

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

August 18, 2005

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, Marshall County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll call: Present: Comrs. Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis and Todd. Excused: Comr. Strowbridge.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A Moment of Personal Prayer was observed; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Moore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the August 18, 2005 agenda and addendums, as amended, with deletion of Item 9. B. (2) -- Calhoun County Youth Council Appointments.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the July 21, 2005 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, noted from the conclusions of the Health Officer Search Committee that one candidate is high maintenance and the other tells you what you want to hear, and requested an explanation.

Environmental Health Sanitarian Bob Overley stated that the staff has some real concerns with the Health Officer appointment recommendation presented as the other candidate possesses 30 years of health experience; further advised that during the candidate interviews, the candidate recommended expressed a desire to cut services and programs to Albion; and does not appear to be concerned with delivery of direct services to the citizens of Calhoun County, being more concerned regarding paperwork.

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Mr. Overley pointed out that the Staff Selection Committee did not unanimously support the recommendation. Mr. Overley stated that the staff wants more than just someone with vision, and not just an administrator.

Public Health Nurse Vincent Kempinski advised that he served on the staff committee that interviewed the candidates, and the Staff Selection Committee unanimously supported the other candidate who exuded leadership. Mr. Kempinski advised that morale within the Department is bad and that when he heard the recommendation he was sickened. Mr. Kempinski pointed out that the other candidate has more credentials and 15 to 20 strengths, no weaknesses; while the candidate recommended only has 8 strengths and 12 weaknesses.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Special Tribute to Heidi S. Oberlin

Chairman Miller read and presented the following tribute to Board of Health Chairman Larry Anderson.

Res. 127-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Segal, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following tribute to Heidi S. Oberlin:

WHEREAS, the Board of Health and Board of Commissioners wish to thank Heidi S. Oberlin for her service as Health Officer to Calhoun County, Michigan from 2001-2005. We thank you for:

- ☞ Sharing your wisdom and vision for the mission and future of public health
- ☞ Modeling integrity and truthfulness
- ☞ Leading with thoughtfulness, fairness, and a steady hand
- ☞ Challenging us to excellence
- ☞ Cultivating strong staff management and a responsive board
- ☞ Appreciating and trusting the diverse talents of staff
- ☞ Demonstrating depth of spirit and understanding when facing adversity
- ☞ Knowing the value of a good laugh

You leave behind tangible accomplishments which include:

- ☞ Moving the department from financial deficit to financial health
- ☞ Transforming the physical environment of the health department
- ☞ Giving staff the technological tools they need to do their jobs
- ☞ Passing public health State Accreditation with Commendation
- ☞ Consolidating offices and sites for efficiency
- ☞ Bringing back minority health full circle to public health

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- ☞ Revitalizing Nursing Clinic to pass the federal audit
- ☞ Securing significant new local, state, and federal resources
- ☞ Creating the county health plan through CareSource
- ☞ Building emergency preparedness capacity for local public health
- ☞ Cultivating meaningful community partnerships that advance public health.

We are better because of you.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Tourism Study Presentation

Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau Director Dwight Butt stated that he is very happy to be present, and advised that the following presentation is to inform the Board of a countywide tourism study to determine how to bring in more visitors, conventions and events. Mr. Butt advised that the Bureau hired Ted Dearing as a consultant, and that he shall provide the presentation. Mr. Butt stated that he looks forward to working with the Board.

Consultant Ted Dearing stated that he is administering and facilitating the study. Mr. Dearing advised that in 2004 the Kellogg Foundation made a significant investment for renovations at the Kellogg Arena and that the City of Battle Creek funded an assessment of the Arena and its long-term economic viability. The economic impact was determined to be \$13 to \$14 Million annually, and the consultant recommended a countywide tourism study and strategic plan. The Kellogg Foundation earmarked some funding for the study and Cereal City Development, that provides management to the Arena, turned the project over to the Visitor and Convention Bureau to handle the process of the study.

Mr. Dearing stated that the desired outcomes of the study are to increase tourism and maximize the potential of existing programming, events and facilities to make recommendations for future growth; identify new programs, events and facilities; position the Bureau to take advantage of state-wide tourism activities; provide a future roadmap of tourism activities; and formulate strategies to maximize the benefit and use of county transportation corridors. Mr. Dearing advised regarding the program of work; e.g., to develop and employ an outreach and mobilization plan; inventory and analysis of assets and visitor characteristics; review of all physical and programming assets; establish baseline conditions; review regional and national trends; development of a countywide strategic plan with short, medium and long range goals; development of a plan for implementation and accountability; and development of a monitoring and evaluation plan.

Mr. Dearing advised of the study’s expectations; i.e., to maximize the potential of existing assets, new product development, leverage private sector investment, and brand identity. Mr. Dearing advised that the six month vendor selection process should be near completion by August 30, the initial draft strategic plan should be presented by February 28, 2006, and the final report should be completed by March 30, 2006.

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Comr. Moore inquired how involved the Marshall and Battle Creek Chambers of Commerce and the Battle Creek Sports Promotion Committee will be in the process. Mr. Dearing responded that the Chambers and the Sports Promotion Committee shall be involved as resources and that the Bureau has made it clear to the vendors that the study is a countywide program.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Res. 128-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following amended August 18, 2005 Consent Agenda:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Iron County supporting the original concept of the State Constitution regarding Rights of Eminent Domain. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)
- (2) Copy of a notice remitted to The Andersons, Inc. of Maumee, Ohio received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality advising that a thirty day public comment period has been scheduled regarding their Permit to Install Application. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Environmental Health Director Ted Havens)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Building Authority Appointments  
(Terms Expire December 31, 2007)
  - {a} Russell Schelles
  - {b} Chad Miller -- Replacing Greg Purcell as a voting member
  - {c} Greg Purcell -- Ex-officio Member
- (2) Summit Pointe Board of Directors Appointment
  - {a} Maggie LaNoue – Term Expires March 31, 2007  
(Replacing Mary Mathieu)

(3) Legal Counsel Workshop Creation/Appointments

RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners create a Legal Counsel Workshop for the purpose of reviewing civil counsel and other legal responsibilities for the county and to provide a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners regarding the most cost effective way to provide legal services, and appoint Benjamin Miller, Kate Segal and Daniel Strowbridge to the Workshop.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

Michigan 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell stated that the agreement is for the period of October 1, 2004 through January 31, 2007 and consists of two programs; i.e., Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection in the amount of \$183,671, and State Homeland Security in the amount of \$494,479. Mr. Purcell questioned whether grant match is required.

Sheriff Department Fiscal Officer Rick Redman responded that no match is required. Mr. Redman advised that the grant funding shall be used to provide training, purchase of equipment for first responders, and some shall be earmarked for the City of Battle Creek.

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“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Michigan 2005 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement between the State of Michigan, Office of Emergency Management, and Calhoun County Emergency Management for the period of October 1, 2004 through January 31, 2007 in the amount of \$183,671 for the Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program and in the amount of \$494,479 for the State Homeland Security Program; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Agreement and related documents on behalf of Calhoun County and the Emergency Management Division.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis, Todd and Bolger)

Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)

Motion CARRIED

FY 2004-2005 Nursing Clinic Budget Adjustment

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Mr. Purcell advised that the budget adjustment is an amendment to the Nursing Clinic budget and has been approved by the Board of Health.

Interim Health Officer Ginger Hentz advised that the adjustment is for a new \$160,000 federal grant to provide mental health and substance abuse services on site at the Nursing Clinic in Battle Creek. Ms. Hentz stated that the Department was pleased to receive the award letter.

Res. 130-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2004-2005 Nursing Clinic Budget Adjustment (ATTACHMENT A) as presented.”

Comr. Segal noted under Expenses, Item 2. for increased volume, and inquired whether Health Plan funding shall provide for increased medical expenses and laboratory services. Ms. Hentz responded that the Department anticipates that the Health Plan shall commence in September which shall assist with the funding.

Comr. Bolger inquired whether the increased expenses shall have any affect upon the General Fund. Finance Director James Latham responded No.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Moore, Segal, Solis, Todd, Bolger and Miller)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)  
Motion CARRIED

Sheriff Department Food Service Management Bid Award

Mr. Purcell advised that the award is for a seven year period. Mr. Purcell stated that Mr. Wilcox and the Sheriff Department staff did an exceptional job in negotiating the agreement.

Administrative Services Director Bradley Wilcox recommended the bid be awarded to Aramark, that has done a good job in providing the service in the jail for the past five years. Mr. Wilcox advised that based on the current meal price compared with Aramark’s proposed price there shall be an estimated annual savings of \$25,000.

Res. 131-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP #110-05} for provision of food service management for the Sheriff Department to Aramark of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for an amount estimated at \$4.1 Million; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute a seven {7} year Agreement with Aramark for the estimated amount of \$4.1 Million on behalf of

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Calhoun County.”

Comr. Moore questioned the reason for a seven year agreement rather than the current five year agreement. Mr. Wilcox responded that with each bidding cycle the county is seeing that the price cannot be drove down, further that the bidding process is expensive, and due to inflation; therefore, the Department recognized that this agreement was the best opportunity to leverage the county’s ability to get the best price.

Comr. Bolger inquired what would happen should there be an emergency situation at the jail; e.g., power outage. Mr. Wilcox responded that Aramark has 28 years of correctional experience and in the event of an outage would go to cold bag lunches. Comr. Bolger inquired regarding the county’s risk exposure. Mr. Wilcox responded that Aramark keeps meals to insure there was nothing wrong with the meals served, has liability insurance coverage, and maintains documentation regarding the menus on site.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Segal, Solis, Todd, Bolger, Miller and Moore)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)  
Motion CARRIED

Jail Commissary Services Bid Award

Mr. Purcell stated that the bid recommendation is for a seven year agreement for commissary operations generating estimated revenue of \$1.45 Million.

Mr. Wilcox advised that Canteen has provided the service for over ten years and handles all the services for the inmates with little involvement from, and risk for, the Sheriff Department. Mr. Wilcox recommended bid award to Canteen advising that the commission rate has been increased to 33.5 percent, which is an increase of 5 percent from the last contract.

Res. 132-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFP #111-05} for provision of commissary services to inmates of the Calhoun County Correctional Facility to Canteen Services; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute a seven {7} year Agreement with Canteen Services on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Solis, Todd, Bolger, Miller, Moore and Segal)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)  
Motion CARRIED

Sheriff Allen Byam thanked Mr. Wilcox for his work in preparing the agreements.

July 2005 Financial Statements

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Mr. Latham reported that for the first seven months of 2005 the contribution to the General Fund is \$429,000 less than for the same period in 2004. Mr. Latham stated that in general the difference is property tax collections are lower due to the timing of the receipts since the majority of revenues from the county's summer tax levy will not be received until September 15 and that other revenues are lower because of decreased jail bed rental reimbursement.

Mr. Latham further reported regarding expenditures, that other services and charges are higher, and operating transfers out are higher due to increased cost in the Child Care Fund. Mr. Latham advised that some meetings have been scheduled to address child care expenses.

Mr. Latham stated that on the watch list is jail bed rental, the Child Care Fund, and Clerk's fees.

Mr. Purcell advised that the 2006 Budget Committee at its mid year budget review requested the departments to look at making up a \$400,000 shortfall for this year; and the departments have met, or have come close to meeting, that shortfall. Mr. Purcell thanked the departments for their cooperative efforts. Mr. Purcell advised that a report shall be presented to the Board after meeting with the Committee.

Comr. Moore noted under expenditures that increased indigent legal fees and the timing of inmate health care payments are higher. Mr. Latham explained that there was an extra monthly payment and that the issue shall reverse by next month.

Prisoner Transport and Lodging Agreement Addendum No. 2

Mr. Purcell advised that the addendum is to the agreement with the City of Dearborn and provides the potential of an additional \$50,000 in revenue. Mr. Purcell pointed out that the original request within the memorandum from the Sheriff Department was to set aside the increased revenue for boarding operations and development, and advised that the issue has been discussed, and that the revenue shall go directly to the General Fund and shall be addressed by the Sheriff during budget discussions.

Sheriff Byam stated that the Department has been boarding for the City for a number of years. Sheriff Byam advised that Dearborn has had a mandatory vote from the people establishing a public safety level, and the City Council advised the police department that they would not be receiving an increase to accomplish that mandate, therefore, the police department entered into negotiations with the Department for boarding.

Sheriff Byam advised that the Department shall house an average of 20 BICE detainees in Dearborn's lock up facility and shall continue to house Dearborn prisoners in the county jail. Dearborn will process the detainees and hold them for pickup, which is a significant advantage over other boarding agencies in the federal boarding business. Sheriff Byam continued that the Department shall be able to pickup detainees quicker and make an extra \$7.05 per day for the BICE detainees, compared to Dearborn prisoners.

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“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve Addendum No. 2 to the Prisoner Transport and Lodging Agreement between the City of Dearborn and the County of Calhoun, Contract No. 10-921-03; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Addendum on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Comr. Segal inquired whether all the transportation and high gas prices have been figured into the potential revenue. Sheriff Byam responded that the Department has been doing the transporting, combining as many trips together as possible; however to state that there shall be no impact with the gas prices, every time the wheel is turned the Department is spending money.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Todd, Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal and Solis)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)  
Motion CARRIED

Health Officer Appointment

Mr. Purcell reported that the Board of Health recommended, and the Commission approved, a Health Officer Search Committee that identified nine candidates, interviewed four and narrowed selection down to two candidates. Mr. Purcell advised that two interviews of the candidates were conducted and the Health Department staff committee also interviewed the candidates and provided a report. Mr. Purcell stated that a public reception was held to meet the candidates which provided an opportunity to talk with them directly, after which another interview was conducted. The Search Committee, with a vote of five in favor, zero against and one abstention, recommends the appointment of Dottie-Kay Bowersox.

Mr. Purcell advised that the recommendation was submitted to the Board of Health and on a vote of three to two voted to endorse the recommendation of the Search Committee.

Res. 134-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Moore, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Health recommended and the Board of Commissioners appointed a Search Committee to interview and make a recommendation for a new Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Health Officer Search Committee advised the Board of Health that both of the two finalist candidates were “well qualified, with excellent educational backgrounds and work experience,” and further stated that the Committee “highly recommends that the Calhoun County Board of Health select Dottie-Kay Bowersox as our next Health Officer;” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health passed a motion at the August 15, 2005 meeting, on a three to

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two vote, endorsing the recommendation of the Health Officer Search Committee to appoint Ms. Dottie-Kay Bowersox as the new Health Officer for Calhoun County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby appoint Ms. Dottie-Kay Bowersox as the Calhoun County Health Officer, contingent upon the County Administrator negotiating a compensation package consistent with the budget and policies of the County.”

Comr. Bolger stated that he has spent some time reviewing several issues and has come to the conclusion that both candidates are well qualified. Comr. Bolger thanked the Search Committee and the employees who took part in the selection process. Comr. Bolger stated that he has listened to all the view points and has met both candidates. Comr. Bolger continued that he believes in the search/selection process and believes in the people that were involved in the process. Comr. Bolger advised that he shall support the resolution.

Chairman Miller read the following statement:

“The question before us is difficult. The key health indicators in Calhoun County show a great deal of work before whoever is appointed to the position of Health Officer. They will lead diverse and unique programs with an equally diverse and committed staff charged with providing services to some of our community’s most needy citizens. In consideration of that, I would like to express my thanks to my fellow members of the Board of Health and members of the selection committee; and in particular, Dr. Jeff Mitchell who chaired the selection committee.”

“The basic threshold for running a public health department in Michigan is clear and both candidates meet that threshold. However, the authority to appoint a public health officer, as it does with all department heads, vests solely with the Board of Commissioners. Additionally, the implications of that appointment for better or for worse will lie at the feet of the Board of Commissioners. Or as President Truman might say, “The buck stops here.” Ultimately, it is the Board of Commissioners, and only the Board of Commissioners, who can be held publicly accountable for the appointment. We and we alone will bear the burden of either mistake or success. With that in mind, we have to consider the impact of the appointment of either candidate to the citizens at large, the Department itself, and the county government as a whole.”

“In consideration of that impact, we must address the reasonable, legitimate questions and concerns that have been raised by a number of parties, both outside and inside county government. For those reasons I believe it would be counterproductive to the citizens, the Department and its mission as a whole, to at this time appoint either candidate without those questions answered or those concerns addressed.”

“I believe then it is the best interest of this body to respectfully return this recommendation to the Board of Health and ask them to allow for the possibility of unaddressed questions and concerns to be addressed, clarifications to be made and issues to be heard.”

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“Additionally, it should be noted that if the above issues cannot be addressed in a way that is reasonable, practical and with the best interests of the citizens we are charged to serve in mind, that the Board of Health and its designates strongly consider any and all options before it, up to and including re-opening the search process.”

“We will only fail in our duties if we allow pride to overwhelm our decision making abilities and distort a vision for the future of the Health Department. There is no failure except in no longer trying, and the position of Health Officer is too important to too many people for this body to stop trying.”

Substitute Res. 134-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has made a recommendation on a divided vote to appoint one of the finalist candidates as the Calhoun County Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, not all of the Board of Health members had the opportunity to meet the final candidates and ask questions; and

WHEREAS, the comments and recommendations from both inside and outside the Department of Health sends a “mixed message” as to the best choice for Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation for the appointment of a new Health Officer is based on less than a majority of the membership of the Board of Health.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners respectfully requests that the Board of Health review the recommendation submitted, directly interview the candidates, consider all options before it, and then submit a recommendation of the majority of the members of the Board of Health for a new Health Officer.”

Comr. Moore requested clarification of whether the original resolution is being amended or whether the resolution offered is in substitution. Chairman Miller responded that the resolution offered by Commissioner Segal is a substitute motion.

Comr. Moore stated that he believes both candidates are highly qualified and that the substitute resolution should not infer that both would not be a good candidate for the position. Comr. Moore advised that he believes Ms. Bowersox is the one for the position and does not see what purpose would be served by sending the recommendation back to the Board of Health.

Comr. Moore advised that he heard from the Board of Health member that was absent, however, does not believe that the recommendation would change. Comr. Moore stated that either the Board should vote for one

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candidate tonight, or the process should be scraped. Comr. Moore further stated that he does not believe it would be well served to take the proposed action, at a time when another county that is close to Calhoun County is also searching for a health officer and can afford to pay more. Comr. Moore advised that he shall vote for the candidate recommended, not the substitute resolution.

Comr. Bolger advised that he cannot support the substitute resolution for the reasons that Commissioner Moore stated. Comr. Bolger pointed out that there were no dissenting votes on the Board of Health. Comr. Bolger advised that he heard the employees' concerns, which did generate further questions and reference checks. Comr. Bolger stated that he feels comfortable with the recommendation from the Board of Health and the Search Committee.

Comr. Bolger inquired if the Board ignores the recommendation, how the Board expects future citizens to serve on such a committee and how the Board expects that future candidates shall apply.

Chairman Miller advised that for the record, the Search Committee did not have a dissenting vote, that he was a Committee member and abstained as he was unwilling to make a commitment to either candidate. Chairman Miller further advised that those involved in the earlier process were not at the final meeting when the vote was taken.

Chairman Miller pointed out that Ottawa County does not have as diverse a population as Calhoun County, and that to him, someone that would be interested in serving in Ottawa County is not someone that the county would want serving Calhoun County. Chairman Miller further pointed out that the position was only posted for three weeks. Chairman Miller stated that he believes if the county were to employ all posting methods and a new committee were to be composed, it would be incumbent upon the county to recruit.

