

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 9, 2014

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 9, 2014 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Dunn, Todd, Haadsma, King, Frisbie, VanSickle and Kale

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

2 and 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. VanSickle to approve the agenda of the January 9, 2014 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 December 19, 2013 Regular Session

“Moved Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion **CARRIED**.

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Doug Wildt, former Road Commissioner, thanked the Board for making changes in the Road Department and commended the road crews for their work.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Sheriff Saxton wished everyone a Happy New Year, and stated he enjoyed working with the Board and Administration and was looking forward to 2014. He also commended the Road Department on a great job during the storm.

Prosecutor Gilbert wished everyone a Happy New Year.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Election of 2014 Vice Chair of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res. 1-2014

Comr. VanSickle nominated Steve Frisbie as the Vice Chairperson Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in 2014 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 2014 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

Roll call vote for Comr. Steve Frisbie as Vice Chairperson: 7 (Comr. King, VanSickle, Kale, Dunn, Todd, Haadsma, Frisbie)

Commissioner Steve Frisbie was declared the Vice Chairperson of the 2014 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Chair Art Kale.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

There were none.

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 acknowledged that even though we closed the county offices for a couple days, we still had a lot of employees that had to show up. She thanked the facilities employees who came in to clear snow, the Sheriff's Office employees who provided critical public safety, the Road Department staff, the staff of the Juvenile Home, and all others not mentioned who reported those days.

Scott invited Road Department Managing Director Jerry Peterson up to recap clean up efforts related to road plowing.

Road Department Managing Director Jerry Peterson stated the guys put in a lot of effort and hours, from 3am to 6pm plus some. He stated we need to look at the Road Department equipment because it was aged and was not set up for that kind of snow fall. He stated we also needed the upgrade to the phone system that was currently in process because the current system was not sufficient for dependable service. He stated with the collaboration with Jackson we now had the resources to move equipment back and forth between the two counties. Peterson stated that from now on there would be a much more precise collaboration to manage equipment and manpower. He stated Calhoun was doing its part keeping up with other counties, and that he was implementing a mapping system so that there will be no confusion as to whether each and every road has been plowed in the future. He asked that citizens contact them if there are any questions or comments. He was proud the guys did such a great job.

The Commissioners each stated their appreciation to the Road Department staff for their efforts in keeping the roads clear and to county staff who worked in 24 hour operations.

Comr. Kale thanked facilities staff for their hard work in clearing snow. He thanked county employees who worked 24/7. He thanked the Road Department employees for working so hard to clear snow during the storm and let them know their hard the Board's full support.

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the proposed Regional Law Enforcement Center collaboration with the State and City police was moving forward. She stated the city had purchased the land and the designs for a smaller sized building were completed a couple months ago. She stated our portion of the construction costs for the center were estimated at a little over \$4 million and our grant request was for a little over \$2 million. She stated the representatives from the State were very supportive of the concept. She stated we should hear about grant approval by the beginning of March. Scott stated that the process to pick a contractor was underway and the bid award should be in a couple months. She stated Marshall had already gotten their approval to issue bonds and that the County Board would need to vote on similar approval in order to mover forward. She added that the County's strong credit rating

and debt capacity make it more cost efficient to have the County issue bonds for the State's capital costs as well, and that we would recoup the debt service costs from the State through a lease agreement.

Scott stated that the law requires a 45 day Intent to Issue Bonds public notice, at the end of which the Board would be asked to authorize the issuance of bonds. She added we would be including some projects we would have used a General Fund allocation for to try to come up with a better financing plan for Capital Improvement Projects. She stated it would include a not to exceed number of \$15 million, including not just our \$4 million for the law enforcement building, but also the State's portion of the building and an additional \$3 million for various other County capital projects. She stated representatives from the city and financial team will be in attendance at next week's Board meeting.

B. New Business

1. Approval of Board of Commissioners' 2014 Meeting Schedule

Administrator/Controller Scott stated there were a couple of exceptions to our standard first and third Thursday meeting schedule. She stated the Equalization session was required to be on Tuesday, April 15 and the July 4 holiday meeting was moved to July 10.

Res. 2-2014

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, Supported by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2014 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners' meeting schedule as presented."

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

CITIZEN'S TIME

There was none.

13. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Haadsma requested Assistant County Administrator Wilcox to ensure that Health Officer Rutherford and Administration to confirm there weren't more autopsies conducted than we can afford, or issues with more funding spent than expected, in regards to the new Medical Examiner contract.

Comr. Haadsma stated he had attended a meeting with Chief Deputy Jim McDonagh and city employees discussing county wide employee identification. He thanked Sheriff Saxton and Chief Deputy McDonagh for going to Ypsilanti to hear about this project in Washtenaw County.

Comr. Frisbie stated the Jail Population Committee sat down with the Sheriff, the Prosecutor and the Courts to talk with issues. He stated there was a great amount of cooperation in the room and they had been able to impact that number significantly. He stated he appreciated the Sheriff, Prosecutor and Courts working together.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Claims Payable for December 12, 2013 through January 2, 2014 in the Amount of \$1,003,724.56 and P-Card Payables from November 2013 in the Amount of \$87,148.97.

Res. 3-2014

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, supported by Comr. Todd to approve the following: Resolved, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for December 12, 2013 through January 2, 2014 in the Amount of \$1,003,724.56 and P-Card Payables from November 2013 in the Amount of \$87,148.97 as presented.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Kale announced that it was Comr. Todd’s birthday.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Clerk
Calhoun County