

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

JANUARY 5, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 5, 2012 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

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

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

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board held a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comr. Todd.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the agenda of the January 5, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners with the change of Item 9B2, corrected to read *Appointment of Board of Commissioners **Application** Committee.*"

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Behnke to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2011 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

There were no comments.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There were no comments.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Election of Vice Chairperson for 2012

Res. 1-2012

Comr. VanSickle nominated Julie Camp Seifke as the Vice Chairperson Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in 2012 for a one year term per Standing Board Rules.

Chair Kale called three times for other nominations and none were offered.

“Move Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to close the nominations for the 2012 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

Roll call vote for Comr. Julie Camp as Vice Chairperson: 7 (Comr. Camp Seifke, VanSickle, Kale, Behnke, Todd, Haadsma, Frisbie)

Commissioner Julie Camp Seifke was declared the Vice Chairperson of the 2012 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Chair Art Kale.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

1. Reappointments to the Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee (Term Expires December 31, 2013)

- {a} Arnold Arquette, General Public Representative
- {b} Brandy Cherney, Solid Waste Management Industry Representative
- {c} Lewis Cooper, General Public Representative
- {d} Steve Essling, Solid Waste Management Industry Representative
- {e} John LaForge, Solid Waste Management Industry Representative
- {f} Mike Myszka, Industrial Waste Generator Representative
- {g} Terris Todd, County Representative

2. Appointment of Board of Commissioners Application Committee (Term Expires at the Conclusion of the 2012 Selection Process)

- {a} Anne Norlander (County Clerk is on Committee per Board Rule 9.7)
- {b} Terris Todd
- {c} Julie Camp Seifke

3. Reappointment to the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Governing Board  
(Term Expires December 31, 2013)

- {a} Steve Frisbie

4. Appointment to FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board  
(Term Expires December 31, 2012)

- {a} Art Kale (replacing Mark Behnke)

Comr. Kale stated the assumption was that Comrs. Todd and Camp would be selected for the Commissioner Application Committee. He stated applications were due January 13 and the Committee would meet the week of Jan 16. He noted the Committee's sole purpose was to confirm the applicant met the requirements. He stated the candidates will be invited to attend the regular Board meeting on February 2 and would be given 3 minutes to speak. The chosen candidate would be sworn in and take office at the February 16 meeting. He stated the Board would do the selection in open session and they would do their homework. He claimed they were not looking for an "American Idol" type process where people get just a few minutes to showcase themselves. Kale invited interested candidates to contact him or the other Commissioners to sit down and have coffee to discuss issues or ask questions.

Res. 2-2012

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported Comr. Behnke to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the Consent Agenda of the January 5, 2012 Regular Meeting as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Kale stated he attended the Southwest Michigan Alliance Region Three (SMART) meeting. He stated Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) was at the meeting, reviewed the past year in legislation and talked about the future, with the big issues being the Road Commissions and personal property taxes. He stated Ottawa County did a presentation on health insurance as well.

Comr. Frisbie stated there was a resignation on the Health Board.

Comr. Todd stated the first meeting of the year was scheduled for the Solid Waste Management Committee, Monday, January 9 at 4:30.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator/Controller Scott wished everyone a Happy New Year. She reminded everyone that before the next Board meeting there would be a Committee of the Whole meeting, which would be a joint working session with the City of Marshall Council to hear an update on a feasibility study for a shared law enforcement facility with the City and State police. She stated she, the Sheriff, and others from the City and the State have been meeting since last August with an architect on the feasibility study. She noted the site would be within the City of Marshall and would allow for the Sheriff's principal office to be in the county seat. Scott noted they only had preliminary architectural designs. She stated the encouraging piece was that in the plan, 70% of the space was shared areas for the 3 agencies and the thrust was to come up with shared costs. She stated they still needed to work on the business plan portion to get a better idea on the financial aspects, cost and savings. She noted the meeting would be on January 19 in Chambers at 5:30 and the State Police may be in attendance as well.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated one item on the Board agenda had been removed. The Road Commission had sent over a contract for timber harvesting but it was pulled because though the Parks Trustees had approved it, it was sent as an informational item and wasn't intended to go to the Board of Commissioners. She stated there was still work to be done on details of the contract and so at this point Managing Parks Director Kevin Henning and Administration were not comfortable with the Board taking action at this time.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the County website had a new email and text messaging system. She stated this was an alert system the public could subscribe to and notifications would be sent to notify them of building closures and emergencies in addition to notices on radio and television. She encouraged everyone to sign up by clicking on the icon with a picture of a phone from the County's home page on our website.

## 13. CITIZEN'S TIME

A resident wished the Commissioners Happy New Year.

## 14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Kale wished Doug Wildt well as he began his new term on the Road Commission, as he had his first meeting the day before.

## 15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

### Res. 3-2012

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Claims Payable Listing for November 24 – December 8, 2011 in the amount of \$2,546,227.17."

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

## 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Todd reminded everyone that over the weekend the Battle Creek Central Band Follies would be at WK Kellogg Auditorium at 6pm. He stated tickets were available at the door or at the high school for \$5 and all seats were on the main floor. He noted there were Friday and Saturday shows and a Sunday matinee. He noted it was a good time.

Comr. Haadsma announced JONAH would be hosting their annual Martin Luther King breakfast on January 14 and encouraged all to come.

Comr. Kale stated a number of townships have offered their facilities to the State Police over the years. He stated Sheridan Township has had a write up in the Township News for this effort.

Comr. Kale stated they had 3 ribbon cuttings in Albion for 3 new businesses opening.

Comr. Todd congratulated the Wolverines and Spartans and stated don't let anyone forget the one who blocked the kick for the Spartans was a Battle Creek graduate. He stated he appreciated the kids who went on from our community to make something of themselves and reminded everyone he was a Bearcat.

## 17. CLOSED SESSION FOR PENDING LABOR NEGOTIATIONS

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, supported by Comr. Haadsma to retire to closed session to discuss pending labor negotiations.”

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

## 18. NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

### A. APAA Contract Approval

#### Res. 4-2012

“Moved Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Camp Seifke to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the Assistant Prosecuting Attorney’s Association (APAA) Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.”

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

### B. IUOE Contract Approval

#### Res. 5-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented.”

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

19. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman  
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

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Clerk  
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners