

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**March 3, 2022**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 3, 2022 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. Kathy-Sue Vette, Jake Smith, Steve Frisbie, Derek King, Tommy Miller, and Gary Tompkins

Excused: Comr. Rochelle Hatcher

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, HR/Labor Relations Director Kim Archambault, Communications Manager Lucy Blair, and Deputy Clerk Susan Connolly.

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

After a moment of silence, Comr. King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Res.031-2022

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the agenda of the March 3, 2022 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, as presented."

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

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.032-2022

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2022 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

**6. CITIZENS' TIME**

Residents of Union City, Burlington Township, Leroy Township, East Leroy, and Newton Township expressed concerns regarding the removal of trees and damage to roadways by work along 9 Mile Road and other roadways.

**7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

There was none.

**8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

*A. Land Bank Annual Report Presentation*

Krista Trout-Edwards, CCLBA Executive Director shared that Amy Rose Robinson and Angela Whitesell were present and provided an overview of the 2020-2021 Land Bank projects. Ms. Trout-Edwards reported 87% of their projects were located within Battle Creek or Albion.

Krista Trout-Edwards highlighted various Land Bank programs and projects, including Transform This Home, the Washington Heights Neighborhood Project, Develop this Lot Program and Transform this Commercial Property.

*B. Sobriety Court Presentation – 10<sup>th</sup> District Court*

Judge Jason C. Bomia, presiding Judge and Sobriety Treatment Court Judge shared that the mission of the program is centered around education, treatment, supervision, and rehabilitation. He added that the sobriety court program is offered to Calhoun County residents charged with a misdemeanor and no violent history, and that it is a four phase, 18-month program. Judge Bomia noted that 24 individuals have graduated and there has been a 0% recidivism rate.

Erin Lindsay, Case Manager with the District Court, highlighted the success of the program, made possible by the community support, recovery coaches, housing, and inpatient treatment.

*C. Resolution Supporting Calhoun County's Community Mental Health Authority and Opposing SB597 and SB598*

*Comr. Vette read the Resolution on the record:*

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING POTENTIAL CHANGES  
TO THE MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, has entered into an enabling resolution to help create the Calhoun County Community Mental Health Authority dba Summit Pointe, pursuant to Section 100 et seq. and Section 205 of the Mental Health Code, 1974 PA 258, as amended (MCL330.1 100 et seq; MCL330.1205); and

**WHEREAS**, Summit Pointe, organized under the terms of Section 204(a) of the Michigan Mental Health Code (the Code), (MCL330.1204[a]); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 116(b) of the Code (MCL330.1116[b]) requires that the Department of Community Health shift primary responsibility for the direct delivery of public mental health services from the state to a community mental health services program whenever the community mental health services program has demonstrated a willingness and capacity to provide an adequate and appropriate system of mental health services for the citizens of that service area; and

**WHEREAS**, Summit Pointe has demonstrated such willingness and capacity to provide broad array of innovative, cutting edge, community mental health services and is properly certified as a community mental health services program under the terms of Section 232(a) of the Code (MCL330.1232[a]); now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State Senate and House of Representatives to oppose Senate Bills 597 & 598, known as Gearing Toward Integration Proposal, and subsequent changes proposed to the Michigan Social Welfare Act which would privatize the public mental health system; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Gearing Toward Integration Proposal was formerly called Section 298 and that pilot program that provided the foundation for this latest proposal was abandon as unworkable, and;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners supports Summit Pointe and the current Michigan behavioral health system that provides necessary community safety net services and supports; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** those copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator John Bizon, State Representatives Matt Hall and Jim Haadsma, the Michigan Association of Counties and Community Mental Health Association of Michigan.

Dated: March 3, 2022

Signed by the Deputy Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Commissioners

Res.033-2022

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Resolution supporting Calhoun County's current Community Mental Health System and Summit Pointe, our CMH Authority, and oppose proposed legislation making changes to the CMH system in Michigan, as presented.”

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

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Petitions, Communications, Reports**

1. Resolutions from Other Counties to Be Acknowledged:
  - a. *Cheboygan County regarding Support for State Employees to Return In-Person*

**B. Resolutions**

1. Veterans Affairs Committee Appointment:
  - a. Albert Smith (Term Ending March 3, 2026)
2. 2022 Hazard Mitigation Planning Project Grant Application
3. Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission Reappointments (Terms Ending December 31, 2024):
  - a. Jesse Jacox
  - b. Michelle DeLong
  - c. Dr. Bill Comai

**Res.034-2022**

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 3, 2022 Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

**10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS**

Comr. Tompkins shared that on March 3 the Calhoun County Broadband Task Force met and discussed the results of the countywide broadband survey that was conducted last year.

Comr. King reported that the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) met recently, noting that John Midgley and Kristine Parsons of the Road Department also attend, and that the meeting included a review of upcoming projects for 2022.

Comr. Vette informed Summit Pointe Committee met March 1 and hears a presentation from a team from Summit Pointe and the Sheriff’s Office working together on a model to help inmates with mental health issues.

**11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Scott provided an update on the County's COVID-19 response, noting the County Board of Health and Countywide Leadership Team of elected officials and department heads both met during the current week and that the Joint Operations Center is still up and running. Ms. Scott shared that there have been steady declines in all COVID-related data and that there are no current public health orders in effect at this time.

B. New Business

1. **Signal Modernization Project - Morgan Road and North Avenue Design Services Contract Award.**

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported that this project is funded with a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) grant to modernize the Morgan Road & North Avenue signal.

Res.035-2022

"Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Signal Modernization Project - Morgan Road and North Avenue Design Services Contract Award, as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, and Tompkins.  
Excused – 1, Comr. Hatcher  
Motion **CARRIED**.

2. **RAVE Mobile Safety Alert System Contract Award.**

Ms. Scott noted that the RAVE emergency alert system provides County employees with real-time communications about emergencies and other situations that impact County operations such as; weather emergencies, active shooter and building closures due to weather or power outages.

Kelli Scott added the cost of the system will be shared with the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority and acknowledged the assistance of Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox and Emergency Manager Lt. Chris Young.

Res.036-2022

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the RAVE Mobile Safety Alert System Contract Award, as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, and Tompkins.  
Excused – 1, Comr. Hatcher  
Motion **CARRIED**.

**3. Jail Inmate Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Management System Contract Award.**

Kelli Scott shared that this contract includes hardware, support services, and a web-based Software as a Service (SAAS) platform to deliver a wide range of inmate management, monitoring, and tracking solutions.

Administrator/Controller Scott added that Sheriff Corrections staff will use GUARDIAN RFID for inmate accountability, management, monitoring, and real-time tracking of inmates in-custody and will replace a manual system currently in place.

Res.037-2022

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Jail Inmate Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Management System Contract Award, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, and Tompkins.  
Excused – 1, Comr. Hatcher  
Motion **CARRIED**.

**4. MDOT Contract 22-5033 Raymond Road Rehabilitation for Structure #1317.**

Ms. Scott noted the contract includes the completion of Job Number 209858: The rehabilitation of Structure #1317, which carries Raymond Road North over the Michigan Department of Transportation Railroad Corridor in Emmett Township, Calhoun County, Michigan.

Managing Director John Midgley was present to answer any questions.

Res.038-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve MDOT Contract 22-5033 Raymond Road Rehabilitation for Structure #1317, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, and Tompkins.  
Excused – 1, Comr. Hatcher  
Motion **CARRIED**.

**13. CITIZENS' TIME**

There was none.

**14. COMMISSIONERS' TIME**

Comr. Frisbie congratulated Owen Miller, son of Commissioner Tommy Miller, on his wrestling season and advancement to national finals.

Comr. Miller addressed concerns for the Bennett family following flooding on their property related to a culvert project.

**15. CLAIMS PAYABLE**

Res.039-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for February 10, 2022 through February 23, 2022 in the amount of \$3,068,999.24, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, and Tompkins.  
Excused – 1, Comr. Hatcher  
Motion **CARRIED**.

**16. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

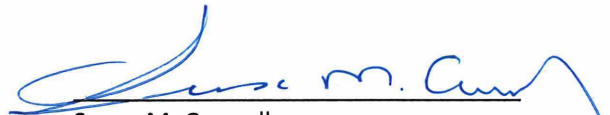
Comr. Tompkins mentioned the VFW Auxiliary event in Homer on March 4.

Comr. Tompkins noted the event at the Masonic Hall in Homer on Saturday, March 5.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly  
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners