

CALHOUN COUNTY  
PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:02 p.m., Thursday, June 7, 2007 in the Commissioners Meeting Room, Calhoun County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Arnquist, Bolger, Moore, Rae, Segal, Solis and Todd.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the June 7, 2007 agenda and addendums as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Arnquist, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the May 3, 2007 and the May 17, 2007 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' COMMENTS:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, advised regarding Item 12.A. (3), that he has attended every Road Commission meeting and there has been no vote to accept the Roads/Parks Work Pilot Program. Mr. Berezonsky questioned whether the county shall be liable if anyone gets injured, and whether inmates shall be required to have physical examinations prior to participating in the Program.

Mr. Creighton Burrows, Battle Creek resident, inquired how much the inmates shall be paid, and stated that a lot of questions have not been addressed within the attachment.

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Mr. Robert Erwin, Battle Creek resident, stated that he appreciates the concerns addressed regarding the Program; however, believes that the county can address those questions regarding liability and responsibility. Mr. Erwin stated that if the participants are certified on the equipment, the county can reduce the liability risk.

Chairwoman Segal advised Mr. Erwin that the Board shall be appointing him to the Community Corrections Advisory Board tonight.

**ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:**

Extension Director Rita Klavinski presented Board members with a state-wide report of Michigan State University (M.S.U.) efforts and their partners in 2007. Ms. Klavinski addressed an article within the report regarding nutrition in schools, advising that M.S.U. is conducting a healthy meal summit for Calhoun County. Ms. Klavinski introduced Senior Project FRESH Coordinator Amanda Segar; and advised that the Project commenced in 2005 with \$3,000, and that with grants, this year the Office has \$19,500 to purchase food coupons.

Ms. Segar stated that the Project helps low income seniors purchase fresh fruits and vegetables from local markets. Ms. Segar advised that seniors must be 60 or older and at 185 percent below the poverty level. Ms. Segar advised that last year 600 coupons were distributed and that this year there are 975 coupons for distribution.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:**

**Special Tribute to Theodore R. Havens**

Chairwoman Segal read, and accompanied by Health Officer Dottie-Kay Bowersox, presented the following tribute.

**Res. 72-2007**

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

The Calhoun County Board of Health and Board of Commissioners wish to thank Ted Havens for his 40 years of service with the Calhoun County Public Health Department. Ted has served in Calhoun County’s Environmental Health Division as Environmental Health Director for Calhoun County since 1975.

During his tenure with Calhoun County, Ted has been a strong supporter of public health, continuing with his advocacy for the protection of the public’s health and disease prevention.

Ted, we thank you for:

- Sharing your wisdom for the future mission of public health
- Leading with thoughtfulness and fairness
- Appreciating and trusting the diverse talents of personnel
- Knowing the value of a good laugh

You leave behind many accomplishments including:

- Assisting the department to financial health
- Passing environmental health State Accreditation with commendation
- Developing and maintaining the Calhoun County sanitation code
- Implementing and regulating food safety classes for the continuing prevention of foodborne illness
- Playing an important role within the emergency preparedness capacity for local public health

Public Health and the residents of Calhoun County surely benefitted from your services.”

Ms. Bowersox stated that ensuring the health, safety and welfare of the public is not easy to do, and advised that Ted has done a wonderful job for the county and the Health Department for forty years. Ms. Bowersox thanked Ted for his many years of service and advised Ted that he has been a great asset to the Department.

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Mr. Havens stated that when he came to work for the Department in 1967 he did not know that he would be there for forty years. Mr. Havens expressed appreciation for the honor; and thanked God, his wife and family, and the excellent staff within the Environmental Health Division.

Mr. Havens related his experiences and addressed accomplishments of the Division during his career.

Special Tribute to Dr. John J. H. Schwarz

Comr. Bolger read into the record the following tribute.

