

**CALHOUN COUNTY**  
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 20, 2005

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 20, 2005 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis, Strowbridge and Todd.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clerk Anne Norlander; followed by a Moment of Personal Prayer.

Clerk Norlander administered the Oath of Office to Comrs. Segal, Miller, Solis and Todd.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

Election of Chairperson

Comr. Strowbridge nominated Comr. Gregory Moore. Comr. Segal nominated Comr. Benjamin Miller. Clerk Norlander inquired whether there were any further nominations. No other nominations were offered.

Res. 1-2005

“Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners close nominations for the Office of Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2005 and 2006.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Roll call vote for Election of 2005-2006 Board Chairperson: Commissioner Gregory Moore - 3 Votes  
Commissioner Benjamin Miller - 4 Votes

Res. 1-A-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners elect Benjamin A. Miller Chairman of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2005 and 2006.”

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Motion CARRIED

Election of Vice Chairperson

Comr. Moore nominated Comr. Daniel Strowbridge. Chairman Miller nominated Comr. Kate Segal. Clerk Norlander inquired whether there were any further nominations. No other nominations were offered.

Res. 2-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners close nominations for the Office of Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2005.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Roll call vote for Election of 2005 Vice Chairperson: Commissioner Kate Segal - 4 Votes  
Commissioner Daniel Strowbridge - 3 votes

Res. 2-A-2005

“Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners elect Katherine Segal Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2005.”

Motion CARRIED

Clerk Norlander administered the Oath of Office to Chairman Miller and Vice Chairperson Segal; and transferred the responsibilities of the Chair to Chairman Miller.

2005 Board Rules

Res. 3-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the 2005 Board Rules as presented.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 4-2005

“Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the January 20, 2005 agenda, as amended, to remove the Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau Activities Presentation.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 5-2005

“Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the December 2, 2004, the December 16, 2004, and the January 4, 2005 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Doug Murch, Marshall resident, congratulated the new Board and Comr. Miller upon his election as Board Chairman. Mr. Murch stated that he looks forward to the Board doing a good job for the county.

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, questioned whether there is a usage percentage applied to the community compost center agreement between Marshall City and the county, stating that he believes the City utilizes the center 80 to 90 percent of the time, while only paying 50 percent of the cost of operation.

Comr. Moore advised that he uses the center. Solid Waste Director Tiffany Seymour advised that there are a lot of people outside the City that use the center.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 6-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following January 20, 2005 Consent Agenda as presented:

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A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph County Board of Health calling for the establishment of a national-state partnership to provide and distribute influenza vaccines. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Health Officer Heidi Oberlin)
- (2) Resolution received from Arenac County urging the Michigan Legislature to amend Public Act 451 to provide counties with the option of waiving soil erosion and sedimentation oversight for those projects that require a Department of Environmental Quality and/or Corps. of Engineers permit. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Road Commission Managing Director Dennis Randolph)
- (3) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for December 21, 2004 regarding granting Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates to Modern Tool and Machine, and to Stewart Industries received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director Richard Gruber)
- (4) Invitation received from the Michigan Department of Transportation to attend the January 10, 2005 or the January 11, 2005 Listening Sessions regarding the Michigan Department of Transportation's Proposed 2005-2009 Five Year Transportation Program. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Road Commission Managing Director Dennis Randolph)
- (5) 2004 Fourth Quarter Hiring Freeze Update
- (6) Resolution received from Huron County admonishing the State Legislature for allowing certain State employees to receive a ten percent wage increase over the next three years. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)
- (7) Resolution received from Antrim County opposing House Bill No. 4358 {Increase in the length of trucks}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Road Commission Managing Director Dennis Randolph)
- (8) Notice of a Rural Transportation Information Meeting scheduled for January 13, 2005 received from the Michigan Department of Transportation. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Road Commission Managing Director Dennis Randolph)
- (9) Update of Controller Approved 2004 Budget Adjustments Over \$10,000 and Less Than \$20,000

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- (10) Michigan Uniform Energy Code Promulgated Rules received from the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth. (Received and placed on file)
- (11) Communication received from the U.S. Department of Labor advising of the Government Benefits website. (Received and placed on file)
- (12) Communication received from the Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the accounting treatment for imposition of summer property tax levy by counties. (Received and placed on file)
- (13) Copy of a communication to Mr. Doug Wildt, Homer resident, received from the Michigan Department of Agriculture advising of a follow-up inspection scheduled for January 7, 2005. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Environmental Health Director Ted Havens)

**B. Resolutions:**

- (1) Board of Health Re-appointments  
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2007)
  - {a} Kenneth Ponds
  - {b} Byron McDonald
  - {c} Benjamin Miller
- (2) Calhoun County Agricultural Preservation Board Re-appointments  
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2007)
  - {a} Matt Davis - Real Estate/Development Representative
  - {b} Ken Blight - Agricultural Representative
- (3) Calhoun County Security Committee Re-appointments  
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2005)
  - {a} Bradley Wilcox
  - {b} Gregory Babcock
  - {c} Steve Charron
  - {d} Nancy Mullett
  - {e} Michael Boltz
  - {f} Michelle Hill
  - {g} Allen Byam
  - {h} John Hallacy