Comr. Moore pointed out that the comments he has heard regarding conducting a new search is not an option presented within the resolutions offered. Comr. Moore stated that the two candidates are highly qualified and voiced concern that the county may not find any more highly qualified candidates than the two identified, and does not believe that a new search would be in the county's best interests. Comr. Moore stated that it disturbs him that this appointment has turned into a quagmire as the Commission should be focusing on the county's health indicators.

Comr. Solis stated that if the Board chooses to send the recommendation back to the Board of Health, it is not that the search process and the Board of Health was not working or that it was somehow defective. Comr. Solis stated that he is aware of the commitment that it took to go into the process and be involved in the interviews and does not believe that by sending the recommendation back that the Board is somehow degrading the Committee/Board of Health's decision.

Comr. Solis pointed out that if the Board hires a bad director, it will be laid on the Board's doorstep. Comr. Solis advised that out of the process came some controversy which he believes should be explored, therefore, that he shall support the substitute resolution. Comr. Solis stated that he does not agree that it does not matter

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who the Board selects as long as the candidate is well qualified, as he believes the Health Department needs a person who is a proper fit for Calhoun County, which does not mean that the two candidates presented are not a proper fit. Comr. Solis stated that he believes the appointment should be taken slower to allow for the proper selection.

Comr. Segal stated that she has talked with her fellow colleagues, and that she wants to make sure the Board makes the right appointment whereby the county moves forward which is the reason for her substitute resolution.

Roll call vote on Substitute Resolution 134-2005:

Yes - 4 (Comrs. Todd, Miller, Segal and Solis)

No - 2 (Comrs. Bolger and Moore)

Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)

Motion CARRIED

FY 2005-2006 Prosecutor's Victim Services Grant Agreement

Prosecutor John Hallacy advised that the agreement is for the Office's annual victim services grant funding from fees paid by the perpetrators. Prosecutor Hallacy stated that the grant in the amount of \$131,900 funds four positions. Prosecutor Hallacy pointed out that there is no match requirement, however, that the county funds the fringe benefits for all the positions.

Prosecutor Hallacy advised that the Office had a grant from the City of Battle Creek which was used for printing costs; however the grant was terminated in July, and the Office shall attempt to address the loss from within other areas in the budget.

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“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2005-2006 Victim Services Grant Agreement between the Michigan Department of Community Health and Calhoun County in the amount of \$131,900 for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Comr. Bolger inquired what the Crime Victim Unit does. Prosecutor Hallacy advised that the Unit meets face to face with the victims and advises them of services and options available, mails out a lot of documents and information, and appears with the victims in court.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis and Todd)

Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)

Motion CARRIED

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CITIZENS' TIME:

Mr. Overley stated regarding citizens stepping forward to serve on citizens committees, that it is difficult because of the time that the Board of Health meets; e.g., during the day when people work. Mr. Overley stated that he would like to see the Board of Health move their meetings to the evening to allow for public input. Mr. Overley further stated that he is very happy that the Board is slowing the hiring process down.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 136-2005

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Segal, 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 \$755,107.72 for the week of August 3, 2005; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$787,548.76 for the week of August 9, 2005.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis, Todd and Bolger)  
Excused - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)  
Motion CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comr. Solis announced that the Festival of the Forks is September 16 and 17 in Albion.

Chairman Miller encouraged everyone to attend the Calhoun County Fair; further, reminded everyone that August 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Burnham Brook Center is the review of the environmental impact study for the casino.

Comr. Moore advised that the decision regarding the 110<sup>th</sup> Air National Guard Wing shall likely be coming down by next week between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> on C-Span.

CLOSED SESSION:

Res. 137-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with legal counsel.”

The Board convened in Closed Session commencing at 8:42 p.m. until 9:19 p.m. with County

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Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell, Assistant County Administrator Wendee Woods, Prosecutor John Hallacy, Sheriff Allen Byam, and Deputy Clerk Mary Lou Barrett present.

OPEN SESSION -- RECESS:

The meeting recessed at 9:19 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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