Res. 73-2007

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

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WHEREAS, JOHN SCHWARZ “Joe” has been a respected State Senator in Michigan for Sixteen (16) years, serving as President Pro-Tem of the Senate for Five (5) of those years, and most recently representing Michigan in the United States Congress; and

WHEREAS, Joe has always been serious about goals and tenacious in attaining them commencing early when he was President of his high school senior class, excelling as an athlete and a scholar; and

WHEREAS, Joe Schwarz upon completing undergraduate studies at the University of Michigan, to which he remains a loyal supporter of, and a true Wolverine fan, Joe received his medical degree from Wayne State, followed by a medical residency at Harvard; and

WHEREAS, he served his country with distinction as a Lieutenant Commander in Vietnam for the U.S. Navy as a combat surgeon and then as a C.I.A. operative; and

WHEREAS, in his civilian life his devotion to his local medical practice has provided much needed care and healing of our entire community since 1974, and in his political career has continued to champion improved health care and education for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Joe also served his local community as a City Commissioner for the City of Battle Creek, during which he led a triumphant campaign that financed the extension of the W.K. Kellogg Regional Airport runway, allowing Battle Creek to retain the National Guard Base; and

WHEREAS, Joe then served as Battle Creek City Mayor and was responsible for the expansive growth within the Fort Custer Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, most recently Joe Schwarz in Congress has served on the Armed Services Committee, greatly influencing the retention of the Federal Center and National Guard Base in Battle Creek.

THEREFORE, for all of **John “Joe” Schwarz’** passion in serving his community and country, high standards of honor, responsibility and values, WE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby offer Joe this humble tribute as a token of our respect, admiration, and thanks for all that he has done to enrich this community, this state and our country throughout his entire life.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Chairwoman Segal advised that she presented the tribute to Dr. Schwarz last night at Operation Success.

2006-2007 Calhoun County Youth Council Presentation

Chairwoman Segal advised that this is the third year for the Council, and introduced Council Chairman Ryan Bean, Vice Chairperson Georgette Newman, Secretary Madeline Smith and Member Takuto Sato.

Chairwoman Segal presented each member with a plaque in recognition of their dedication and work in fighting abuse and neglect in Calhoun County and advised that a plaque shall be displayed within the County Building. Chairwoman Segal advised that the Council raised over \$17,000 for Safe Place and the Substance Abuse Council.

Chairwoman Segal advised that Ryan Bean is graduating and shall be attending Albion College and that the remainder of the members are high school juniors.

Mr. Bean stated that serving on the Council has been a wonderful experience.

Head Start Program Letter of Support

Chairwoman Segal requested the Board approve the letter of support.

Res. 74-2007

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Letter of Support for the Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan’s Head Start and Early Head Start Programs application for continuation funding; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Letter of Support for remittance to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Head Start, on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Recognition of Andrew Kellogg’s Academic Scholarship Award

Chairwoman Segal requested the Board suspend the Board Rules to recognize Andrew Kellogg’s scholarship award.

Res. 75-2007

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners suspend the Board Rules to add an item to the agenda – Recognition of Andrew Kellogg’s academic scholarship award.”

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Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Chairwoman Segal stated that Mr. Kellogg is missing his awards ceremony tonight as he could not locate a replacement to video the Board meeting. Chairwoman Segal advised that Mr. Kellogg is graduating from Marshall High School and is receiving a scholarship from the Marshall Community Foundation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 76-2007

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following June 7, 2007 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Resolution received from Saginaw County supporting Senate Bills 410 and 411 {Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act Amendment}. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell and Emergency Telephone District Board Chairman Allen Byam)
- (2) Public notice received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality advising that the City of Marshall has applied for a permit to draw down the Rice Creek impoundment, widen the original channel, and remove the existing diversion structure and dam to restore the flow of Rice Creek to the original channel. (Received and placed on file)
- (3) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for June 5, 2007 regarding granting Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates to Denso Manufacturing and to Hotset Corporation received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Lee)
- (4) Communication received from the Michigan Townships Association requesting the county join the Association as an associate county. (Received and placed on file, with copies remitted to the Board of Commissioners)
- (5) Hiring Freeze Report

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Community Corrections Advisory Board Appointment
  - {a} Robert Erwin -- General Public Alternate Representative”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

Revised Senior Millage Allocation Committee Bylaws

Senior Services Coordinator Christine Schauer advised that over the past few months the Committee and the Senior Services Department have been engaged in strategic planning with the assistance of Consultant William Schroer. Ms. Schauer stated that at a later date she shall provide a comprehensive report.

Ms. Schauer presented revised bylaws recommended for approval by the Committee at their last meeting. Ms. Schauer stated that the revisions change the structure of the Committee from 18 members to 13 members, including from 1 to 3 Commissioners. Ms. Schauer advised that the membership reduction will be achieved by 2009 through attrition. Ms. Schauer continued that members shall be appointed for 3 year terms and shall be eligible for reappointment for up to 2 additional terms, however, that any member who serves 9 consecutive years must sit out at least 1 year before being eligible for reappointment. Ms. Schauer advised that current members have been “grand-fathered” and are eligible for reappointment consideration regardless of the number of terms already served.

Ms. Schauer reported that a major point of contention had been whether members should be allowed to serve on boards of organizations that are funded by the senior millage, therefore that provision under conflict of interest, has been deleted and is now the same as the Board’s rules. Ms. Schauer further advised regarding revision of Article V in regard to appointment of the Committee Chairperson by the Board of Commissioners and appointment of the Vice Chairperson by the Committee Chairperson, rather than by election; and the adoption of a no fault absence policy within Article VI.

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the revised Senior Millage Allocation Committee By-laws as recommended by the Senior Millage Allocation Committee.”

Comr. Arnquist thanked Ms. Schauer for her work in assisting with the strategic planning and for hiring William Schroer. Comr. Arnquist advised that the Committee conducted a strategic planning process with the service providers, discussed scenarios for when there are more seniors with more health problems, and determined some goals for the Committee.

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Comr. Moore addressed the reduction of Committee membership, inquiring whether the next 5 members whose terms expire shall be removed from the Committee. Ms. Schauer responded that Committee membership is currently down to 14 members with 3 resignations and 1 member leaving the area.

Comr. Moore addressed meeting attendance, inquiring whether a member may be absent from three meetings or four prior to receiving a letter of termination. Ms. Schauer responded "Fourth." Comr. Moore questioned the language whereby the Committee Chairperson "may" send written notification regarding attendance to the member. Ms. Schauer advised that the language was to be changed to "will."

Comr. Moore addressed Article VIII - Conflict of Interest, Paragraph 4, whereby the Committee shall determine by a two-thirds vote of disinterested Committee members whether the transaction or contract is in the Committee's/County's best interest, inquiring what should occur should the Committee not have a two-thirds vote. Corporation Counsel Nancy Mullett pointed out that the two-thirds vote is of the members present.

Comr. Rae offered as a friendly amendment to the resolution that the word "may" within Article VI - Meetings - B. Attendance be changed to "will." Comr. Todd accepted the friendly amendment to the resolution.

Res. 77-2007

"Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following, as amended: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the revised Senior Millage Allocation Committee By-laws as recommended by the Senior Millage Allocation Committee, with revision of Article VI - Meetings, B. Attendance, Third Sentence as follows inserting "will" for may:

There is a "no-fault" absence policy, however, if a member is absent from three meetings during a calendar year, the Allocation Committee Chairperson **may will** send written notification to the member that failure to attend the next Allocation Committee meeting will result in termination of Allocation Committee membership."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

FY 2008 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Application

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell stated that the grant application is in the amount of \$679,745.

Community Corrections Manager Roselynn Goff advised that the Community Corrections Advisory Board has approved the application as presented which requests funds for plans and services, residential services, and the Drunk Driving Jail Reimbursement/Community Treatment Program. Ms. Goff advised that no matching funds

are required.

Res. 78-2007

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2008 Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan and Grant Application in the total amount of \$679,745; further, authorize submission of the Grant Application to the Michigan Department of Corrections on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Roads/Parks Work Pilot Program

Mr. Purcell advised that the Program has been discussed with Ingham and St. Clair Counties and that the Criminal Justice System Workshop has been considering this program for some time. Mr. Purcell stated that the Battle Creek Enquirer and News published an editorial supporting the Program.

Friend of the Court Deputy Administrator Tom Whitesell advised that the Program participants would be those individuals sentenced for civil contempters under the non payment of child support provisions of the Support and Parenting Time Enforcement Act or those who could not comply with the furlough program. Mr. Whitesell stated that the participants are not eligible for wages.

Mr. Whitesell stated that the Program is an alternative for jail and is an incentive as participants may go home at night and on the weekends. Mr. Whitesell stated that the Court is hopeful that participants will get employment and pay their child support. Mr. Whitesell advised that the Program shall be evaluated after Labor Day to determine cost effectiveness.

Atty. Mullett advised that she remitted a synopsis to Board members regarding the level of liability. Atty. Mullett stated that there is always some level of liability; however, pointed out that the level of liability has been minimized as much as possible with participants being required to sign a waiver stating that they are fit to do the physical work. Atty. Mullett advised that Mr. Whitesell reviewed similar work programs implemented in St. Clair and Ingham Counties that have been successful.

Road Commission Managing Director Dennis Randolph advised that the Road Commission is not new at using a work crew, pointing out that the Road Commission has had a work crew for ten years and pays for a deputy to manage those prisoners. Mr. Randolph advised that the Road Commission used to pay for two deputies.

Mr. Randolph stated that the participants shall be performing manual labor; e.g., mowing lawns, collecting animal carcasses, digging, clean-up, cemetery work; and that all of the communities shall be advised that

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workers are available. Mr. Randolph stated that he has a preliminary list of work.

Mr. Randolph stated that the Road Commission hopes to purchase the equipment as soon as possible and hopes to start the Program within the next couple of weeks.

Res. 79-2007

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Solis, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Roads/Parks Work Pilot Program and appropriate the amount of \$10,000 from the General Fund Contingency to the Road Commission for the purpose of defraying program start up costs as identified in the program description.”

Comr. Bolger inquired how many participants are envisioned. Mr. Randolph responded that the Road Commission has requested approximately ten participants within the pilot program, and between 30 to 40 within a full program. Comr. Bolger inquired whether the number of participants depends upon their length of sentence. Mr. Randolph responded yes, advising that every week he would expect another 6 to 8 participants joining the crew with the same number leaving the crew.

Comr. Bolger advised that the Program was a discussion topic at the Board Retreat, and thanked the Road Commission, the Sheriff and the Courts for “taking up” the idea. Comr. Bolger stated that he is very supportive of the Program because it continues to keep the tax payers safe while having the participants provide a service.

Comr. Moore questioned whether only those that are not employed shall be working on the crew. Mr. Whitesell responded “Correct.” Comr. Moore inquired regarding the average sentence. Mr. Whitesell responded that the first sentence is 45 days, and that for every subsequent contempt the sentence is 90 days. Comr. Moore inquired whether a law enforcement supervisor shall be required. Mr. Randolph responded no, advising that the Road Commission has had the other work crew for 10 years with only one incident of a person walking off the crew.

Comr. Moore questioned whether it is anticipated that the crew shall be available to do work with other municipalities. Mr. Randolph responded that the Road Commission already plans to have the crew be available for all municipalities. Mr. Randolph advised that the participants shall show up at the Road Commission for a safety briefing and be advised at what site to report. Mr. Randolph stated that there is an opportunity for the Road Commission to transport them or they can just go to the site. Mr. Randolph advised that the crew shall be painting fire plugs for Emmett Township.

Comr. Rae stated that he is very impressed that the Road Commission, Courts and Sheriff are implementing this initiative and that he is optimistic that the Program will work well. Comr. Rae inquired whether participants that do an excellent job shall receive time off their sentence. Mr. Randolph responded that the issue has been discussed and there perhaps may be an opportunity to offer some modification of their sentence. Comr. Rae inquired whether females are eligible to participate. Mr. Randolph responded yes, that everyone can push a

mower.

Comr. Arnquist advised that she supports the Program.

Mr. Whitesell advised that participation in the Program does not provide a credit to their child support obligation, that the intent of the Program is to get their attention so that when they come out of the Program they will get a job and pay their obligation.

Comr. Todd inquired should a participant acquire employment whether the participant shall be dismissed from the Program. Mr. Whitesell responded Yes.

Chairwoman Segal noted that the Program is only five days a week. Mr. Randolph pointed out that the Pilot Program is only operational on the week days, however, that there is work that can be done on the weekends. Chairwoman Segal stated that the Board shall be looking forward to hearing the results of the Pilot Program.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Calhoun County Water Supply System (Pennfield Township) Refunding Bonding Authorization

Mr. Purcell advised that the resolution presented is an opportunity to refinance the water supply system bonds of 1997 and save Pennfield Township over \$200,000.

Bond Counsel Robert Bendzinski advised that in 1997 the Township issued bonds through the Department of Public Works to fund the construction of a water supply system in the Township. The bonds bore an interest rate with a range of from 6.375 to 5.10 percent. In the current bond market the interest rates are lower, therefore, the Township proposes to issue another bond issue and pay off the old bonds. Mr. Bendzinski stated that the new bonds will not sell before June 30 as if the sale is after August 1, the savings can be increased. Mr. Bendzinski requested that the Board approve the resolution authorizing the refunding bonds.

Pennfield Township Supervisor Robert Behnke advised that the Township Board approved the resolution on May 8 and look forward to working with the county on an expanded sewer system anticipated for some time in the future.

Res. 80-2007

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Resolution Authorizing Calhoun County Water Supply System (Charter Township of Pennfield) Refunding Bonds, Series 2007 (ATTACHMENT A).”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Employee Assistance Program

Mr. Purcell advised that the agreement is for the Employee Assistance Program which the Board approved on October 19, 2006.

Human Resource Department Manager Jennifer Bucienski requested the Board approve an agreement with HelpNet, and advised that the Department shall then be requesting an appropriation to pay for the services. Ms. Bucienski advised that the administrative team received bids for different programs and believe that HelpNet will work well for the county.

HelpNet Marketing Manager Dan Fry advised that HelpNet is owned by Battle Creek Health Systems, has been in existence since 1989 and has multiple offices within the state. Mr. Fry stated that HelpNet also has police psychologists whereby law enforcement and public safety workers can talk with someone who has walked in their shoes. Mr. Fry advised that all services are confidential.

Res. 81-2007

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Arnquist, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Employee Assistance Program Agreement between HelpNet Employee Assistance Program and Calhoun County commencing July 1, 2007; further, authorize the County Administrator/Controller to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Comr. Bolger inquired whether the Board shall be provided with effectiveness reports. Ms. Bucienski responded yes, advising that HelpNet shall provide those reports and that the Human Resource Department shall provide reports regarding sickness and accident claims.

Chairwoman Segal inquired whether McGraw Wentworth recommends this type of program. Ms. Bucienski responded Yes. Chairwoman Segal inquired how the Program works. Ms. Bucienski advised that every employee and their family members are eligible to participate. Ms. Bucienski advised that there shall be departmental orientations and that mailings shall be sent to the employees’ homes whereby the families are aware of the Program; further, Program information shall be placed on the county’s intranet with the emphasis that all sessions are confidential.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Equalization Director Recruitment Signing Bonus

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Mr. Purcell advised that Mr. Lee is leaving to be the Secretary for the State Board of Assessors; and requested that he be authorized to offer a signing bonus to recruit an Equalization Director, pointing out that the county has had previous difficulty in recruiting for this position. Mr. Purcell advised that the position shall be advertised stating that a signing bonus may be available.

Res. 82-2007

“Motion by Comr. Arnquist, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize the County Administrator/Controller to offer a signing bonus for the recruitment of an Equalization Director in the amount of up to one half of the County Administrator’s authorized amount for budget adjustments.”

Chairperson Segal encouraged the Board to support the request, pointing out that a Level IV Assessor is required and reminding members regarding the difficulty in hiring previously experienced.

Comr. Bolger stated that he would rather the county contractually hire a Finance Director, voicing concern that the county is spending more for “overhead.”

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

Resolutions Imposing 2007 Summer and Winter Property Tax Levies

Equalization Director David Lee presented the resolutions to levy property taxes, advising that the millages are the same rate approved in the budget process last year, and which have remained the same for several years.

Res. 83-2007

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

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy County property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the budget was held on December 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopted a fiscal year 2007 Appropriations Act on December 21, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Act was amended by Public Act 357 of 2004, being Michigan Compiled Law 211.44a, to require all Michigan Counties to levy summer property taxes, with the summer tax levies for 2005 and 2006 to be in the amount of one-third and two-thirds, respectively, of the mills authorized for the County through a separate tax limitation vote, and with the full amount of the mills authorized for the County through a separate tax limitation vote to be levied and collected as a summer tax levy in 2007 and subsequent years.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Public Act 357 of 2004, the 2007 Calhoun County operating taxes shall be levied and collected on July 1, 2007, at the rate of 100 percent of the mills authorized for the County through a separate tax limitation vote after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction required under Michigan Compiled Law 211.34d, or 5.3779 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Treasurer of each City, Village, and Township in Calhoun County is directed to account for and deliver all of the total 2007 County operating taxes in accordance with the provisions of Public Act 357 of 2004; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution constitutes certification of the summer levy of taxes by the County and authorizes collection of the County operating taxes on July 1, 2007, at the rate of 100 percent of the mills authorized for the County through a separate tax limitation vote after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction, or 5.3779 mills; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of this resolution by first-class mail to the Treasurer of each City, Village, and Township in Calhoun County."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Res. 84-2007

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

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is authorized under the General Property Tax Act, Public Act 206 of 1893, as amended, to levy County property taxes; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the budget was held on December 7, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopted a fiscal year 2007 Appropriations Act on December 21, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Calhoun County's maximum authorized millage for 2007 is 6.3713 mills, including all summer and winter levies for the County, after application of the "Headlee" millage reduction fraction required under Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 211.34d; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County's 2007 maximum authorized millage rate of 6.3713 mills consists of 5.3779 mills authorized through a separate tax limitation vote for general operations, 0.2482 mills for the County's Medical Care Facility, and 0.7452 mills to provide senior services; and

WHEREAS, as required by Public Act 357 of 2004, being MCL 211.44a, 100 percent of the mills authorized for the County through a separate tax limitation vote, or 5.3779 mills, are to be levied with the summer taxes in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the County's Medical Care Facility millage and millage to provide services for seniors remain to be levied with the winter levy in 2007, those millages being 0.2482 mills and 0.7452 mills, respectively.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a total 2007 millage rate for Calhoun County of 6.3713 mills is hereby adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the 2007 Calhoun County winter tax levy shall consist of the following two individual millage levies, with the total 2007 winter levy of the County being 0.9934 mills as follows:

0.2482 mills for medical care  
+ 0.7452 mills for senior services  
**0.9934 mills for total winter levy**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution constitutes certification of Calhoun County's two winter millages shown above and authorizes the collection of these taxes on December 1, 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these taxes shall be levied and collected and that the Treasurer of each City, Village, and Township in Calhoun County is directed to account for and deliver these collected County taxes in accordance with applicable law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk shall deliver a copy of this resolution by first-class mail to the Treasurer of each City, Village, and Township in Calhoun County."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

2007-2009 A.F.S.C.M.E. County Supervisory Employees' Labor Agreement

Asst. County Administrator Wendee Woods advised that the Agreement covers six supervisory employees that work in departments throughout the county, and that highlights of the Agreement are stated within her memorandum. Ms. Woods stated that the primary changes were to the fringe benefits to mirror benefits to other county employees.

Res. 85-2007

“Motion by Comr. Arnquist, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Employees Labor Agreement between the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) - County Supervisory Employees and the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners effective January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009; further, authorize the Board Chairwoman to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Juvenile Home Director Hiring Package

Mr. Purcell introduced Michael Gillum, advising that his wife is Tracy and that he has a four year old and a four month old. Mr. Purcell advised that Commissioners Solis and Todd were involved in the selection process, and stated that he is pleased Mr. Gillum could attend tonight's meeting.

Mr. Purcell advised that the package provides for an additional forty hours of paid time off, and that Mr. Gillum was introduced to the Home's staff today.

Mr. Gillum thanked the Board for the opportunity and advised that he is coming from the Michigan Challenge Academy. Mr. Gillum stated that he worked at the Juvenile Home for two years, ten years previously, and looks forward to returning there. Mr. Gillum advised that he starts June 25.

Res. 86-2007

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

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has engaged in hiring negotiations with the selection committee's final candidate for the Juvenile Home Director position, Michael Gillum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

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approve an additional forty (40) hours of paid time off (PTO) as part of the hiring package for Juvenile Home Director Michael Gillum.”

Comr. Solis stated that he had been very impressed with Mr. Gillum’s credentials and the manner in which he presented himself.

Comr. Todd stated that the selection committee was very impressed with Mr. Gillum’s qualifications, and that he is sure the staff at the Home are delighted to have Mr. Gillum back.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS’ TIME:

Mr. Burrows addressed the Roads/Parks Work Pilot Program, stating that the one of the biggest failures of the court system is the method by which they attempt to collect child support, pointing out that revoking someone’s drivers license or working on a crew does not promote payment of child support. Mr. Burrows stated that punishing people because they cannot pay is wrong and that he believes the system needs to be changed.

Mr. Burrows addressed a news report which advised that Plainwell is taking PCBs out of the river and is talking about dumping them in the river in Convis Township stating that the PCBs are non-hazardous. Mr. Burrows questioned why there has been no public hearing in Calhoun County regarding the matter as was conducted in Plainwell. Mr. Burrows advised the Board that they should be attempting to stop the proposed dumping, and questioned if the PCBs are non-hazardous, why Plainwell is attempting to remove and relocate it.

COMMISSIONERS’ TIME:

Chairwoman Segal advised that the June 21 Board Meeting shall be conducted in the Battle Creek City Commission Chambers.

Chairwoman Segal announced that Saturday is the World’s Longest Breakfast Table commencing at 8:00 a.m., and encouraged everyone to support the Food Bank by purchasing a cereal bowl.

Chairwoman Segal further announced that Juneteenth National Freedom Day is June 16 and encouraged everyone to attend the events at Claude Evans Park in Battle Creek.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

**Board of Commissioners  
June 7, 2007**

Res. 87-2007

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Rae, 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 \$1,560,320.75 for the week of May 29, 2007.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CLOSED SESSION:

Res. 88-2007

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Rae, 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.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

The Board met in Closed Session commencing at 9:06 p.m. until 9:35 p.m. with County Administrator Greg Purcell; Asst. County Administrator Wendee Woods; Corporation Counsel Nancy Mullett; Attorney Chris Cook of Davis, Smith, McClory, and Cummings, P.C.; and Deputy Clerk Mary Lou Barrett present.

OPEN SESSION -- ADJOURNMENT:

The Board returned to Open Session and adjourned at 9:35 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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