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- {i} Ann Petredean
- {j} Anne Norlander
- {k} Heidi Oberlin
- {l} Reggie LaGrand
- {m} Scott Losey
- {n} Rick Ozzello

(4) Information Technology Executive Committee Appointment  
(Term Shall Expire December 31, 2006)

- {a} Reggie LaGrand – General Representative

(5) Metropolitan Planning Commission Re-appointments  
(Terms Shall Expire December 31, 2007)

- {a} Larry Rizor
- {b} Daniel Kesselring

(6) Senior Millage Allocation Committee Appointments

- {a} Betty Moorehead -- Term Expires April 3, 2005  
(Replacing Victoria Dozier)
- {b} James Nash -- Term Expires April 3, 2006  
(Replacing Deborah Evans)
- {c} Janet Lyon -- Term Expires April 3, 2005  
(Replacing Viola Spradlin)
- {d} Eusebio Solis, Chairman -- Term Expires December 31, 2006
- {e} Daniel Strowbridge -- Term Expires December 31, 2006
- {f} Jase Bolger -- Term Expires December 31, 2006"

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS:

Employee Recognition and Relations Committee

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Committee Chairperson Segal thanked all the Commissioners for their participation in the holiday parties in the county.

Comr. Segal advised that the January birthday luncheon is donated by Chairman Miller, and requested he draw the winner.

Comr. Segal announced the winner to be Carol Hickey of the Health Department whose birthday was January 17.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

2005 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that most of the meetings shall be conducted on the first and third Thursday of the month.

Res. 7-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the 2005 Board Meeting Schedule as presented.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Printing Services Bid Award

Mr. Purcell stated that the recommendation is for a three year agreement with Standard Printing & Office Supply.

Administrative Services Director Bradley Wilcox advised that the award recommendation is a result of a request for formal bids for printing services for all county departments. The specifications were developed and pricing was requested for both virgin and recycled paper for stationary items listed within the proposal in compliance with the recycling policy. Mr. Wilcox pointed out that previously the award had been for a one year agreement and that the recommendation presented tonight is for a three year agreement.

Res. 8-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP#117-04} for provision of printing services for all County Departments to Standard Printing & Office Supply of Marshall,

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Michigan in the estimated amount of \$82,500; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute a three {3} year Agreement with Standard Printing & Office Supply in the estimated amount of \$82,500 on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Marshall City Community Compost Center Agreement

Mr. Purcell advised that the two year agreement between the City of Marshall and the Calhoun County Road Commission and Board of Public Works provides for an expense of \$14,200 each.

Ms. Seymour advised that the center is available to all Calhoun County residents at no cost; further, that residents may purchase compost at the center also. Ms. Seymour stated that there is also a center in Albion and Battle Creek.

Mr. Purcell inquired whether the agreement has been approved by the City. Ms. Seymour responded “Yes, and the Road Commission.”

Res. 9-2005

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Community Compost Center Agreement between Calhoun County, the Calhoun County Road Commission and Board of Public Works, and the City of Marshall; further, authorize the Board Chairperson to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Comr. Moore inquired whether there is a breakdown of commercial versus residential usage. Ms. Seymour responded that such a breakdown has not been conducted, however, that commercial versus residential usage can be tracked. Comr. Moore advised that the agreement provides for no charge to commercial businesses in Marshall, and he would like to determine how many businesses are using the center to possibly offset the cost to the taxpayers.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

FY 2004-2005 Health Department Staffing Plan

Health Officer Heidi Oberlin advised that the changes are outlined on the last page of the memorandum and are required primarily due to funding and contract revisions.

Res. 10-2005

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“Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department’s FY 2004-2005 Staffing Plan as recommended by the Board of Health.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS’ TIME:

Mr. Berezonsky stated that he does not believe Commissioners absent from the January 4, 2005 Board Meeting should have voted to approve the minutes as they had not been present.

COMMISSIONERS’ TIME:

Comr. Todd expressed his thanks to the residents of District 2 and the people of Calhoun County, stating that he is looking forward to serving the community. Comr. Todd further expressed his appreciation to Nick Schirripa for clearing up the article regarding birthday drawings. Comr. Todd advised that he shall be taking District 2 resident Beverly Phillips out to dinner this Saturday to celebrate her birthday in January. Comr. Todd congratulated Commissioner Solis upon his anniversary.

Comr. Bolger thanked his family for their support and encouragement, and the voters for the confidence and trust they placed in him.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 11-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$1,124,873.78 for the week of December 16, 2004; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$489,778.28 for the week of December 17, 2004; and further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$626,204.14 for the week of January 4, 2005; and finally, approve payment of the lists of claims against the county in the total amounts of \$530,886.57 and \$788,398.69 for the week of January 11, 2005.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CLOSED SESSION:

Res. 12-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by

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the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with legal counsel.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

The Board met in Closed Session commencing at 7:30 p.m. until 8:13 p.m. with General Counsel Nancy Mullett, County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell, Assistant County Administrator Wendee Woods, Sheriff Allen Byam, Attorney Scott Dwyer of Mika, Meyers, Beckett & Jones, PLC and Deputy Clerk Mary Lou Barrett present.

OPEN SESSION -- RECESS:

The Board met in Open Session and recessed at 8:13 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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