

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

January 3, 2019

1 and 2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01 p.m., Thursday, January 3, 2019 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

Sheriff Matt Saxton called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.

Present: Comrs. Vette, Hatcher, Smith, Frisbie, King, Miller and Tompkins

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Human Resources Director Kim Archambault, Communications Manager Lucy Blair, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer and Deputy Clerk Shana Huerta

3 and 4. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Sheriff Saxton asked for a moment of silence and then Comr. Smith lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Oath of Office

Chief Judge Michael Jaconette administered the Oath of Office to the elected members of the 2019-2020 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners: Comr. Kathy-Sue Vette, District 1; Comr. Rochelle Hatcher, District 2; Comr. Jake W. Smith, District 3; Comr. Steve Frisbie, District 4; Comr. Derek King, District 5; Comr. Tommy Miller, District 6 and Comr. Gary Tompkins, District 7.

B. Election of Chairperson

Res. 1-2019

Comr. King nominated Comr. Steve Frisbie for Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for a two-year term beginning January 3, 2019.

Comr. Miller nominated Comr. Gary Tompkins for Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for a two-year term beginning January 3, 2019.

Sheriff Saxton called three times for other nominations and none were offered.

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Vette to close the nominations for Chairperson of the 2019-2020 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

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

Roll call vote for Comr. Steve Frisbie or Comr. Gary Tompkins for Chairperson: 4 for Frisbie – Comr. Frisbie, Comr. King, Comr. Vette, Comr. Hatcher. 3 for Tompkins – Comr. Smith, Comr. Miller, Comr. Tompkins

Commissioner Steve Frisbie was declared the Chairperson of the 2019-2020 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Sheriff Matt Saxton.

C. Election of Vice Chairperson

Res. 2-2019

Comr. King nominated Kathy-Sue Vette for Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in 2019 for a one-year term per Standing Board Rules.

Comr. Miller nominated Comr. Gary Tompkins for Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in 2019 for a one-year term per Standing Board Rules.

Sheriff Saxton called three times for other nominations and none were offered.

“Move Comr. King, second by Comr. Smith to close the nominations for the 2019 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

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

Roll call vote for Comr. Kathy-Sue Vette or Comr. Gary Tompkins for Vice Chairperson: 4 for Vette – Comr. Frisbie, Comr. King, Comr. Vette, Comr. Hatcher. 3 for Tompkins – Comr. Miller, Comr. Tompkins, Comr. Smith

Commissioner Kathy-Sue Vette was declared the Vice Chairperson of the 2019 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Sheriff Matt Saxton.

Calhoun County Chief Judge Jaconette swore in Comr. Frisbie as Chairperson of the 2019-2020 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and Comr. Vette as 2019 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.

Board Chairperson Steve Frisbie took control of the meeting.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A. Agenda of the January 3, 2019 Organizational Session

Res. 3-2019

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Vette to approve the agenda of the January 3, 2019 Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular Session

Res. 4-2019

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

8. CITIZENS TIME

Lane Landis of Homer Township addressed the Commissioners that serve the townships and asked for their support to understand what the townships’ needs were.

State Representative Jim Haadmsa, 249 Snow Avenue, Battle Creek, congratulated all of the Commissioners and the new Chair and Vice Chair. Mr. Haadmsa stated that he was looking forward to working with Administration and congratulated the new Commissioners. Mr. Haadmsa explained the importance of collaboration between the State and the County and stated that he would communicate frequently with Administrator Scott and Chair Frisbie to ensure effective collaboration.

9. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

Comr. Frisbie appointed Gary Tompkins as Parliamentarian.

Treasurer Brian Wensauer welcomed the new Commissioners and congratulated Comr. Frisbie and Comr. Vette and stated that he was looking forward to working with them.

Prosecutor David Gilbert congratulated the Commissioners on their victories and invited them to look to the Prosecutor’s Office if they needed assistance in regard to criminal law.

Pennfield Township Supervisor Dave Morgan congratulated the new Commissioners. Mr. Morgan stated that a new event had been implemented in Pennfield that recognized veterans and high school students that had enlisted in the military. Supervisor Morgan explained that there were several graduates from other high schools that attended the Pennfield event and because of that, they were expanding the program countywide to include all high school graduates that had enlisted in the military. Mr. Morgan shared that the event was scheduled to tentatively be held at W.K. Kellogg Auditorium, although the Michigan Air National Guard Base and FireKeepers had also expressed interest to host the event.

Comr. Frisbie stated that the event was a great sendoff for the high school students as they started their military careers to serve their country.

Mr. Morgan stated that there were 13 students from Pennfield the first year and that there were 40 to 50 students countywide. Mr. Morgan and Comr. Frisbie asked that all of the veterans present at the meeting please stand for recognition.

Sheriff Matt Saxton congratulated Chair Frisbie, Vice Chair Vette and all of the Commissioners and stated that he looked forward to working with Comrs. Hatcher and Miller and all of the returning Commissioners. Sheriff Saxton stated that there was no better job than working with the County and that their job as Commissioners was to ensure appropriate budgets and that policies were in place and invited the new Commissioners to visit the Sheriff's office.

10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

There was none.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Wexford County Resolution Opposing SB 1031

B. Resolutions

1. 2019 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule
2. Senior Millage Allocation Committee Appointment

{a} Appointment of Diane Peters to replace Jason Rapelje
(Term effective immediately through April 30, 2020)

Res. 5-2019

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Consent Agenda of the January 3, 2019 Organizational Session as presented."

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

12. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

There was none.

13. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott welcomed the new Commissioners and existing Commissioners to a new term. Ms. Scott stated that she had been with the County almost ten years and had experienced a

complete turnover within the Board and that the Board continued to do good things for the residents and visitors of the County. Ms. Scott called the attention of the commissioners to one of the items on the Consent Agenda, which was the 2019 Board of Commissioners meeting schedule, adding that Deputy Clerk Shana Huerta would be adding those meetings to the Commissioners' calendars. Administrator Scott stated that Board of Commissioners committee appointments would be sent out the following week for review and input. Ms. Scott explained that new group and individual photos would be taken in the near future and that Commissioner Orientation would also be scheduled.

B. New Business

1. MDOT Contract 18-5501

Administrator Scott stated that Road Department Managing Director John Midgley and Operations Director Kori Albrecht were present. Ms. Scott explained that Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) contracts come to the Board for approval and that all federal and state funding contracts come through in the same standard MDOT format to ensure that MDOT specifications are followed. Ms. Scott stated that this item was a federal-aid project along the border of Pennfield and Bedford Townships. She explained that the total cost of the project was nearly \$681,000 and that the County was only responsible for 22% of cost, which was \$149,000 and had been included in the Road Department's budget.

Res. 6-2019

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Contract 18-5501 as presented, and authorize the Board Chair and County Administrator/Controller to sign the contract on behalf of the County."

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

14. CITIZEN'S TIME

Carl Gibson from Marshall encouraged State Representatives to increase the gas tax to improve infrastructure.

15. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Miller read into the record a letter of resignation from his position at the Road Department.

Comr. King congratulated Comr. Frisbie on becoming Chairperson and Comr. Vette on becoming Vice Chair and wished them well.

Comr. Miller thanked his Road Department co-workers, many who were present at the meeting, for their support.

Comr. Frisbie stated he had big shoes to fill as Chair and was committed to working with all of the Commissioners and was focused on moving forward and serving everyone.

16. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. County Claims Payable for December 14, 2018 through December 26, 2018 in the amount of \$1,892,979.24 as presented.

Res. 7-2019

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve Claims Payable for December 14, 2018 through December 26, 2018 in the amount of \$1,892,979.24 as presented.”

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

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Tompkins stated that next Homer All-In Breakfast would take place from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11 at Homer Community Schools and encouraged everyone to attend.

Comr. Smith thanked the District 3 constituents for re-electing him, his family, and stated that he was looking forward to working with all of the Commissioners over the next two years.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

Clerk to the Board