

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 19, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 19, 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. Dunn, Todd, Haadsma, Camp Seifke, Frisbie, VanSickle and Kale

Staff Present: County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey, Human Resources Director Kim Archambault 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. Frisbie.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Haadsma to approve the agenda of the April 19, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Regular Session

“Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. Haadsma to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Christian Plasencia, Battle Creek, spoke in favor of the railway through the Ott Preserve.

Harry Degraw spoke against the railway through the Ott Preserve.

Dale Jenks, Road Commission employee, stated he had responded to the article in the Battle Creek Enquirer regarding the conduct investigation involving Road Commissioner Wildt and a supervisor at the Road Commission. He stated has developed respect for the Board of Commissioners and was satisfied everything they did was for the betterment of the community. He believed there should be disciplinary action as a result of the investigation but not against Wildt and he hoped the members of the Road Commission Task Force and the members of the Board knew what they were dealing with at the Road Commission.

Kevin Kline, Battle Creek, spoke in favor of the railway through the Ott Preserve.

William Johnson, Battle Creek, spoke against the railway through the Ott Preserve.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Sheriff Byam stated there was no topic of more importance than E911 dispatch and he was pleased to announce his support of 911 Yes for Calhoun County, a ballot question committee which is advocating for the ballot passage of the surcharge proposal the Board had placed on the August 7, 2012 ballot. He stated on May 1, 2012 the 911 Yes Committee would be hosting a county-wide kick-off event, starting in Battle Creek at Burnham Brook at noon, moving to the Franke Center in Marshall at 2 p.m. and conclude at the Ismon House in Albion at 3:30 p.m. He encouraged everyone to come to one of the events, visit the website 911Yes.org or find them on Facebook at 911 Yes for Calhoun County.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. National County Government Month Proclamation

Comr. Haadsma read the proclamation into the record.

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,068 counties provide a variety of essential public services to communities serving 300 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Calhoun County and all counties take seriously their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in sensible and cost-effective ways; and

WHEREAS, county governments are essential to America's healthcare system and are unique in their responsibility to both finance and deliver health services through public hospitals and clinics, local health departments, long-term care facilities, mental health services and substance abuse treatment, and coverage programs for the uninsured; and

WHEREAS, National Association of Counties President Lenny Eliason is encouraging counties to promote healthy living and lifestyle choices in communities across the country through his 2011-12 “Healthy Counties” presidential initiative; and

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to actively promote their own programs and services to the public they serve;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2012 as National County Government Month and encourage all County officials, employees, schools and residents to appreciate in county government and the essential services we provide.

Res. 39-2012

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim April 2012 as National County Government Month.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

There was none.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Haadsma stated he and some other Commissioners had attended the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) open house at Marshall High School, where they announced the three miles immediately downriver of Talmadge Creek were open. He stated the EPA, Department of Environmental Quality and the Health Department gave relevant overview of the clean- up. He encouraged people to watch for more updates and he hoped the clean-up would continue to be as aggressive as it had been in the last couple years.

Comr. Kale stated the Road Commission Task Force had met and voted him as Chair and Dick Sweet as Vice Chair.

Dick Sweet, Vice Chair of the Road Commission Task Force, stated pursuant to House Bill 5125 and 5126 the County Board of Commissioners chose to put together a task force to determine if it would be in the best interest of the community to continue with the current Road Commission structure. He stated the scope would be to review the existing business model for the Calhoun County Road Commission. He stated the purpose is to evaluate and determine the current business model, the current management model and the operations unit operating model. He stated it was too premature to have a timeline developed. He stated there would be a request for information packet going out to the Road Commission in 5-10 days.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the auditors had been on site working on the audit and will continue for the next few weeks. She stated staff would bring results to the Board in June. She stated the preliminary outlook for the General Fund was a small surplus as budgeted.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the Board had been presented Human Resources Personnel Report for 2012.

Human Resources Director Archambault gave an overview of the personnel report, stating it gives the Board information such as statistics and labor relations updates. She stated going forward this report would be on the Consent Agenda for the second meeting of every month.

B. New Business

1. Prescription Drug Value Plan Coalition – Participating Group Addendum

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the County switched benefit consultants last year to save taxpayer money and still offer good benefits to employees. She stated going into 2012 one recommended change was to our Pharmacy Benefits Manager and Prescription Coalition. She stated the County was self-funded so we pay for all costs, including prescriptions, and a Pharmacy Benefits Manager reviewed claims and worked with drug companies to make sure we got the best prices and the coalition allows us to get a volume discount. She stated they had worked to finalize legal agreements with AON and Caremark since the first of the year and now staff was asking for the authority to execute the addendum to continue with coalition. Scott noted the proposed savings is about \$72,000 from the coalition that was in place last year and was based on a competitive bid process.

Comr. Kale confirmed we had been working with these companies since January 1 and the program had been in place so the Board was just putting the blessing on the paperwork.

Res. 40-2012

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported by Comr. Camp Seifke to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Administrator/Controller to sign the Participating Group Addendum for the Prescription Drug Value Plan Coalition."

Comr. Camp Seifke asked whether this changed the prescriptions covered from 2011 to 2012 for employees.

Human Resources Archambault replied that the changes were part of 2012 renewal and the same prescriptions were covered.

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

2. Joint Workforce Development Agreement

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a renewal of long standing agreement with the minor change that the contract will automatically roll over and not be a year to year renewal going forward. She stated it was a required agreement so Federal Funds were available for workforce development and there was no monetary commitment by the County. She stated there were three Commissioners on the Executive Board of the Workforce Development Board.

MJ Bruns, Director of the Workforce Development Board, stated the Commissioners had received a summary of the past 2 years, along with highlights for the three County operations and information specific to Calhoun County.

Comr. Camp Seifke stated that of all the committees and boards she had worked with, this one did a stellar job of keeping members informed and engaged.

Comr. Kale noted that he and Comr. Dunn and Camp Seifke served on the Joint Workforce Development Executive Committee.

Res. 41-2012

“Moved Comr. Camp Seifke, Supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve as presented the Joint Workforce Development Agreement and the Board Chair is authorized to sign the Agreement and the redesignations as presented.”

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

3. Reauthorization of Calhoun County Medical Care Facility Millage

Administrator/Controller Scott stated with a yes vote, a proposal will be submitted to Calhoun County voters at the August election and directs the County Clerk to publish notice of this election and take other necessary action. She stated the Medical Care Facility was County owned but separately operated.

Donna Mahoney, Chief Executive Officer of the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility gave the highlights of the Medical Care Facility and the Adult Day Care. She stated the nursing home had 88 private rooms and 16 semi private, was owned and operated by Calhoun County and had an occupancy rate of 97.5% high rate. She stated they employ 207 employees, don't have a big staff turnover and many of their nursing assistants use their educational benefits to pursue nursing degree. She stated 108 of the residents living at the Medical Care Facility and 91 people in the adult day care were from Calhoun

County. She stated they have a resident driven activity and medical plan and were ranked a 5 star home, based off the Medicare ranking. Mahoney stated she thought tax payers were proud of the facility, would like to continue to maintain it and continue to enhance the staffing ratio. She stated the average cost of millage was \$12.41 for a \$100,000 home. She stated she appreciated the Commissioners' support.

John Castle, Chief Financial Officer, stated the pressures of the economy at the State and Federal level continue to cause financial aid to go down but they had been able to deal with the health care programs and have kept a reasonable rate. He stated the Medical Care Facility had their own building and grounds crew and take care of their own facility. He stated though they always had equipment and facility needs, they had kept expenses in line.

Comr. Dunn stated the Medical Care Facility was a fabulous facility. She stated her mom was a resident of the Maple Grove wing of the facility, she was happy and her dad was treated so well.

Comr. Camp Seifke thanked the facility staff for keeping the Board informed and welcoming them on tours. She inquired when the bond on the facility was up.

Castle stated there was a 20 year bond that would be up in 2025 or 2026.

Mahoney stated they were asking for a 10 year renewal and a 1/4 mill.

Comr. Kale commented it was great that they had an organizational chart where the residents were at the top and next line down are the front line workers, with the bosses being at the bottom. He stated it was reflective of the occupancy rate.

Res. 42-2012

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved, 1) At the primary election which is to be held on Tuesday, August, 7, 2012, the proposal in the form attached hereto shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of Calhoun County;

2) The County Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the last day of registration and of the election as required by law and take all other necessary actions to conduct the election;

3) All resolutions and parts of resolutions, insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution, are hereby repealed."

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

4. March 2012 Financial Statements

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the statements were the year to date for the first quarter for the General Fund. She stated everything was in line with the budget except there is a note in the General Fund detail revenues stating the jail bed revenue was not in line with budget. She stated there was a Budget Committee meeting scheduled for May 4.

Comr. Haadsma inquired of the Sheriff what he was doing to remediate the revenue issue.

Sheriff Byam stated he had met earlier with Chair Kale and Administrator Scott to discuss concerns with this issue and have another meeting scheduled for next week. He stated they were attempting to address the matter but not everything was under their control, such as when unexpected medical expenses occur. He stated they had been working diligently with BICE and would be meeting with the consultant from Washington D.C. again soon.

Res. 43-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, Supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the March 2012 Financial Statements as presented.”

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Matthew Hall thanked the Board for hearing what he had to say. He stated he was an Associate Pastor of the Youth at First Baptist Church and on April 27 and 28 the youth of the church would be not eating for 30 hours to raise funds for youth in areas like Kenya and Afghanistan. He stated they also added a community service portion this year where the youth will go door to door to collect canned good then will distribute them to the Marshall Area Community Services (MACS) for people in need.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Camp Seifke thanked everyone for all the public comments.

Comr. Dunn stated she had visited God's Kitchen last week, working the night shift at First Baptist Church in Battle Creek. She stated it was a wonderful experience and she would love to take everyone with her next time.

Comr. Haadsma appreciated comments from those who came to the meeting. He stated there was nothing like the Ott Biological Preserve in our area, it was unique. He echoed Dr. Comai, stating once it was altered, it could continue to be altered and there would be no going back. He stated he wanted to make sure there was no experimenting.

Comr. Kale stated it had been a great night with a great crowd and he wished we could get crowds like this at all of our meetings.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

A. Claims Payable for April 4 - 12, 2012 in the Amount of \$866,939.16

Res. 44-2012

“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 April 4-12, 2012 in the amount of \$866,939.16.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Camp Seifke stated she would be a celebrity server for a Safe Place fundraiser in May. She encouraged people to go to the Safe Place website for more information and to make a donation if they are unable to attend.

Comr. Todd stated on April 20 at 5:00 in the Battle Creek Central High School the Carson Scholarship Recipient reception would be held. He stated tickets were \$20 and Dr. Ben Carson was an internationally renowned surgeon who separated conjoined twins. He stated the scholarships may help someone attend college.

Comr. Frisbie stated on April 26 the Battle Creek, Marshall and Pennfield Exchange Club are hosting a program at 6 p.m. at Riverside Country Club called “Darkness to Light”, a child abuse prevention program.

Comr. Haadsma stated the Kingman Museum and Leila Arboretum disc golf scramble at would be held on May 11.

Comr. VanSickle stated the Legislative Liaison Committee had approved the Address Ordinance as updated, it would be on an upcoming Board of Commissioners agenda and it was on the website for people to review.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners