

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

July 5, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

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

Staff Present: County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, 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. Kale.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the agenda of the July 5, 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 June 21, 2012 Regular Session

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2012 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

6. CITIZENS' TIME

There was none.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Senior Services Manager Carl Gibson stated the seniors were struggling with the heat so Senior Services was working with 211 and the City of Albion to make fans available.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Proclamation to Honor Jane Chappell, RN

Comr. Haadsma read the proclamation into record.

**WHEREAS**, Jane Chappell first got a taste for nursing as a Candy Striper in high school, as a nurse's aide at Leila Hospital, but still thought she should be a physical education teacher; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Chappell was inspired by the Sisters of Mercy to find her true calling as a nurse, graduated from Mercy School of Nursing, and completed her nurses training at Leila Hospital a short 58 years ago; and

**WHEREAS**, She worked with people in many walks of life, early on with patients at the Tuberculosis Sanitarium, military patients at Percy Jones and in every department at Leila Hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, "Nurse Jane" was instrumental, with Sister Mary Charlene, in the development of Hospice in our community, caring for the dying and comforting families for more than 15 years as a home hospice nurse; and

**WHEREAS**, She joined Senior Health Partners in 2004, a community partnership of Bronson Battle Creek, the Area Agency on Aging, CentraCare and Summit Pointe, to become the Clinical Supervisor and developed wellness programs for older adults, facilitated support groups, and trained students nurses to become advocates for the needs of the elderly; and

**WHEREAS**, Jane Chappell is a bright light in the lives of older adults scattered in communities and living centers throughout the county and represents the best of Senior Millage funded services empowering the lives of seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, Nurse Jane has created a legacy that sets a high standard of nursing care and community service that will last forever in the hearts and lives of our citizens, young and old alike; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, and the Office of Senior Services, hereby recognizes Jane Chappell, RN, as she goes forth in her retirement, for her tremendous contributions as advocate, supporter, and champion for at-risk and low-income citizens throughout Calhoun County.

Res. 76-2012

“Moved Comr. Camp Seifke, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the proclamation to honor Jane Chappell, RN.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

B. Rehmann Robson Presentation of the 2011 Calhoun County Audit

Administrator/Controller Scott thanked the Finance Department for preparing the audit. She called attention to the Management Discussion and Analysis section, as that was the section prepared by staff and provides a nice summary of the County’s financial picture over the past year end as of December 31, 2011. She noted it was very positive news and overall the county was in good shape financially despite revenue declines. She pointed out required communication from auditor showing the Lake Level Fund deficit that Water Resources will correct this year. She also noted that the Management Letter has in past years listed issues that needed to be resolved or recommendations to strengthen internal controls but the county had resolved them and so this year there were none.

Comr. Camp Seifke thanked the Administrative and Finance staff for their work on the audit.

Comr. Frisbie inquired if there was any expectation for Mr. Fisher to come back to talk about the audit.

Scott stated she would invite Mr. Fisher to the next Board meeting to answer any questions.

Comr. Kale congratulated Administrator Scott and her staff for doing a great job.

Res. 77-2012

“Moved Comr. Dunn, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the 2011 Calhoun County Audit as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Motion CARRIED.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolution

1. Appointment to the Board of Health – Replacing Paul Yettaw  
(Term Expires December 31, 2014)

{a} Nancy Mullett

Res. 78-2012

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby approve the June 21, 2012 Consent Agenda as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. VanSickle stated the Planning Commission was working on an update on the County Master Plan and it would be ready for the Board by August. He noted it was not a complete rewrite but a 5 year update.

Comr. Haadsma stated Community Action met and was still working on facility improvements in response to damage from the May 2011 storm. He stated there had been fundraisers held.

Comr. Kale stated the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board met and approved the checks for distribution. He stated the next meeting was scheduled for July 20 and the focus would be on overheads.

Comr. Kale stated there had been a Budget Committee meeting to discuss the status of 2012 budget. He stated they talked about the 911 funding August 7 ballot initiative and moving forward to direct the current dispatch funding to road patrol.

Comr. Kale stated the Road Commission Task Force had received the presentation of the Phase 1 report from Rehmann Robson, reviewed the financial data, and heard public comment. He stated the next meeting would be on July 10 when they would hear a presentation on the Phase 2 study. He stated they were on schedule for the Task Force to make a decision July 24 to forward a recommendation to the Board on August 2.

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 wish Comr. Kale a Happy Birthday.

Administrator/Controller Scott updated the Board on the potential shared public safety building as she and Sheriff Byam had met with the City of Marshall and the architect. She stated they went through plans to scale down the project to something affordable. She stated the State has announced the next round of Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) grant availability, with applications coming in August or September. She stated they were hoping the architect could redesign the building smaller and more affordable. Scott noted that the County may be able to redirect some funds that are currently used to fund dispatch toward road patrol. She stated they would apply for 50% of the total capital costs and then look at the operating budget to see if we would save from current operations to new. She stated the Marshall City Council was doing a parallel study to see what the building and finances would look like if they moved forward without the County. She stated they were expecting the architect will be back in about a month with revisions and reminded everyone the original design was a wish list to see what the possibilities could be with the expectation that it would need to be pared down.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated now that Enbridge was done with updates to the river access sites, they met with Marshall Township, Emmett Township, the Road Commission and the Calhoun County Conservation District to determine who will take control of the properties, as all are in either Marshall or Emmett Township, and had a good discussion. She stated this may be a topic of discussion at the Committee of the Whole meeting on July 19.

#### B. New Business

There was none.

#### 13. CITIZEN'S TIME

Dale Jenks of Marshall Township stated he was impressed by the way the Sheriff's Department and the way they were moving forward and showing support as the Sheriff prepared to retire. He stated the Road Commission didn't have the luxury of planning for a transition but he believed the Road Commission Task Force was a perfect combination of individuals and he suggested they stay after the transition.

#### 14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Haadsma stated Emergency Services in collaboration with the Red Cross and Durk Dunham from the County's Emergency Management Services Division had cooling centers at Lakeview Square Mall and in downtown Battle Creek at Full Blast and noted they were open between noon and six.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

A. Claims Payable for June 15-28, 2012 in the Amount of \$484,651.46

Res. 79-2012

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Claims Payable Listing for June 15-28, 2012 in the amount of \$484,651.46.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Todd wished a Happy Birthday to his wife on July 6 and noted they had celebrated 13 years of marriage two days prior.

Comr. VanSickle announced Marengo Township Fire Department would be having a pancake breakfast on July 29 to raise funds for new camera equipment.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman  
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

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