

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 16, 2020

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 16, 2020 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. Jake Smith, Tommy Miller, Rochelle Hatcher, Gary Tompkins, Steve Frisbie, and Kathy-Sue Vette

Excused: Comr. Derek King

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox, 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

After a moment of silence, Comr. Tompkins lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res. 1-2020

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Vette to approve the agenda of the Jan. 16, 2020 Organizational Meeting of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Dec. 19, 2019 Board of Commissioners Regular Session

Res. 2-2020

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the minutes of the Dec. 19, 2019 Board of Commissioners Regular Session as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Joel Fulton, Owner of Freedom Firearms in Battle Creek, expressed his appreciation that the Second Amendment Sanctuary proposal had not been added to that evening's agenda with only a couple days' notice without allowing all of the Commissioners time to review it. He explained that the sanctuary was not necessary, and that the State of Michigan was not in the same situation as residents in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Mr. Fulton stated that he believed all of the Commissioners and Elected Officials supported the Second Amendment and he didn't believe it was necessary to adopt a resolution that was not necessary at this time.

3<sup>rd</sup> District Congress candidate Tom Norton stated that he was the spokesman for Second Amendment Sanctuary Counties and the requested resolution was not about what the County Board itself was going to do but rather sending a message that the Board stood for the Constitution of the United States; sending a clear message that all of the citizens were represented and protected. He requested that the resolution be added to next month's agenda so it could be discussed.

Michelle Gregory of Battle Creek stated her support of Mr. Norton's statement and requested that the item be added to the Feb. 4 agenda.

## 7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Sheriff Matt Saxton wished everyone a Happy New Year and shared that a couple of Deputies had been involved in two recent lifesaving events involving two inmates who attempted to hang themselves. He expressed his gratitude to the men and women in the jail and on road patrol for jobs well done. Sheriff Saxton stated that he had received questions regarding the cost associated with the recent President and Vice President's visit. He explained that the Sheriff's Office had approximately \$20,000 in additional salary expenses and that it was always an honor when a President or Vice President visited the community. Sheriff Saxton explained that the Michigan Joint Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration released their report including 18 recommendations earlier that week. He stated that the sixth recommendation would allow Sheriffs to be more proactive with jail overcrowding and the seventh addressed training personnel in crisis intervention and that Calhoun County was already ahead of the curve in both areas. Sheriff Saxton explained that the sixteenth recommendation could impact the County financially by the discontinuance of allowing counties to bill inmates for their incarceration and that the County currently only received approximately \$10,000 annually so it would not be a major impact. He stated that most of the other recommendations affected courts regarding the reduction of Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended sentencings.

Comr. Frisbie stated that he reached out to Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority regarding their costs incurred for the Presidential visit and was told that they incurred approximately \$2,200 in additional salary expenses.

Prosecutor Dave Gilbert provided updates from 2019. He shared that his office has 11 attorneys that do only criminal cases and that they reviewed 5,800 complaints, issuing 1,600 felonies and 2,500 misdemeanors during the year. He stated they have one attorney that handles only abuse and neglect cases and that the attorney did 100 more cases than the previous year. Mr. Gilbert explained that they were starting a juvenile diversion program in partnership with Rev. McCoy and other ministries in an effort to reduce the increase in juvenile crime. He stated that other states that had legalized marijuana had experienced a tremendous increase in juvenile use and the County was working to get ahead of the

issue by diverting them to counseling and other services. He added that his office has one attorney that only handles child support and paternity cases and who received 507 paternity and support court cases that resulted in \$107,000 in child support each month. Prosecutor Gilbert shared that that attorney received an award in 2019 for her work. He explained that the Prosecutor's office was understaffed but that the attorneys, victim's advocates and support staff did a phenomenal job.

Deputy Treasurer Melinda Weaver reminded everyone that it was tax foreclosure season and asked Commissioners to send constituents needing help avoiding foreclosure to their office.

Interim Chief Deputy Clerk and Register of Deeds Kimberly Hinkley shared that a Retirement Open House would be held for Clerk/Register of Deeds Anne Norlander at the County Building on Thursday, Jan. 30 from 2-4 p.m. in the Garden Level Conference Room. She thanked the Commissioners and Administration for the new workstations in the Clerk's office and expressed how much it improved the workflow of the office.

Comr. Frisbie congratulated Ms. Hinkley on her recent promotion to Interim Chief Deputy Clerk.

## 8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

### A. Election of Vice-Chairperson

#### Res. 3-2020

Comr. Hatcher nominated Kathy-Sue Vette for Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in 2020 for a one-year term per Standing Board Rules.

Chair Frisbie called three times for other nominations and none were offered.

"Move Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Tompkins to close the nominations for the 2020 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners."

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

"Move Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to elect Kathy-Sue Vette as the 2020 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners."

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

Commissioner Kathy-Sue Vette was declared the Vice Chairperson of the 2020 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Chair Frisbie.

Prosecutor David Gilbert swore in Comr. Vette as 2020 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

### B. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Proclamation

Comr. Hatcher read the proclamation into record.

**WHEREAS**, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was chartered in Battle Creek, Michigan on Saturday, January 12, 1980, with Ms. Wilhelmina Goff, Midwest Regional Director, present; and

**WHEREAS**, the membership of the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter began with twelve original charter members and expanded its service area and membership within that service area to Calhoun and Eaton County (except for Dimondale, Eaton Rapids, Holt and Lansing-Delta Townships); and

**WHEREAS**, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is a private, not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world with a public motto of, "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom." The organization is a sisterhood of predominantly Black, college educated women; and

**WHEREAS**, the sorority provides an extensive array of public service initiatives through its Five-Point Programmatic Thrust of educational development, political awareness and involvement, international awareness and involvement, economic development, and physical and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1980, the members of the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter have been actively helping to make Calhoun County, MI a better place to live with programming such as Lunch with Santa, recognition of Black educators then scholarships for Black female high school graduating seniors since 1984, health information tables and events on breast cancer, diabetes, and heart health, mentorship programs Delta Academy and Delta G.E.M.S. and the Calhoun County Minority-Owned Business Listing since 2016;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steve Frisbie, Chair of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim that the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. be recognized for its 40th anniversary, and urge all the citizens of Calhoun County to recognize the valuable impact that the Battle Creek Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has made in our communities.

Signed,  
Steve Frisbie  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Res. 4-2020

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Proclamation as presented."

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

C. Public Hearing Regarding the Abandonment of a Portion of Sperry Road

Res. 5-2020

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Hatcher to Open Public Hearing."

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

Comr. Frisbie declared the Public Hearing Open.

Overflow Church Representative Rick Westphal explained the background of the purchase of the church and improvements that had been made to the previous school throughout their ownership making it an asset to the community. He stated that the property is located on both the east and west side of Sperry Road with the Church on the east and currently a parking lot on the west. Mr. Westphal explained that the Church was hoping to expand, which was the reason for the request of the County to abandon the road. He shared that they had received positive feedback from both Bedford Township and residents.

Res. 6-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Hatcher to Close Public Hearing.”

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

Comr. Frisbie declared the Public Hearing Closed.

1. Resolution to Abandon a Portion of Sperry Road

Res. 7-2020

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Tompkins to approve the abandonment and discontinuation of jurisdiction and maintenance of the improved and certified portion of Sperry Road South of Michigan Avenue, and the existing right of way to the southern end of the Quenched Ministries property line.”

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

- D. 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan Public Hearing

Res. 8-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to Open Public Hearing.”

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

Comr. Frisbie declared the Public Hearing Open.

Community Development Project Manager Doug Ferrall explained that the Parks and Recreation Commission had spent the last six months creating the five-year Master Plan through receiving public input and focusing on the mission of the department. He shared that the plan was a roadmap on where Calhoun County parks would go over the next five years and was required in order to qualify for DNR grants. Mr. Ferrall stated that through the public survey conducted, the two main messages received from residents was the need to focus on maintenance and improving current parks as well as preserving natural areas. He noted that both were reflected in the Plan.

Res. 9-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to Close Public Hearing.”

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

Comr. Frisbie declared the Public Hearing Closed.

1. Approval of 2020-2024 Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Res. 10-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the 2020-2024 Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Master Plan as presented.”

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

E. 2020 Census Proclamation

**Whereas**, the U.S. Census Bureau is required by the US Constitution to conduct a count of the population every 10 years and provides a historic opportunity to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American democracy;

**Whereas**, census data helps determine how many seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives and often is used for the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts;

**Whereas**, more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based, in part, on census data;

**Whereas**, the 2020 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment;

**Whereas**, an accurate Census count is vital to our community and residents’ well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day care centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals and other facilities;

**Whereas**, Calhoun County Government is committed to ensuring every resident is counted

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that as an Official Census Partner, Calhoun County will

- Support the goals and ideals for the 2020 Census and will disseminate 2020 Census information
- Create or seek opportunities to collaborate with other groups in our community for this purpose
- Support Census takers as they help our County complete an accurate count
- Encourage all County residents to participate in events and initiatives that will raise the overall awareness of the 2020 Census and increase participation

- Strive to achieve a complete and accurate count of all persons within our borders

Signed,  
Steve Frisbie  
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Res. 11-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the 2020 Census Proclamation as presented.”

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

1. Calhoun County Land Bank Reappointment

{a} Lynn Ward Gray – City of Battle Creek  
(Reappoint for a two-year term effective January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021)

Res. 12-2020

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Consent Agenda of the Jan. 16, 2020 Board of Commissioners’ Organizational Session as presented.”

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Tompkins shared that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee held a special meeting on Friday, Jan. 3 and after addressing the concerns of the members, the committee was able to unanimously approve their Senior Strategic Project Fund. He stated that the Trailway Alliance Board met on Wednesday, Jan. 8 and discussed the Albion trailhead project as well as a one-mile trail that will go into the City of Albion. Comr. Tompkins shared that the Homer Lake Management Board held their Organizational meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14 and reelected the current officers, reviewed the 2019 budget and approved the 2020 budget. He explained that the Board ended the year in the best financial position since the Board’s inception and the additional treatments had allowed for children to fish from the landing.

Comr. Miller shared that the Solid Waste Committee met, and it was reported that recycling in 2019 was down a little less than 10% from the previous year and that they received a grant for sharps disposal. He

stated that Calhoun County Agriculture and Industrial Society met on Wednesday, Jan. 15 and heard that 1460 cars went through the Merry Mile, that a county fair book should be out mid-February and that the Celebrity Luncheon would be held on Friday, Jan. 31 at Cornwell's Turkeyville at 11 a.m.

Comr. Vette stated that Calhoun County Visitors and Convention Bureau, that she Chairs and Ms. Scott serves as Treasurer, met and completed their ten-year Master and Strategic Plan.

#### 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 several committees met since the last meeting in December including the Summit Pointe Board, which Comr. Vette Chairs and she serves as Treasurer. She added that the Calhoun County Hospital Finance Authority held their Organizational meeting and the Veterans Affairs Committee met on Jan 8. Ms. Scott shared that the Executive Committee of the Michigan Municipal Services Authority, a statewide virtual government focused on shared services, met on Thursday, Jan. 9 and that the BC CAL/KAL Inland Port Development Corporation Board met on Wednesday, Jan. 15. She explained that the Corporation manages the Foreign Trade Zone and discussed additional outreach to local manufacturers to encourage them to utilize the tool to take advantage of reduced tariffs. Ms. Scott stated that she and Chair Frisbie represented the County at the Battle Creek Chamber's annual State of the Community Address on Monday, Jan. 13. She concluded by reminding the Board that the 2020 Census would take place that year and asked representatives from the County's Census committee to explain their efforts.

Communications Manager Lucy Blair described that the County was an official Census Partner and their role was to communicate the importance of both completing the survey as well as how the Census impacted the community. She explained that the Census was especially important for Battle Creek as the threshold to receive block grants was a population of 50,000 and at the last census Battle Creek's population was 51,000. Ms. Blair shared that the committee was a resource to help educate and address concerns that citizens have in relation to sharing information and completing the survey.

##### B. New Business

##### 1. Approval of the 2020 Board of Commissioners Schedule

Ms. Scott stated that this item was the approval of the 2020 Board of Commissioners Schedule and noted that meetings are regularly held on the first and third Thursdays of the month and explained that in April there would only be the Equalization Session held on Tuesday, April 14 as required by the State and one meeting in July due to the Fourth of July holiday.

Res. 13-2020



“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the 2020 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule as presented.”

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

2. MDOT Contract #19-5568

Administrator/Controller Scott stated that this was an MDOT contract from the Road Department for three tree removal projects in Bedford, Pennfield and Athens Townships. She explained that it was an example of the competitive grant process that the Road Department’s Engineering Department works proactively at applying for. Ms. Scott shared that the total cost of the projects were just under \$48,000 and the grant would cover 90% of the cost.

Res. 14-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation #19-5568 contract for road safety improvement and tree removal as presented and authorize the Administrator/Controller and Board Chair to sign on behalf of the County.”

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

3. EGLE Rental Agreement

Ms. Scott explained that this item was a lease agreement with EGLE, formally the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, for 1,200 sq. ft. on the second floor of the County Building. She stated that the County tries to utilize empty space within its facilities and this rental agreement would generate \$16,800 annually.

Res. 15-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the renewal of the State of Michigan Rental Agreement #11924-2020 as presented and authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.”

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

4. Housing Choice Rental Agreement

Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox explained that this item was a lease at the Albion location with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) – Housing Choice Program that provides rent subsidy assistance to low-income persons. He stated that it was for 100 square feet for a rent amount of \$1,272 annually.

Comr. Frisbie asked how much vacant space was available within County offices.

Mr. Wilcox stated that both the Albion and Toeller Buildings were 100% occupied and the County Building was 80% occupied. He explained that by utilizing the vacant space the County had generated nearly \$10M in cost recovery revenue over the past 10 years.

Comr. Frisbie stated the revenue could be used for capital improvements in the future and it was great to take underutilized space and turn an expense into revenue.

Res. 16-2020

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the rental agreement with Housing Choices, L.L.C, for the use of office space in the Albion Human Services Building as presented and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.”

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

5. Calhoun County Land Bank Agreement

Ms. Scott explained that this item was a renewal and was a five-year lease with the Calhoun County Land Bank. She shared the importance of the County’s partnership with the Land Bank with regard to work that has been and is planned to be completed in partnership with the City of Battle Creek. Administrator/Controller Scott stated that the lease was for 1,100 square feet in the amount of \$13,000 annually.

Res. 17-2020

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Office Space Lease with the Calhoun County Land Bank as presented and authorize the Board Chairperson to sign the agreement on behalf of the County.”

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

6. Employee Benefits Policy #340 Amendment

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this item requested approval of an updated employee benefit policy because of agreements reached in 2019 regarding changes with MERS pension plans. She explained that the County was in the process of closing the defined benefit plans to all new hires. Ms. Scott stated that new hires after March 1, 2020 would be enrolled in the County’s 401(K) plan and emphasized that the change did not impact current employees. She concluded that next steps would be issuing pension obligation bonds for the two divisions that will be closed at the end of February. Ms. Scott thanked Ms. Archambault for her work with all of the union leadership and employees to complete the process.

Res. 18-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve the changes to Employee Benefits Policy #340 as presented.”

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

7. Appraisal Services Agreement with CSZ Services, LLC

Ms. Scott stated that this item was an agreement with CSZ Services, LLC to perform certain appraisals of the County’s commercial industrial and agricultural residential properties. She explained that due to a vacancy several years prior in the Equalization Department the County began contracting the work out in order to meet the level of credentials required by the State. Ms. Scott stated that the previous contractor no longer had the capacity to continue work for the County and Deputy Equalization Director Tom Scott and Equalization Director Matthew Hansen identified the new firm CSZ Services, which performs these services for several other counties including Kalamazoo County. She added that the contract terms were \$154 per parcel with a not to exceed amount of \$44,006.50 for the year, which was the same pricing structure in place within other counties.

Res. 19-2020

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Professional Services Agreement with CSZ Services, LLC, as presented.”

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

8. 2020 Emmett Township Road Improvement Contract

Administrator/Controller Scott explained that previously the Board approved a notice of intent to Reimburse resolution from the Road Department to complete the Emmett Township project and later a bid award to Lakeland Asphalt to secure pricing for the three-year project. She stated that this item was the actual contract between the County and Emmett Township and the next step was moving forward with the authorization and notice of intent to issue capital improvement funds for the County’s 50%.

Mr. Dyer stated that the primary concern was a provision that the Township wanted an agreement that their portion of the three-year project would not exceed \$14M. He explained that it was stated that cost guarantees were dependent on the Lakeland bid and that the County dollar amount would not exceed the amount contributed by the Township and pointed out that the engineering bid came in approximately \$2M less than anticipated, and so there was built-in contingency. Mr. Dyer added that in an effort to prevent overruns, the Road Department would commit to monthly billing including project completion rates to make necessary adjustments throughout the project if necessary. He shared that the other concern were road warranties and explained that cracking and normal wear and tear were not covered under warranties and that nearly \$1M of the total cost of the project would be invested in testing and ensuring the quality of materials.

Ms. Scott summarized the scope of work, explaining that it was a 3-year phased project and that the County would meet with the Township on an annual basis to refine work based on the condition of the roads. She stated that the County owned and maintained 800 miles of local roads and with the completion of the Emmett Township project, 200 of the 800 miles or 25% will have been improved over the past several years. She stated that the Emmett Township Local Road Improvement Project will be the largest project that the Road Department has undertaken and asked for Board's support in more ways than just the contract approval.

Comr. Miller expressed concern with language in the contract stating that the County would be solely responsible for costs exceeding the not to exceed amount and asked to table the item and have that verbiage removed.

Mr. Dyer explained that the language in question was prepared by Emmett Township and he did not have any issues with it as the contract in its entirety made the County not responsible for additional costs.

Comr. Miller stated he would not support it.

Comr. Smith inquired about the \$7M difference in the original amount approved and Lakeland's bid and how the additional funds would be utilized by the Township.

Administrator/Controller Scott explained that the total cost of the project had to be estimated before it was taken to the voters, so the amount was high to be protected. She added that the voters only approved the authority to issue bonds not to exceed the estimated amount and only the necessary amount needed to complete the project would be issued.

Comr. Hatcher asked if the language could be changed.

Mr. Dyer stated that it could be changed and that is why the resolution contained a provision allowing himself and Ms. Scott to make changes as needed, adding that he was comfortable with the current language.

Comr. Miller asked if he could make a motion to table the item.

Mr. Dyer recommended that they not table it, explaining that the current language gave him substantial leverage in future discussions with the Township and tabling it would only create doubt and addressed the aggressive timeline to get the contract approved, pursue bond funding and start work on the project.

Comr. Tompkins stated he initially had questions regarding the verbiage that were addressed, and he was comfortable with the current language.

Mr. Dyer further explained that they had the ability to manage the contract.

Comr. Vette asked if they approved the agreement that evening, could the verbiage be changed afterwards.

Mr. Dyer explained that when two municipalities entered into a contract, they negotiated in the open, so contracts were constructed to have the flexibility to make changes based on feedback received by both parties.

Comr. Frisbie added that the County was protected through Act 51 which prohibited the County from investing more than 50% of the project.

Comr. Miller stated that he felt the language was a loophole.

