

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

August 4, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2011 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Chairman Kale called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.

Present: Comrs. Behnke, Todd, Haadsma, Camp, Frisbie, VanSickle and Kale

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was presented by Pastor Dave Trammell, followed by Comr. Todd leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Camp to approve the agenda of the August 4, 2011 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2011 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Brian Combs of Homer Township and the Calhoun County Farm Bureau Board of Directors stated he is putting together a farm tour next Thursday, August 11, to visit 3 farms. He stated they have invited State Representatives; Sheriff's Captain Matt Saxton and the animal control officer and would like to invite the Commissioners to come and participate in the tour. He stated the tour would meet in County's south

parking lot Thursday at 8 a.m. and wrap up at 12:30 pm. He stated anyone with questions could reach him at 517-812-3924.

Nancy McFarlane, CEO of Community Action, stated they operate the congregate and home delivered meal program that the County Senior Millage funds part of. She stated Community Action received communication that funding would be cut from State and Federal sources so they were considering changing to frozen meals but the funding cuts never came through so services remain the same and they continue to serve hot meals.

Amanda Schmidt, Director of Food & Nutritional Services for Community Action, stated they have 13 congregate food sites and deliver hot meals 3-5 days a week, serving about 300 seniors. She stated the drivers perform welfare checks and give referrals to the seniors when delivering meals. She stated Community Action encourages feedback from customers and they perform a satisfaction survey once a year.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There were none.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Update on the Educational Programming of MSU Extension

Brad Neumann, District Coordinator for MSU Extension, gave a brief update on the redesign of the Extension that started 2 years ago. He explained the Extension is divided into four "institutes", agriculture and agribusiness, greening Michigan, health and nutrition, and children and youth and told who was in charge of each of those institutes for Calhoun County, as well as the support staff. He stated that was not the only MSUE staff available to county residents but referrals can come from the local Extension office or residents can go to the website to find an expert. He stated MSUE would like to continue their partnership with Calhoun County. Neumann stated they would like to better align their operating structure with their organizational structure of having educators in more specialized roles. He stated they were working with County Administration on a standardized agreement they will present to the Board this fall.

Comr. Camp inquired if Extension felt the public was aware and approved of the services they provided. She asked if there was anything the County could do and how long the transition would take.

Neumann stated that 4H is the County focus, according to an interest poll. He stated they were aligning work groups with the Governor's dashboard.

Comr. Kale inquired if the services provided by Extension were mandated by the State or Federal government.

Neumann stated two of their services were federally mandated and that was the nutrition programming with food stamps and people at 85% of poverty level. He stated the 4H program was not mandated in a statutory fashion.

Comr. Kale asked what other counties were settling on for Extension budgeting.

Neumann stated they are seeing a variety in the 7 counties of his territory. He stated some counties are asking to see same budget as 2011, one is budgeting a small increase, and a couple counties have reduced their budget.

Comr. Camp stated that farming is the second largest industrial class in the county and inquired how the Extension has worked with them and how will it look in the future

Neumann stated the Extension's original charge was to work with farmers and he thinks Calhoun County will gain with the restructuring.

B. Proclamation Recognizing the Accomplishments of the 2011 BC Bulldogs

WHEREAS, the BC Bulldogs, a 12U USSSA Major baseball team from our local region, plays in what is arguably the most competitive and highest level of youth baseball in the country, and is rated 41st in the country out of 480 teams in this division; and,

WHEREAS, by dedication to excellence and commitment to hard work, the BC Bulldogs players and coaches have just completed the 2011 season, attaining a remarkable overall record of 52-7; and,

WHEREAS, the BC Bulldogs earned 1st place in Battle Creek's USSSA Early Diamond Classic, 1st place in the BPA Triple Play Challenge held in Findlay, Ohio; 1st place in Battle Creek's USSSA Cereal City Classic; 1st place in the USSSA Omaha Champions Village Tournament, held in Omaha, Nebraska; and 1st place in Battle Creek's BPA World Series; and,

WHEREAS, the BC Bulldogs earned a 2011 first place finish in Battle Creek's Pee Wee Reese Elite 12U league standings; and,

WHEREAS, the team has accomplished this level of success while maintaining the highest level of sportsmanship, and the team members have proven themselves worthy ambassadors of Calhoun County and our south-central Michigan region to the country and world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners recognizes the BC Bulldogs - specifically its players Drew DeVine (Marshall), Kyle Veich (Marshall), Mason Griffith (Marshall), A.J. Mitchell (Harper Creek), Kyle Pape (Harper Creek), Jeremiah Davis (Pennfield), Gavin Homer (Lakeview), Nate Jones (Lakeview), Ethan Eldridge (Lakeview), Jerry Haadsma (Lakeview), and Kyle Locke (Quincy), and its coaches Tony Mitchell (head coach), Jason DeVine, Chris Davis, and Kevin Jones, for the team's successful season, and commends the BC Bulldogs for the level of sportsmanship and integrity they demonstrated through the year.

Res. 102-2011

“Moved Comr. Behnke, supported Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the proclamation recognizing the 2011 BC Bulldogs as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. City of Battle Creek Public Hearing for Advanced Special Tools, Inc.
2. City of Battle Creek Public Hearing for Nexthermal Corporation

B. Resolutions

Res. 103-2011

“Moved Comr. Behnke, supported Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the August 4, 2011 Consent Agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. VanSickle stated he attended the Planning Commission meeting and they held a lengthy discussion on new bylaws and the resulting appointments to the Commission. He stated they approved two PA116 requests.

Comr. Haadsma stated he attended a workshop with the substance abuse prevention providers. He stated the budget will be a difficult one to negotiate because there are two more providers and the same or less money to distribute.

Comr. Haadsma stated that Community Action and the Area Agency on Aging have been dealing with some controversy over home delivery meals. He stated there is a scarcity of nutrition dollars and there are issues to be sorted out when determining contracts.

Comr. Kale stated there had been a budget committee meeting and they discussed the budget calendar. He stated budget instructions would be going out to the department heads and they would also be asked to lineate their major functions as mandatory or not.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator/Controller Scott stated a lot of work went into redesigning the Planning Commission Ordinance, which will come to the next Board meeting. She stated the Board is required by statute to adopt a new ordinance. She noted the State is requiring a different mix of members on the Commission so we will have people of various interests. She stated the proposed ordinance was noticed in the paper and is linked on the website. Corporation Counsel Lindsey is compiling suggestions and will incorporate any appropriate changes.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated The Coordinating Council Substance Abuse Workgroup - PA2 budget will be coming. She reminded everyone that the County spends \$1.2 million for substance abuse treatment, \$800,000 is a block grant from the state, the rest is local alcohol tax and we only have jurisdiction over about \$300,000. She stated The Coordinating Council will be requesting a status quo budget. She stated they were seeing if the drug court and sobriety court qualified for PA2 funding, and if so they will bring it forth in September. She commented the state estimated alcohol tax will increase slightly next year.

Administrator/Controller Scott gave an update on the trailway project, stating signatures have been obtained for the contract and agreements with the property owners are still being finalized. She stated the Road Commission is working on finding an engineer, as they had reviewed RFP's for engineering firms. She stated the recommendation was to use a firm out of Kalamazoo with a proposal of just over \$80,000. The recommendation will go to Road Commission on August 17. The County Board doesn't approve the bid; they will approve the final designs.

Corporation Counsel Lindsey stated there had been \$30,000 in endowment funds raised and it had been given to the Treasurer. He stated he has requested a 180 day extension from the State for the grant request.

Comr. Frisbie inquired if there was only \$66,000 from the grant, how the rest of the engineer's proposal would be paid.

Corporation Counsel Lindsey stated the rest will come out of the \$30,000 endowment.

Comr. Camp inquired if all parties were in agreement with the RFP choice since Mr. Sofia and Dr. Comai weren't present for the RFP review.

Lindsey responded that all parties were in agreement and have signed the contracts.

Administrator/Controller Scott gave an update on the May 29 storm, stating that Michigan State Police would be holding an applicant briefing to advise affected communities how to apply for funds from the Section 19 Disaster Relief Fund (\$250,000) grant process and there will be a \$30,000 limit per qualifying entity. She stated the Road Commission is not an eligible unit so we may need to be a fiscal agent for them. She stated the Commissioners are welcome to attend but she will be providing them with an update.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the Equalization office has been fielding questions and assisting homeowners with FEMA flood plain maps. FEMA has restated the flood plain and mortgage institutions notify homeowners if they need to have flood insurance. She stated the process directs people to the

FEMA website to appeal if the information is inaccurate. She stated the local units have new maps and are supposed to be point person for homeowners to appeal but the appeal requires a tax map. She stated the process is difficult and unclear so Equalization has been helping homeowners. She stated they have the new floodplain map on GIS and she would send the Commissioners a link. Scott stated they charge \$1 to print or they will just show the resident how to navigate the FEMA system.

A. Approval for Use of Capital Improvement Plan Fund Balance

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the fund balance comes from Honeywell project and the County is required to spend bonds within two years. The CIP Advisory Committee met and reviewed the outlay status and the projects that need to be done. She stated they are asking for budget adjustments for an amendment of \$136,500, to include a skylight for the jail, window treatments for the Marshall building, completion of the Board chambers video project, communications equipment, software and the E-ticket system. She stated this does not affect the general fund.

Comr. Haadsma inquired who was on this committee to make recommendations and what the prioritizations were.

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated the Courts, Health Department, Planning, and the Sheriff's department were all represented on the committee. He stated they follow a process the same as budget recommendations in the budget process, projects were discussed and rated.

Comr. Frisbie inquired if E-tickets would impact anyone's budget besides the courts and would it be more efficient to interface with 911.

Wilcox stated that it would have a positive impact on every agency involved and though an interface with 911 has not been discussed, it could be.

Res. 104-2011

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the completion of additional capital projects in 2011 as presented and the use of Capital Improvement Program #403 Fund Balance as the source of funding for building projects totaling \$54,000 and equipment purchases totaling \$82,500."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Motion CARRIED

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

There were no citizen comments.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Camp stated she would like more info on the projected revenue increase mentioned in the PA2 discussion and how this will impact the dynamics of the east side of the county.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

Res. 105-2011

"Moved Comr. Behnke, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Claims Payable Listing for July 15 through July 2, 2011 in the amount of \$951,669.22."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Motion CARRIED

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Todd invited everyone to celebrate Battle Creek Schools' new beginning at Piper Park from 10 – 2 on Saturday, August 6. He stated it was a back to school celebration for the district.

Comr. Frisbie stated the Pennfield Marching Band will be representing Michigan in the Memorial Day parade in Washington, DC in 2012 and will need to raise thousands of dollars. He stated there will be several fundraisers for them and he will keep everyone notified.

Comr. Kale stated Albion is celebrating summer homecoming with a grandparents luncheon and other events at the park on Sunday, August 7 from 12 -5.

Comr. Kale stated the Homer Hogstravaganza was also going on that weekend.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners