

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

March 17, 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 17, 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. Rochelle Hatcher, Jake Smith, Steve Frisbie, Derek King, Tommy Miller, Gary Tompkins, and Kathy-Sue Vette

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. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res.040-2022

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the agenda of the March 17, 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 March 3, 2022 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.041-2022

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Minutes of the March 3, 2022 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Eli Blonde introduced herself as she's named on the Consent Agenda for the Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee.

Chuck Asher with Community Action shared his support for the Senior Millage Minor Home Repair Programming Amendment.

William Scutt, Bedford Charter Township Supervisor, expressed concerns with conditions of roadways and needed repairs.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

County Clerk/Register of Deeds Kimberly Hinkley shared information about the recent Expungement Clinic held at Kellogg Arena. Ms. Hinkley reported May 3 is an election for numerous school districts and April 19 is the filing deadline for candidates including county commissioners running for office this year.

Clerk Hinkley expressed appreciation for the appropriation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for office upgrades and online services.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Presentation on New Jail Services for Inmates

Jeannie Goodrich, CEO of Summit Pointe introduced employee Megan Taft, who gave an overview of the Stepping Up Initiative, which aims to reduce the number of people with mental illness in local jails. Ms. Taft shared that Summit Pointe has been collecting data since the program began and that the new employee positions are being funded with the County's appropriation of ARPA funds. She noted that they will work with Wayne State University to continue comparisons with baseline data.

Megan Taft shared success stories of the program for those with disabilities to connect to services and various systems for individualized care plans.

Summit Pointe's Recovery Coach shared her personal story and history of time in jail and described how she can help others in her position as a coach.

Sheriff Steve Hinkley mentioned the long-term goals and solutions for mental health services within the jail and noted that the new services are a model statewide making a difference for the community.

Comrs. Vette, Smith, and Frisbie shared their excitement for the program and the long-term goals for cost savings and mental health.

B. Proclamation to Declare March 2022 as a Month Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels) within Calhoun County, Michigan

Comr. Tompkins read the Proclamation on the record:

PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 2022 AS A MONTH CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLDER AMERICANS ACT NUTRITION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, fifty years ago, on March 22, 1972, President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for individuals 60 years and older.

WHEREAS, for five decades, this landmark law has helped to fund community-based organizations — like Meals on Wheels — and it is still the only federal program designed specifically to meet the nutritional and social needs of older adults.

WHEREAS, this year, Meals on Wheels programs from across the country are joining together for the March for Meals awareness campaign to celebrate 50 years of success and garner the support needed to ensure these critical programs can continue to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health for years to come.

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs — both congregate and home-delivered, in Calhoun County have served our communities admirably for over 50 years, and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby helping to prevent unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County provide a powerful opportunity for social connection for millions of seniors to help combat the negative health effects and economic consequences of loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County deserve recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 pandemic and will continue to provide to local communities, our State, and our Nation long after it is over.

WHEREAS, the senior population is increasing substantially, and action is needed now to support local Meals on Wheels programs through federal, state, and local funding; volunteering; donations; and raising awareness to ensure these vital services can continue to be delivered for another 50 years.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim March 2022 as a month celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition program and urge every community member to take this month to honor our Meals on Wheels programs, the seniors they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national celebration can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Dated this 17th day of March 2022

Signed by Steve Frisbie, Chair Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res.042-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the *Proclamation to Declare March 2022 as a Month Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels) within Calhoun County, Michigan*, as presented.”

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

- C. *Ott Preserve Iron Bell Trailhead Public Hearing and Approval of MDNR Trust Fund Grant Application*

Res.043-2022

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

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

Doug Ferrall, Deputy Community Development Director and Program Manager for the Parks Department, shared that the grant will offer new restrooms at the South parking lot and drinking water access, which is needed at the location, in response to a public survey regarding facilities at Ott in 2019.

Mr. Ferrall added the funds will aid the public with mobility needs as well.

Comr. Frisbie stated that there was not any public comment and asked for a motion and second to Close Public Hearing.

Res.044-2022

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

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

Res.045-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Authorizing Resolution, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette. Motion **CARRIED**.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Resolutions from Other Counties to Be Acknowledged:
 - a. *Muskegon County re: February as Black History Month*

- b. *Grand Traverse County re: Opposition to Legislative Changes to Mental Health System*

B. Resolutions

1. *Calhoun County Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) Appointment and Reappointments*
 - a. *Bobbie Smith - Appointment*
 - b. *Richard Lindsey – Reappointment*
 - c. *Michelle Hill – Reappointment*
(Terms ending April 30, 2025)
2. *Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee Appointments*
 - a. *Eli Blonde (General Public)*
 - b. *Rod Auton (General Public)*
 - c. *Lucas Rolston (Solid Waste Industry)*
(Terms ending December 31, 2023)
3. *Calhoun County Planning Commission Appointments*
 - a. *Richard Porter (Government)*
 - b. *Aaron Haynes (Business/Economic Development)*
(Terms ending December 31, 2024)
4. *CCRD: Annual 2021 Road Mileage Certification*
5. *Community Mental Health Authority (Summit Pointe) Board Reappointments*
 - a. *Dr. Adrien L. Bennings*
 - b. *Dr. Terance Lunger*
 - c. *Scott Frank*
 - d. *Sherii Sherban*
(Terms ending March 31, 2025)

Res.046-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 17, 2022 Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Tompkins reported that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee met March 4 to approve three mini grants and mailbox repairs with the Handy Helper Program.

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 reported that the initial meetings of the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board and Native American Heritage Fund Board are in the process of being rescheduled due to lack of quorum and the requirement to meet in person under the amended Open Meetings Act.

Kelli Scott updated the Board on the ongoing COVID-19 response, noting the recent lifting of both masking and quarantine restrictions. Ms. Scott added the Joint Information Center held a briefing on March 16 and noted the decrease in transmission rates and free at-home testing offered by the federal government.

B. New Business

1. **CCRD 2022 Volvo Loader Resolution of Intent to Purchase.**

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported this request from the Road Department is in accordance with the multi-year fleet replacement plan. Ms. Scott shared the intent to purchase offers lease installments payments and tax-free financing.

Kelli Scott added that Road Department Manager, John Midgley and Finance Director, Megan Banning were present to answer any questions.

Res.047-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Vette to approve the CCRD 2022 Volvo Loader Resolution of Intent to Purchase, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

2. **CCRD Grant Support Resolutions: Improvement of National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Structures #1314, #1326, #1329, #1335, and #1380.**

Ms. Scott noted that five structures were being proposed for this 2025 funding cycle application, but only four are included with the expectation that the fifth (structure 1326) may be included with the State’s pending bridge bundling program, which would not require any match from the County.

Administrator/Controller Scott added that if that occurs, structure 1314 will be submitted for grant funding through the Local Bridge Program in its place.

Road Department Manager John Midgley was available to answer questions regarding the bridge funding program and funding by the state.

Res.048-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the CCRD Grant Support Resolutions: Improvement of National Bridge Inventory (NBI) Structures #1314, #1326, #1329, #1335, and #1380, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

3. Senior Millage Contract Amendment for Supplemental 2022 Funding for the Minor Home Repair Programing.

Ms. Scott noted that Community Action has obligated all of its current funding for the program to new projects and is seeking this additional funding to eliminate wait lists and address high demand through the end of 2022.

Res.049-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Senior Millage Contract Amendment for Supplemental 2022 Funding for the Minor Home Repair Programing, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

4. CCRD Bid Award: RFB#102-22 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA).

Ms. Scott informed the Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) bid provides plant pickup of hot mix asphalt (HMA) paving material for making repairs on county roads and that three bids were received.

Administrator/Controller Scott noted that, although not the lowest bidder, Lakeland was selected as the most responsible bidder and the primary supplier of HMA due to cost savings associated with shorter travel for pickup.

Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox was available to answer additional questions regarding the bid.

Res.050-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve CCRD Bid Award: RFB#102-22 Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA), as presented.”

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

5. CCRD Bid Award: RFB#100J-22 Sodium Chloride.

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported this bid is in collaboration with the Calhoun County Road Department (CCRD) and the Jackson County Department of Transportation (JCDOT).

Kelli Scott shared that three responsive bids were received with the lowest bid representing an increase of 11% compared to the winter 2020/2021 price levels. She added that Detroit Salt Company, L.C., has provided salt to both road agencies in previous seasons and both agencies were satisfied with their product and service.

Res.051-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the CCRD Bid Award: RFB#100J-22 Sodium Chloride, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

6. County Facilities Bid Award: RFB#124-21 Concrete Repairs at Justice Center.

Ms. Scott state that this bid relates to the Capital Improvement Program for the replacement of concrete walls, ramps, sidewalks, stairs, and handrails at the Justice Center. She noted that one qualified contractor, Next Generation, was selected to provide materials, labor, and supervision for the project.

Res.052-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Vette to approve the County Facilities Bid Award: RFB#124-21 Concrete Repairs at Justice Center, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

7. County Safety Bid Award: RFP#107-22 Two-Way Radios.

Kelli Scott shared this bid was on behalf of the Building Emergency Safety Team (BEST). She noted that the selection was Radio Communications, Inc., to provide radio communications equipment and services.

Res.053-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the County Safety Bid Award: RFP#107-22 Two-Way Radios, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

8. Acceptance of a Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant.

Ms. Scott shared that the Calhoun County Public Health Department (CCPHD) requested funds to further enhance marijuana harm reduction efforts within Calhoun County. She noted that the proposal is to provide prescription lock boxes throughout the community free of charge, and also educational resources and presentations to students, parents, and community members with a special focus on accidental ingestion of marijuana and the risks of breastfeeding while using marijuana.

Res.054-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to approve Acceptance of a Medical Marihuana Operation and Oversight Grant, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

13. CITIZENS’ TIME

There was none.

14. COMMISSIONERS’ TIME

Comr. King respond to Mr. Scutt to have discussions regarding road funding to make an appointment with Chair Frisbie to have open discussion.

Comrs. King, Frisbie and Tompkins discussed how County roadway repairs are addressed and referenced Act 51.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

Res.055-2022

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for February 24, 2022 through March 9, 2022 in the amount of \$2,210,678.95, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, and Vette.
Motion **CARRIED**.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS


Comr. Tompkins announced numerous events in Albion and Homer.

Comr. Vette wished Comr. King a happy belated birthday.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners