

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

May 17, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, May 17, 2012 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. 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 Invocation was given by Reverend Dale Boyer, Executive Director of CitylinC followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Comr. VanSickle.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the agenda of the May 17, 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 May 3, 2012 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Reverend Dale Boyer of Battle Creek presented information about CitylinC, a nonprofit, faith based organization that was centered on youth. He stated they also did a lot of work with parolees, working with the Calhoun County Parole Board and acting as mentors. He stated they also work with foster care and there was a great need for children in Calhoun County to find homes.

Bob Overley stated he and his neighbors have had a problem since last October but they kept getting brushed aside. He stated his road was torn up by Enbridge trucks after the oil spill. He stated he had tried to get help from the Road Commission with no success. He asked the Board to assist him in getting his road repaired.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There was none.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Armed Forces Day 2012 Proclamation

The Armed Forces Day 2012 Proclamation was read into the record by Comr. Art Kale.

**WHEREAS**, The Armed Forces of the United States of America embody the highest ideals of our Nation. Serving at home and in posts around the world, our service members represent America as ambassadors of our principles. They display the honor, duty, and discipline of the finest fighting force the world has ever known. These brave men and women are willing to sacrifice their lives for the security of our Nation and the freedoms of their fellow citizens. We are humbled by their continued resolve to respond to the call of duty and defend America and its people; and

**WHEREAS**, our men and women in uniform put their lives at risk, placing their country's safety and security above their own, seeking to secure freedom and liberty for oppressed people around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, the words of President Dwight D. Eisenhower written in 1953 remain true today: "It is fitting and proper that we devote one day each year to paying special tribute to those whose constancy and courage constitute one of the bulwarks guarding the freedom of this nation and the peace of the free world." On Armed Forces Day, our grateful Nation salutes the brave men and women who protect our country, defend freedom, and help make our world a better place; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE**, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby thank and honor our men and women in uniform on **Saturday, May 19, 2012 - Armed Forces Day 2012** and call upon all citizens of the County of Calhoun to take a moment this day to join us and others in honoring them and remembering those that have given their lives to protect our freedoms in this great country, and encourage everyone to attend our local events in their honor.

Res. 54-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported Comr. VanSickle to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do approve the Armed Forces Day 2012 Proclamation as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

Ms. Choker of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program thanked the Board for the proclamation. She stated they meet the second Thursday of the month and everyone was welcome to join them.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Human Resources Personnel Report for April 2012
2. Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Battle Creek Regarding Hi-Lex of America, an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate
3. Notice of Public Hearing from the City of Battle Creek Regarding Lakeview Ford-Lincoln, Inc, an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Act Tax Exemption Certificate

B. Resolution

Res. 55-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the May 3, 2012 Consent Agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Todd stated he had the Battle Creek Area Transportation Study's active project list for 2012-14. He stated there were three amendments which were noticed in the Battle Creek Enquirer and then described the amendments.

Comr. Haadsma stated he had attended the Region 3b Area Agency on Aging's program on Medicare and senior scams. He commended Karla Fales for putting on an interesting program. He stated he wanted to make sure everyone knew about Region 3b and the great work they do. He encouraged people to report anyone trying to present a curious proposal to a senior. He stated the annual meeting will be Monday, May 21 at 3:00 at Burnham Brook.

Comr. Camp Seifke stated the Michigan Works Board had discussed the Calhoun Intermediate School District's negotiations with the Department of Corrections for parolee education. She stated the Department of Corrections is requiring some changes but there was much they were going to require the Michigan Works Board was considering not continuing the contract.

Comr. VanSickle stated the Legislative Liaisons met and had come to an agreement about the Addressing Ordinance but once it was released to the public there were suggestions and questions. He stated they were going to hold another meeting of the committee before the Ordinance was presented to the Board as a whole.

Comr. Kale stated the Road Commission Task met and heard more public comments and concerns. He stated Rehmann Robson will do a two phase study comparing our Road Commission to other counties to see what the similarities/differences are fiscally and what areas we could save on if the Road Commission Board was dissolved. He noted Rehmann would have the report delivered by June 18 for not more than \$9150. He stated the Task Force also discussed observations and comments about the Road Commission's policies. He noted County staff would follow up with Road Commission staff and the rest of the requested documents would be coming soon though the Task Force may need to request additional information. He stated the Task Force had discussed their timeline and a recommendation would be brought to the full Board in late July or August then they would need to hold two public hearings before voting on the matter. He noted the Task Force would have meetings every two weeks and they will be holding the meetings at alternating times to allow for more people's schedules.

#### 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 Budget Committee met for the first time and went over the preliminary results for 2011, which were positive with a surplus of \$235,000 in the General Fund. She stated the financial statements through April were on track and staff had introduced the 2013 budget process, which was the same as last year as far as timeline. She noted the forecast is a continued revenue problem, partially due to the proposed elimination of personal property tax, the current budget proposal shows the State Revenue Sharing will be down and the assumption that public safety revenues from the jail have been adjusted and will be down significantly for the five year forecast. Scott stated they were expecting a \$2.4 million revenue cut, with a \$2 million increase in expenditures which gives us overall deficit of about \$4 million going into next year. She noted this information had been shared with the Union leadership, the Judicial Council, Department Heads and Elected Officials.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the Parks Trustees had recommended the opening of Historic Bridge Park on June 1. She stated she and the Road Commission were working with Enbridge to send invitations for the luncheon which will start at 11 am on June 1. She stated they had a list of people to invite but if the Commissioners had other individuals to let her know.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated May 23 - 25 she would be attending the Annual Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers conference. She stated there would be sessions on "Road Commissions and Counties, Combine or Not" and a session on municipal financing, as she was working with the City of Marshall on the potential issuance of new bonds. Scott announced she had been asked, along with six other counties, to review the strategic plan of the Michigan Association of County Administrative Officers over the next year.

B. New Business

1. April 2012 Financial Statements

Administrator/Controller Scott stated everything was as expected with the financials except Public Safety, and noted property taxes, which are the county's main source of revenue doesn't start coming until July.

13. CITIZEN'S TIME

There was none.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Todd stated he attended a ceremony for the Battle Creek Police Department to recognize men and women in uniform. He stated it was very humbling and inspiring and he had great respect for people in uniform. He stated it was touching to hear stories of how they have risked their lives so ours are better.

Comr. Frisbie encouraged everyone to watch the Pennfield Marching Band on the Military Channel in the National Parade on Memorial Day.

He stated on the Sunday of Memorial Day Weekend at 2:00 there is an Armed Forces program at the National Cemetery and everyone is invited.

Comr. Frisbie noted there would be a Memorial Day ceremony at 2:00 at the cemetery at Fort Custer.

Comr. Haadsma thanked Reverend Dale Boyer for attending and giving the invocation. He stated he didn't have the opportunity to introduce Reverend Boyer but wanted to thank him for what he did for CitylinC.

Comr. Kale stated if you have an opportunity to go to a barbecue fundraiser for the fairgrounds you should because it's really good.

Comr. Kale stated he attended the Safe Place fundraiser dinner and their celebrity server was Sheriff Al Byam.

Comr. Kale stated he spoke at a NAACP rally in Albion, where they were trying to increase voter registration.

Comr. Kale stated McCamly Place hosted Generation E, which showcased the talents of some really impressive kids.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

A. Claims Payable for April 13-26, 2012 in the Amount of \$1,954,198.36

Res. 56-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Dunn to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Claims Payable Listing for April 27 – May 10, 2012 in the amount of \$1,954,198.36.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Frisbie announced the Calhoun County Fairgrounds would be hosting a shrimp boil fundraiser for the fairgrounds on Friday, May 18, from 4-7 at the BE Henry Building.

Comr. Kale stated on Saturday, May 19 Albion will be doing a flag planting at Memorial Garden and it was a fascinating process.

Comr. Kale announced the Citizens to Beautify Albion would be planting flowers going into town.

Comr. Kale introduced Andrew Kellogg, who has attended and recorded Board meetings for the last seven years. He thanked Andrew for his service and assistance.

17. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

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