

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 2005

The Annual Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:03 p.m., Thursday, October 6, 2005 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the October 6, 2005 agenda and addendum as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the August 11, 2005, the August 18, 2005, the September 1, 2005 and the September 15, 2005 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Ms. Pearl Gray-McWhorter, Battle Creek resident, advised that the visiting nurses have quit taking care of her because they say that she is not home-bound. Ms. Gray-McWhorter stated that she is unable to bathe herself and requested the Board's assistance in acquiring services for her.

Mr. Jerry Keller, Battle Creek resident, reminded Board members to speak into their microphones.

District 63 State Representative Lorence Wenke invited Board members to join him in Lansing; advising that if they stay for half the day, he shall buy them lunch.

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Rep. Wenke advised that the State of Michigan just finished their fiscal year and presented a budget summary. Rep. Wenke advised that the State has a two percent increase in expenditures for the new fiscal year, and reported that revenue sharing for the coming year is pretty solid. Rep. Wenke further presented envelopes to Board members to provide comments regarding himself or the State Government.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Truth in Taxation Public Hearing

Chairman Miller declared the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing open for public comment at 7:15 p.m.

Equalization Director Richard Gruber advised that the L-4029 form has been submitted reflecting a total millage rate of 6.3713 for 2005.

Comr. Bolger noted that the rate has not increased from last year. Mr. Gruber responded "Correct."

Chairman Miller requested public comment, and being none, declared the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing closed at 7:17 p.m.

Res. 164-2005

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

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Equalization Department has complied with P.A. 5 of 1982 and P.A. 43 of 1995.

THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the 2005 Calhoun County millage rates will be as follows:

ALLOCATED	5.3744	General Operating
ALLOCATED	0.0035	Soldier's Relief Fund
EXTRA-VOTED	0.2482	Medical Care Facility
EXTRA-VOTED	0.7452	Senior Services
TOTAL	6.3713"	

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

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2005 Apportionment Report

Mr. Gruber advised that the report in the amount of \$149 Million is for the 59 taxing authorities. Mr. Gruber stated that this year's report is lengthy due to reporting changes by the State wherein Department of Natural Resources/PILT valuations had to be separated and reflected at the 2004 rates. Mr. Gruber advised that the report may have to be amended after the November elections.

Res. 165-2005

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

WHEREAS, the 2005 Apportionment Report is the official authorization to levy property taxes for the fifty-nine (59) taxing authorities within Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, the passage of the Apportionment Report will result in a total summer and winter tax collection of more than \$149 Million.

<u>TAXING AUTHORITY</u>	<u>TAXES</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
Authorities	\$ 330,503	0.22%
Villages	\$ 781,867	0.52%
Townships	\$ 3,277,406	2.19%
District Libraries	\$ 5,157,090	3.46%
Community Colleges	\$ 11,736,215	7.87%
Intermediate Schools	\$ 15,634,252	10.49%
State Education Tax	\$ 19,906,728	13.35%
County	\$ 21,140,516	14.18%
Cities	\$ 25,224,643	16.92%
Schools	\$ 45,919,861	30.80%
TOTAL	\$149,109,081	100.00%

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in accordance with MCL 211.37 approve the 2005 Apportionment Report (L4022).”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

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2005 Drain and Lake Level Assessments

Drain Commissioner Blaine VanSickle presented the Drain and Lake Level Assessments to be spread in 2005.

Res. 166-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Drain and Lake Level Assessments To Be Spread In 2005 (ATTACHMENT A), as presented by the Drain Commissioner.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

2005 Drain Commission Annual Report

Mr. VanSickle reported that the Lyon Lake Level Augmentation project is progressing slowly due to right of way research and acquisition. Construction plans will be finalized upon issuance of a Department of Environmental Quality water discharge permit, and actual construction is anticipated to commence in Spring 2006. Mr. VanSickle advised regarding the Turtle Lake Dam project, that the construction bids were let August 30 and the bid was awarded to the low bidder. Construction should commence in two weeks.

Mr. VanSickle further reported that the Homer Lake Board still continues to meet quarterly; however that due to budget reductions, the Corps of Engineers has removed the project from the list of projects to be considered for planning and design analysis funding. Mr. VanSickle stated that an effort is underway to gain the support of Congressman Schwarz's office for reinstatement, however, that he is doubtful the project shall be reinstated because federal funding is not good.

Mr. VanSickle advised that the Drain Commission has been involved in site reviews for the new Pennfield High School, the Anderson's Site Expansion in Sheridan Township, the Marshall Industrial Park, and the Green Ridge Planned Urban Development project located in Pennfield Township.

Mr. VanSickle reported that the new legislation amending the Drain Code sponsored by Senator VanWoerkom has been dropped, however, that there shall likely be specific amendments proposed that may have a better chance of passage.

Comr. Bolger addressed a news article regarding the Turtle Lake Dam project, and inquired whether there have been any updates since the article appeared. Mr. VanSickle responded yes, advising that a Day of Review of Apportionment was conducted on September 21 and several residents appeared. Mr. VanSickle stated that he spent the entire day in court listening to appeals and made some changes. Three residents were unhappy with their proposed apportionment and have filed appeals with the Probate Court. The three-member panel shall present their decisions on Monday.

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Board of Canvassers Election

Chairman Miller appointed Mr. Latham to tally the votes. Finance Director James Latham reported seven votes for Republican Judy Byam and six votes for Democrat David Converse.

Res. 167-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners elect Republican Judy Byam and Democrat David Converse to the Calhoun County Board of Canvassers with terms to expire October 31, 2009.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

National Business Women’s Week Proclamation

Comr. Solis read and presented the following proclamation to Business Women’s Albion Chapter President Gail Loveless and Mrs. Barbara Frederick.

Res. 168-2005

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

WHEREAS, working women constitute 66 million of the nation’s work force and strive to serve their communities, their states and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for 28 percent of all U.S. business, generating \$1.15 Trillion in sales; and

WHEREAS, the major goals of Business and Professional Women/USA and Business and Professional Women/MI are to promote equality for all women and to help create better conditions for working women through the study of social, educational, economic and political problems; all of us are proud of their leadership in these many fields of endeavor; and

WHEREAS, for 77 years Business and Professional Women/USA and Business and Professional Women/MI have been spotlighting the achievements and contributions of working women during National Business Women’s Week.

THEREFORE, WE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 16 through October 22, 2005

NATIONAL BUSINESS WOMEN’S WEEK

in Calhoun County and urge the citizens of Calhoun County, all civic and fraternal groups, all educational associations, all news media and other community organizations to join this salute to working women and encourage and promote the celebration of the achievements of all business and professional women as they contribute to our economic, civic and cultural purposes.”

Albion Chapter President Gail Loveless thanked the Board for acknowledging the week of October 16 as National Business Women’s Week on behalf of all women.

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Breast Cancer Awareness Month Proclamation

Comr. Segal read and presented the following proclamation to Mr. Wayne Young of the Southwest Michigan Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Res. 169-2005

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

WHEREAS, breast cancer will claim the lives of an estimated 40,110 women and 470 men this year and another 211,240 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed among women; and

WHEREAS, 100 women were diagnosed with breast cancer in Calhoun County in 2002 and 23 died from the disease; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women, excluding skin cancers; and

WHEREAS, breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among all women and the leading cause of cancer death among women between ages 40 and 55; and

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WHEREAS, breast cancer can often be treated most successfully if detected early on; and

WHEREAS, education, regular clinical and self-examinations, regular mammograms, and biopsies (when appropriate) are critical to detecting and treating breast cancer in a timely manner; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society recommends that all women aged 40 and over have annual screening mammograms and clinical breast examinations by health professionals, that women aged 20 to 39 have clinical examinations every 3 years, and that all women aged 20 and over perform a breast self-examination every month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners support the observance of **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** in order to provide a special opportunity to offer education on the importance of monthly breast self-examinations and annual mammograms; and commend the role played by community organizations, including the Southwest Michigan Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and health care providers, including the Calhoun County Department of Public Health, in promoting awareness of the importance of regular clinical and self-examinations, regular mammograms, and biopsies (when appropriate), and in providing information, support, and access to services.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Mr. Young advised that the Foundation has funded over \$500,000 towards programs in Southwest Michigan. Mr. Young further advised that only 30 percent of the women over 40 in Michigan are getting mammograms; further, that the breast cancer death rate in Calhoun County is 10 percent over the state average.

110th Air National Guard Base Resolution of Support

Battle Creek Unlimited Director of Corporate Projects Jan Burland presented an update of the Base Realignment and Closures process advising that efforts to keep the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base open were successful. Ms. Burland stated that the 15 A-10s currently stationed at the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base shall remain there until 2009. The State of Michigan is to receive 24 A-10s which shall be assigned at the discretion of the Governor and the Michigan Adjutant General. Ms. Burland advised that the Selfridge Air National Guard Base does not presently have infrastructure for the A-10s, therefore, the A-10s could be split between the two bases.

Ms. Burland further advised that before any changes take effect to the 110th Fighter Wing in 2009 the Air Force must find an additional mission for the facilities and people in Battle Creek.

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Comr. Segal thanked Ms. Burland for her report and her continued work to retain the base, and congratulated Ms. Burland for her recognition by the National Guard Bureau.

Chairman Miller read and presented the following resolution of support to Ms. Burland.

Res. 170-2005

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

WHEREAS, the 2005 round of base realignments and closures is drawing to a conclusion; and

WHEREAS, we fully expect the WK Kellogg Air Guard Station will remain open and the 110th Fighter Wing will await a new mission assigned by the Air Force; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners has within its jurisdiction the WK Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission respectfully urges the Air Force, Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm, and Michigan Adjutant General Thomas Cutler to consider any and all future missions that can and will take full advantage of the training, maintenance, munitions, and personnel infrastructure at the WK Kellogg Air Guard Station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following be included in consideration and deliberation:

- WK Kellogg Airport is served by a new, nine-story air traffic control tower
- The airport has a 10,000 foot runway
- Environmental and engineering work are underway for a new parallel runway
- The Battle Creek guard station is not strained by encroachment problems, and has unencumbered air space
- WK Kellogg Air Guard Station is in very close proximity to 7,500 acres of Michigan Army National Guard training space, as well as US Navy Reserve, US Marine Corps Reserve, the 51st Civil Support Team of the Michigan National Guard, NATO training exercises, and approximately 40 other military units within a 30-mile radius – leading to myriad options for jointness

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- The Battle Creek Air Guard base has significant expansion capability.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 171-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following October 6, 2005 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for September 20, 2005 regarding granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to C. A. Picard and L.S. Precision Tool & Die received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director Richard Gruber)
- (2) Copy of a communication remitted to The Andersons, Inc. of Maumee, Ohio received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality advising that Permit to Install Application No. 120-05 has been approved. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Environmental Health Director Ted Havens and Drain Commissioner Blaine VanSickle)
- (3) Resolution received from Washtenaw County supporting wireless internet through counties. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)
- (4) Resolution received from Lenawee County opposing House Bill No. 5124 {Access to All Electronic Records}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)
- (5) Copy of a communication remitted to KEBS, Inc. of Marshall, Michigan received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality advising that the establishment of a flood plain is not required and providing activities that need to take place to acquire approval of the final plat by the Department of Labor and Economic Growth. (Received and placed on file)
- (6) Copy of a communication remitted to Mark and Kevin Klingaman of Tekonsha, Michigan received from the Michigan Department of Agriculture requesting a copy of their Manure Management System Plan. (Received and placed on file,

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with a copy remitted to Environmental Health Director Ted Havens and Drain Commissioner Blaine VanSickle)”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP REPORTS:

Employee Recognition and Relations Committee

Committee Chairperson Segal advised that this month’s birthday luncheon at Shranks Cafeteria in downtown Battle Creek is sponsored by Chairman Miller and requested he draw the winner.

Comr. Segal announced the winner to be John Carroll whose birthday is October 31.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

FY 2005-2006 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget and
Multisystemic Therapy Services Provider Agreement

Mr. Latham requested approval of the FY 2005-2006 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget.

Family Court Administrator Michael Boltz advised that the Court must submit the plan and budget to be eligible for 50 percent reimbursement of the expenditures. Mr. Boltz requested execution of the Multisystemic Therapy Services Provider Agreement with Summit Pointe, advising that Summit Pointe shall provide \$85,000 towards the program which has been very successful this year.

Res. 172-2005

“Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2005-2006 Child Care Fund Annual Plan and Budget as presented, and authorize the Board Chairman to execute the Plan documents on behalf of Calhoun County; further, authorize the necessary budget adjustments once all the documents are approved and executed by the Department of Human Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Multisystemic Therapy Program Services Provider Agreement between Summit Pointe and the Thirty-Seventh Judicial Circuit Court for the period of October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006, and authorize the Board Chairman to execute said

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Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Comr. Moore inquired whether a process has been established for determining the effectiveness and recidivism rate of the Multisystemic Therapy Program. Mr. Boltz responded Yes, advising that a report shall be provided at the end of the year.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Mr. Boltz advised that November 22 is Adoption Day and that Board members shall be receiving an invitation.

Special Health Insurance Discount Qualifications Waiver

Mr. Latham advised that the special waiver of the qualifications for participation in the Health Insurance discount given to qualifying retired employees and surviving spouses is for Donald Wright. Mr. Latham advised that Donald Wright will attain 55 years of age in March 2006, and shall complete 25 years of service as of December 22, 2005. The request is for waiver of the qualifications six months sooner, which shall result in a net reduction to Sheriff Department personnel costs of \$6,800.

Comr. Bolger inquired whether Donald Wright would have been eligible to participate in the discount next year. Mr. Latham responded Yes.

Res. 173-2005

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve waiver of the qualifications for participation in the Retiree’s Health Insurance Discount for Donald Wright, as recommended by the Finance Director.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Pneumonia Vaccine Fee Increase

Mr. Latham advised that the fee increase has been approved by the Board of Health and shall allow the Health Department to charge the maximum rate allowable for Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement.

Nursing Clinic Team Manager Ginger Hentz advised that the increase is reflective of the increased cost of the vaccine and cost to administer the inoculations.

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Res. 174-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve increase in the fee charged for pneumonia vaccine shots from \$29 to \$35, as recommended by the Board of Health.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Solis, Todd, Bolger, Miller, Moore and Segal)
No - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)
Motion CARRIED

FY 2005-2006 Prosecutor’s Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Program Application

Mr. Latham requested the Board approve the application, advising that the grant funds eight full-time employees. Mr. Latham advised the there is a 34 percent local match funded by the General Fund, of which some can be recouped as indirect costs; further, that supplemental funding is provided from the state.

Res. 175-2005

“Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2005-2006 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Program Application for the Prosecutor’s Office in the amount of \$556,876; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said application on behalf of Calhoun County for remittance to the Michigan Department of Human Services, Office of Child Support.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Senior Services Manager Hiring

Mr. Latham advised that the Selection Sub-Committee has finished its work, an offer has been made to the individual selected and the individual has accepted the offer.

Res. 176-2005

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the hiring of Christine Schauer as the Senior Services Manager, effective October 17, 2005, as recommended by the Senior Services Selection Sub-Committee.”

Selection Sub-Committee Member Joanne Konkle encouraged the Board to hire Ms. Schauer.

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Comr. Bolger read the following statement:

“This appointment has quite frankly caused me great concern. I believe it is my obligation to voters to support the “right thing.” I have and will continue to do what I believe is the right thing. This certainly applies when approving appointments or hiring county employees. Mr. Chairman, you know first hand that I have recently supported, and even advocated for people I believed could do the job, regardless of their political party.”

“Our Senior Services Department oversees and provides services that are some of the most popular our county offers because they are some of the most helpful. As we look to hire the manager for this key county department, I believe the right thing in this case is to ensure that our Senior Services Department serves our county seniors, and not any partisan political interest. Unfortunately, I have great concern that this recommendation could cause precisely these partisan perceptions.”

“The biggest source for my lack of comfort stems from my personal experience. A few years ago, Mrs. Schauer and I served together on the Juvenile Home Citizens Advisory Committee. Following our work together the community faced a millage request. It was then, and is now, certainly no secret we are members of opposite political parties. Where I saw an opportunity to work in a bi-partisan manner, Mrs. Schauer felt differently.”

“I’d like to read an excerpt from an email she sent to our group at that time:”

“In addressing me she said:”

[You are Mike Nofs campaign chair, that is a very significant relationship...I’ve had the opportunity to have an “up close and personal” view of politics and am attempting to avoid the potential political controversy your involvement on this project may ignite. This could be a distraction from the real issue at hand.]

[I hope you will choose between potentially politicizing this issue through your involvement or gracefully bowing out at this point.]

“I was taken back. Again, I instead saw an opportunity for a bi-partisan effort. However, I had no desire to politicize this issue, so I did bow out. Therefore, I was floored when after requesting I depart, Mrs. Schauer remained to run the failed millage committee. I certainly think it is reasonable to say that being the spouse and active campaigner for the de facto head of the County Democrat Party is also a “significant relationship.” She raised funds and campaigned for this committee in her name at the same time her husband was campaigning.”

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“I was very uncomfortable with the conclusions I was left to draw about partisanship and concern for “credit” that this action caused at that time. Now, since the Manager of our Senior Services Department will have to work with members of both political parties, and will also be running a millage renewal campaign for our seniors, I cannot reconcile the concerns for recommendation. Therefore, I plan to hold Mrs. Schauer to the vary same standard as she clearly believes should be applied to people in this situation. I plan to demonstrate consistency.”

“I’d like to commend and thank the search committee who volunteered their time in this search and interviews. I am very aware of the fact that I recently advocated for this Board to approve another committee’s recommendation. However, at that time I explained it was because I had heard the concerns that were raised by others. Those questions had created follow-up and further investigation into the potential hire. I felt comfortable that the concerns raised were addressed, and stated that I, therefore, was comfortable with the recommendation. I certainly never felt this Board should be a rubber stamp.”

“I believe the committee in this case also possesses strong experience and varied background. However, I have not reached that level of comfort in the concerns that have been raised both during and since their interviews. I cannot dismiss the potential partisan effect of this recommendation. This committee also did not have access to experience I had with Mrs. Schauer. Because of my relevant and actual experience in this regard I do not feel there is a hypothetical interview question that could overcome that demonstrated action.”

“I encourage my fellow Commissioners to avoid the appearance of a political appointment. I hope we would reject the potential for the type of partisanship that my voters tell me they dislike about Washington DC or Lansing politicians.”

“I do not believe it would be right to make this a politically motivated appointment, or allow it to be perceived as politically motivated. While I do not doubt the selection committee’s determination that Mrs. Schauer can handle the technical job responsibilities, I know that we had at least one other candidate who could do the job as well, without the perception of a political motivation.”

Senior Millage Allocation Committee Chairman Solis stated that he appreciates Commissioner Bolger’s concerns, however, advised that he has worked closely with the Committee and partisanship has never been a problem. Comr. Solis stated that he believes tough questions were asked during the interviews, including partisanship, and the Committee feels comfortable that partisanship shall not be an issue. Comr. Solis stated that Mrs. Schauer has the Committee’s full support and that he looks forward to working with her.

Chairman Miller stated that he appreciates his colleague’s sentiments. Chairman Miller advised that he also worked with Mrs. Schauer on the Juvenile Home millage campaign and that they had their disagreements as

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well, even though Mrs. Schauer and he belong to the same party. Chairman Miller recommended the Board accept the Senior Millage Allocation Sub-Committee's recommendation.

Roll call vote: Yes - 4 (Comrs. Todd, Miller, Segal and Solis)
No - 3 (Comrs. Bolger, Moore and Strowbridge)
Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Ms. Gray-McWhorter complained about a gentleman in the Toeller Building overcharging for a cup of ice.

Ms. Gray-McWhorter again requested the Board assist her in receiving care.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Bolger advised that he shall work with Ms. Schauer and hopes that he shall be proven very wrong.

Comr. Segal advised that low-income women 40 and over may receive breast cancer screening services through the Calhoun County Health Department; and that for women who are under 40 there is the First Look Program, thanks to the Southwest Michigan Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Comr. Segal stated that for those who have health insurance such screenings are covered under Michigan law.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 177-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, 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 \$2,054,560.55 for the week of September 13, 2005; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$402,593.03 for the week of September 22, 2005; and finally, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$782,663.18 for the week of September 27, 2005.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comr. Strowbridge advised that this weekend is the Annual Crane and Art Fest at Bakers Sanctuary.

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Comr. Todd announced that October 28 is the N.A.A.C.P.'s Annual Freedom Fund dinner at 7:00 p.m. at the McCamly Plaza Hotel. Tickets are \$75.

Chairman Miller announced that the A. Phillip Randolph Annual Dinner shall be at the Comfort Inn on Beckley Road commencing at 7:00 p.m.

RECESS:

The meeting recessed at 8:19 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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