrator Scott explained that this was the renewal of a renegotiated contract with CareHere due to the City of Battle Creek’s choice to end their agreement with CareHere and to require the County and our private-sector partners to vacate the prior clinic space, owned by the City. She stated that this contract contained lower administrative fees and that CareHere agreed to help with capital costs for renovations. She added that the agreement also required that all of the parties would continue to share the costs of medical staff and supplies.

Res. 98-2019

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. King to approve the renewal of the CareHere Management, PLLC Medical Services Agreement as presented.”

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

13. CareHere Shared Clinic Agreement

Administrator Scott explained that this item was the new agreement between the County and the three other participating companies, Musashi, Toyota Tsusho, and Systex, to outline the County’s responsibility in the operation of the new facility. She stated that the agreement put in writing the responsibility of those companies to share in the operational costs.

Jim Dyer stated that there would be a minor change needed after approval, regarding supply cost allocations between CareHere and the County.

Res. 99-2019

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Clinic Share Agreement with CareHere, Musashi Auto Parts, Systex Products Corporation, Toyoto Tsusho America, Inc., as presented, subject to minor modifications acceptable to the Administrator/Controller and Corporation Counsel.”

On a voice vote, Yes – 7. Motion **CARRIED**.

14. Calhoun County April 2019 Financial Statements

Administrator Scott explained that she asked Deputy Controller Megan Banning to update the charts and graphs to be easier to read and still highlight budget to actual variances.

Comr. Tompkins stated that he appreciated the updated data and charts.

Res. 100-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to accept the Calhoun County April 2019 Financial Statements for information only.”

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

15. Calhoun County Road Department April 2019 Financial Statements

Administrator Scott thanked the Road Department Accountant and Ms. Banning for making these financials available every month. Ms. Scott stated that there was not much change from the March financials and addressed the high winter maintenance variance and explained that because of increased State funding over what was budgeted there would be a budget amendment brought in front of Board.

Res. 101-2019

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

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Michelle Gregory of Battle Creek thanked Comr. Smith and the other Commissioners for tabling the Local Road Infrastructure Failure policy and expressed concern regarding comments made by between Township Supervisors and the Commissioners.

Wes Hummel from Convis Township reiterated his concerns about the county's instructions to patching contractors and equipment requirements

Sheridan Township Supervisor Richard Porter thanked the Commissioners for tabling the policy and stated that the Township had \$67,000 budgeted for road work that year and had a Road Committee that has agreed to one mill and stated that the solar panel investment would go toward their roads.

George Moore of Tekonsha Township stated concern that the Road Department works four days a week, ten hour days and his belief that they should work five days a week, eight hour days to be more effective.

Tekonsha Fire Chief Daryl Cummins inquired about the bridge issue he spoke about during the first Citizens Time.

Comr. Frisbie asked Mr. Cummins to speak with John Midgely for additional details regarding the planned repair of the bridge.

Mr. Cummins thanked Comr. Miller for attending meetings and providing feedback and explained that they could not pass a millage to build a fire department and they could not afford a millage for road repair.

Cindy Beebe of Lee Township stated that she was not a fan of gravel roads and asked if they went back to gravel would there be a guarantee that they would be maintained.

Clarendon Township Supervisor Steve Shrock stated the he appreciated the discussion regarding the infrastructure policy and explained that their township does have a Road Committee and his concern that a mill would only be \$35,000 and how effective it would be. Mr. Shrock recommended that the durapatch would be more effective and last longer.

Lee Township resident Carl Galahugh reiterated that the County should allow citizens to help with the roads and spend the money we have more wisely.

Wayne Smith of Lee Township stated that he appreciated tabling the policy and inquired about the quality control of the contractors doing the patch work and encouraged everyone to come together to develop a plan.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Miller stated that Thur. May 9 went to ARC Center Fundraiser as a Solid Waste Committee representative and learned that one out of eight members of our community had a special need. He explained that the ARC Program helps find individuals with special needs employment and that the Recycle Center employed individuals through ARC. He stated that on Fri., May 10 he attended East End Studio where Dr. John Bizon was a speaker and Consumer Energy provided a \$40,000 grant.

Comr. Tompkins recognized a longtime member of SMAC that recently resigned from the committee and thanked her for her contributions.

Comr. Smith stated that appreciated the debate on road policy and stated that unfortunately he believed they would need more of it.

Comr. King welcomed David Makled to the Public Defender Office. He stated that he did not get reappointed by the Governor to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission and thanked Comr. Miller for attending the ARC event and thanked the recycling center staff.

Comr. Frisbie asked that the Supervisors that were concerned regarding Policy 509 offer solutions quickly.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Claims Payable for April 26, 2019 through May 9, 2019 in the amount of \$2,740,712.58

Res. 102-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve Claims Payable for April 26, 2019 through May 9, 2019 in the amount of \$2,740,712.58 as presented.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Tompkins shared that on Fri., May 17 that Greater Albion Chamber of Commerce would host its monthly Egg N Issues meeting at Starr Commonwealth from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. and on Sat., May 25 at 9: a.m. the Citizens to Beautify Albion would be planting flowers around the City with a picnic at 11 a.m. for volunteers. He stated that on Memorial Day the Homer FAA would hold its 37th Annual Pancake Brunch from 7:00 a.m. to Noon at Homer Schools and both Homer and Albion would be holding Memorial Day parades.

Comr. Frisbie shared that Fort Custer National Cemetery would hold a Memorial Day Program on Sun., May 26 and encourage everyone to attend and stated that Miles for Memories Rock-A-Thon was on Fri., May 17 at the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility.

17. CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER MATERIAL EXEMPT FROM DISCUSSION OR DISCLOSURE BY STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE

Res. 103-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to retire to closed session to consider material exempt from discussion or disclosure by State or Federal statute.”

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

Meeting retired to closed session at 9:10 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

Meeting returned to open session at 9:53 p.m.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m. at the call of the Vice Chair.

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Chairman

Clerk to the Board