Comr. Frisbie stated Comr. Miller's concern was that the County could end up investing more than 50% and assured him that would not be the case and expressed concern about slowing a project down that had previously been approved and committed to.

Comr. Smith stated his understanding was that the project was a 50/50 cost share and that if the total cost of the project was less than anticipated that would be fair for both parties.

Res. 20-2020

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Hatcher to table the Emmett Township Local Road Maintenance and Improvement Agreement to amend verbiage in paragraph three regarding additional costs being the sole responsibility of the County."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 1, Comr. Miller. No – 5, Comrs. Tompkins, Vette, Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie. Excused – 1. Motion **FAILED**.

Res. 21-2020

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Emmett Township Local Road Maintenance and Improvement Agreement as presented, subject to minor modifications or amendments acceptable to the Administrator Controller and the Corporation Counsel and to further authorize the Administrator/Controller to sign any amendments to scope of work or the specific work to be performed, so long as said amendments do not increase the total sum budgeted for the work set forth in the Agreement."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Smith, Frisbie, Tompkins, Vette and Hatcher. No – 1, Comr. Miller. Excused – 1. Motion **CARRIED**.

9. Prosecutor SAGKIT Memorandum of Understanding

Administrator/Controller Scott explained that the last item was the Memo of Understanding between the Prosecutor's Office and the Attorney General's office that related to two previous contracts brought before the Board regarding the sexual assault kit investigative unit. She stated that the contract outlined the arrangement by which the State agreed to reimburse the Prosecutor and the County for all costs associated with sexual assault kit investigations as well as provide two investigators for the fiscal year that started in October of 2019.

Prosecutor Gilbert stated that they expected to be done in October of that year and needed an additional investigator to complete the work. He explained that they had been approved for two investigators up until that point but did not need the additional one until this time.

Res. 22-2020

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Memo of Understanding between the Department of Attorney General and the Calhoun County Prosecutor's Office as presented.”

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

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

A resident from Pennfield Township thanked Comr. Miller for standing strong and inquired if there were any other bids other than Lakeland Asphalt for the Emmett Township Road project.

Comr. Frisbie stated that questions were not answered during Citizen's Time and he would be happy to speak with her after the meeting.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Miller thanked everyone in the audience for coming out and supporting their Second Amendment rights and made a formal request to have the item placed on the next agenda.

Comr. Vette thanked the Commissioners for their support and for reelecting her as Vice Chair and expressed her appreciation of the role.

Comr. Hatcher wished Comr. Smith a Happy Birthday.

Comr. Miller stated he was approached by MDOT regarding studies being done to potentially eliminate the 15 Mile Rd. bridge over I-94 and install a cloverleaf. He shared that there would be a meeting to discuss the issue at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 at Marshall Township Hall and invited everyone to attend. Comr. Miller explained that there were over 500 vehicles that crossed the bridge daily and the plan would be to re-route everyone from 13 Mile Road to E Drive.

Comr. Frisbie stated that it was important to get the Sheriff, fire departments as well as citizen input regarding the potential project as the impact would be a big change.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Claims Payable for December 13, 2019 through January13, 2020 in the amount of \$4,691,890.95

Res. 23-2020

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve Claims Payable for December 13, 2019 through January 13, 2020 in the amount of \$4,691,890.95 as presented.”

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

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comr. Tompkins shared that at 8 p.m., Monday, Jan. 20 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner would take place at Marshall High School and on Saturday, Feb. 1, Albion’s Winterfest would take place beginning in Victory Park at 10 a.m. with the Annual Cardboard Classic Sled Race.

Comr. Hatcher stated that in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. both Ann J. Kellogg School and Marantha Church of God in Christ would be holding breakfasts on Monday, Jan. 20.

Comr. Frisbie added that both he and Sheriff Saxton would be serving at the Celebrity Luncheon on Friday, Jan. 31 at Cornwell’s Turkeyville and he would provide free pie to anyone that sat in their section. He stated that the event started at 11 a.m. and invited everyone to come out and support the Fairgrounds.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

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Clerk to the Board