

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 8, 2015

1 and 2. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, January 8, 2015 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

Calhoun County Clerk-Register of Deeds Anne Norlander called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.

Present: Comrs. Dunn, Reynolds, Haadsma, Frisbie, King, VanSickle and Bearman

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

3 and 4. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Comr. Frisbie and followed by an invocation by Reverend Jim Gysel.

5. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Oath of Office

Calhoun County Clerk-Register of Deeds Norlander administered the Oath of Office to Comrs. Dunn, Reynolds, Haadsma, Frisbie, King, VanSickle and Bearman.

B. Resolution Pursuant to MCL46.3 (4) that the Term of the Board Chair be for One Year

Res. 1-2015

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to set the term of the for Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to one year pursuant to MCL 46.3 (4) as presented."

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

C. Election of Chairperson

Res. 2-2015

Comr. VanSickle nominated Derek King for Chairperson of the 2015 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for a one year term.

Clerk/Register Norlander called three times for other nominations and none were offered.

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Dunn to close the nominations for Chairperson of the 2015 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

Roll call vote for Comr. Derek King for Chairperson: 7 for King

Commissioner Derek King was declared the Chairman of the 2015 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Clerk/Register Anne Norlander.

D. Election of Vice Chairperson

Res. 3-2015

Comr. Dunn nominated Steve Frisbie for Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners in 2015 for a one year term per Standing Board Rules.

Clerk/Register Norlander called three times for other nominations and none were offered.

“Move Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. King to close the nominations for the 2015 Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners.”

On a voice vote, Motion CARRIED

Roll call vote for Comr. Steve Frisbie for Vice Chairperson: 7 for Frisbie

Commissioner Steve Frisbie was declared the Vice Chairperson of the 2015 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners by Clerk/Register Anne Norlander.

Calhoun County Clerk – Register of Deeds Norlander swore in Comr. King as Chairperson and Comr. Frisbie as Vice Chair of the 2015 Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and performed a ceremonial swearing in of Comrs. Reynolds and Bearman as new Commissioners.

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the agenda of the January 8, 2015 Regular 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 18, 2014 Regular Session

“Moved Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2014 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

8. CITIZENS’ TIME

There were none.

9. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS’ COMMENTS

Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault congratulated the Commissioners on their appointments. She introduced herself and 4H Educator Kathy Fischer, stating they had been working on a joint project. She stated they were working with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi to present a United Youth Leadership Program. She explained the program was an opportunity to explore and expand the knowledge of the structures and intricacies of tribal, county and state government. She explained the program to the Commissioners, noting the 10 tribal and 10 non-tribal kids chosen would visit various governments to see how they operate. Kathy Fischer stated the Commissioners had been given information packets to further explain the program. She stated this was the first year for this program in Calhoun County but other counties had presented the program successfully.

Sheriff Saxton thanked Commissioners Bearman and Reynolds for visiting the Sheriff’s Office and the jail prior to taking office. He stated he appreciated the opportunity to visit with them and congratulated them on their new offices. He congratulated the entire Board, stating he looked forward to working with them.

Prosecutor Gilbert gave an update on the cases handled by his office, noting crime was down in Calhoun County. He thanked the Board for their support.

10. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. WMU College of Aviation Resolution of Support

Comr. Dunn read the resolution into the record.

WHEREAS, the Western Michigan University has requested \$19 million in capital-outlay funding to renovate its College of Aviation; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the funding would be used to augment the College's 20-acre campus at W.K. Kellogg Airport in Battle Creek; and

WHEREAS, the funding would make possible the renovation and expansion of the College's Aviation Education Center, which would include classrooms, composites, simulation and research laboratories; student briefing rooms and office space; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the funding would also be used to address issues involving energy, safety, and accessibility codes; and

WHEREAS, if approved, planning and design work could start this summer and occupancy could take place during the summer of 2018; and

WHEREAS, these improvements would positively affect the economy of Calhoun County, creating jobs and bringing more opportunities for young men and women to further their aviation careers in south central Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the expansion would allow the College of Aviation to grow the size of its technician base as the industry needs five new mechanics for every four new pilots;

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners supports the requested capital-outlay funding by the State of Michigan for the WMU College of Aviation; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners encourages Southwest Michigan First, Battle Creek Unlimited, and the various governmental entities in Calhoun County and Kalamazoo County to support said funding.

Res. 4-2015

"Moved Comr. Dunn, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the Western Michigan University College of Aviation Resolution of Support as presented."

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

11. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

There were none.

B. Resolutions

1. Board of Health Reappointments
(Terms to Expire December 31, 2017)

 {a} Rick Hensley
 {b} Nancy Mullett
2. 2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule
3. Appointment to FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board
(Terms to Expire December 31, 2016)

 {a} Derek King
 {b} Kathy Sue Dunn (alternate)
4. Parks and Recreation Commission Reappointment
(Term to Expire December 31, 2016)

 {a} Allyn Miller

Res. 5-2015

“Moved Comr. Dunn, second by Comr. Haadsma to approve the Consent Agenda of the January 8, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular Session as presented.”

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

12. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Dunn stated the South Central Michigan Planning Council met at Upjohn Institute in Kalamazoo. She stated they were continuing to work on the Governor’s Regional Reinvention Priorities and were moving forward. She stated the Council decided they would meet bi-monthly going forward.

Comr. VanSickle stated the Parks and Recreation Commission met for an update on the Master Plan. He stated that after a few minor changes it should be coming to the Board for approval next month. He stated Comr. King was re-elected as Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission. Comr. King added that Community Development Educator Ingrid Ault has done a great job with the Master Plan.

13. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Scott welcomed Comrs. Bearman and Reynolds and welcomed back the returning Commissioners. She congratulated Chair King and Vice Chair Frisbie on their elections. She also welcomed back former Commissioners Art Kale and Terris Todd, who were present in the audience.

Scott gave an update on the Veteran's Affairs Office, stating the Director had left employment with the County and she was planning to meet with the Veteran's Affairs Committee. She stated they would review the process to recruit the next Director and she hoped to get the position posted following the meeting. She stated that in the meantime County Administration had been very active in overseeing the daily operations, working with Committee members and working with staff to get an inventory of unfinished business to ensure our veterans continued to be served. She stated the office was open and all of the services offered under the Veterans Millage were moving forward as planned.

B. New Business

1. Michigan Department of Community Health Lakeview School-Based Health Center Grant

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was yet another grant brought by the Health Department for approval. She stated the Health Department had been very proactive in soliciting grants to help fund their operations.

Health Officer Rutherford congratulated the Commissioners on behalf of the Health Department and invited them to visit the Health Department for a tour. He stated this was a school-based, \$195,000 grant for each of the next five years. He stated with this grant they would build a school-based health center in Lakeview Schools. He stated they already had a center at the Battle Creek High School and one at Springfield Middle School. He stated this was a great opportunity for them to have a third facility in the community. He stated the centers were nurse practitioner based so they were allowed to do everything from full examinations to prescriptions for kids in the middle school and high school students would be able to take advantage of the facility as well. He stated the majority of the funds for the grant come from the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Michigan Department of Education.

Scott clarified that the resolution was to accept the grant under our grant policy, to authorize the associated budget amendment required under our budget resolution and also the staffing increase to allow an additional 2.81 FTEs within the Health Department for Nurse Practitioner, Medical Assistant and Social Worker.

Res. 6-2015

"Moved Comr. Reynolds, Supported Comr. Bearman to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Michigan Department of Community Health Lakeview School-Based Health Center Grant as presented."

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

2. Agreement for Medical Director Services

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a renewal of a contract with our independent Medical Director for the Health Department, Dr. Harrington. She stated we have had a contract with Dr. Harrington for many years and this was a renewal with no changes in the terms. She noted the contract does give us the authority to negotiate compensation over the course of the contract.

Health Officer Rutherford explained that Dr. Greg Harrington was an infectious disease physician based out of Bronson. He stated Dr. Harrington had been the Medical Director for well over a decade. He noted it was a good combination for the County to have an infectious disease doctor who was at the hospital and spending time at the Health Department. He explained that the Michigan Health Code required the Health Department to have a physician at that level with that time allocation. He stated the \$50,000 fee paid to Dr. Harrington is the same fee he has received for the last five or six years so the new contract does allow for a slight increase in the event we do modifications to the Health Department as it relates to nurse practitioners that report to him. He explained this would require an increase in Dr. Harrington's level of responsibility for chart reviews and nurse consultations. Rutherford stated this allowed us more flexibility over the course of the next five years.

Res. 7-2015

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, Supported Comr. Dunn to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Agreement for Medical Director Services as presented."

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

Comr. Frisbie stated he worked with Dr. Harrington in many different capacities and found him to be very beneficial, accessible and helpful and he was glad he would be staying on.

3. Revised Apportionment Report

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a revised apportionment report from our Equalization Office. She stated this was a follow up to the original report that was approved last October. She stated when there are changes in the millage report the apportionment report had to be revised.

Equalization Consultant Roger McEvers explained that in February of 2014 Gull Lake Schools passed a building and site fund millage and Gull Lake Schools includes a portion of Bedford Township. He stated that millage was levied this past December and it was not noted in the apportionment report. He stated the amount was slightly less than \$41,000.

Res. 8-2015

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, Supported Comr. Frisbie to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the revised apportionment report as presented."

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

4. Resolution Supporting the MAEDA/Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce Merger

Administrator/Controller Scott stated the resolution was to support the merger of the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance (MAEDA) and the Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce. She introduced incoming MAEDA Board Chair Sue Damron and noted that both she and Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey are also part of the MAEDA Board. She explained MAEDA was developed in 2012 as an initiative within the Marshall Area to coordinate and combine the back office services of the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA), the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), the Chamber of Commerce and some of the city services for small and large businesses, economic development and tourism promotion to make things less duplicative. She stated they had been working to streamline the accounting, legal agreements, budgets and staffing. She explained that last November MAEDA entered into a subcontract with Southwest Michigan First to come in and run the office and take over those duties for the next two years. Scott stated the Chamber of Commerce had been subcontracting its services to MAEDA for a couple years and the decision was made by the Chamber Board to no longer be a separate entity and to become a division of MAEDA. She explained the Chamber had become a pass through entity and no longer had staff. She stated the Chamber was required to ask its membership for a vote of approval to dissolve the Board. She stated they were trying to gather information for the public and their membership. She stated one of the questions was the funding sources and that was where the county came in because about one third of the MAEDA budget comes from our hotel accommodation tax and our agreement with the Convention and Visitors Bureau to pass that money through to the Chambers of Commerce, including Marshall. She explained that if the Marshall Chamber no longer exists and is operating under MAEDA then we need to change the agreement to acknowledge MAEDA as the office that can best promote tourism.

Sue Damron, incoming MAEDA Board Chair, stated it was important to the MAEDA Board as they moved forward with the contract with Southwest Michigan First that the Board of Commissioners supported the direction of that funding being transferred if the Chamber were dissolved so they could continue the function of tourism management in the Marshall Community. She stated they had made a huge step forward in the Marshall Community by opening the new visitor's center at the centrally located fountain circle. She stated Southwest Michigan First was helping them to expand from community events to tourism and defining what they could and should be doing with those funds.

Corporation Counsel Lindsey explained that the Chamber had a fund balance but they didn't have revenue coming in and everything was flowing through MAEDA. He stated the Chamber would have to have a membership meeting and a vote of their members on dissolving the Chamber. He stated this was a statement that the Board was supportive of the change if that was what their members chose.

Comrs. Frisbie and Dunn both expressed their support of the merger.

Res. 9-2015

"Moved Comr. Reynolds, Supported Comr. Dunn to approve the following: The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the resolution supporting the MAEDA/Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce merger as presented."

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

14. CITIZEN'S TIME

Terris Todd, former County Commissioner and Director of District Relations for State Representative Dr. John Bizon, congratulated the Board on their elections. He stated Dr. Bizon would like to coordinate a time for the Commissioners to come up to Lansing to discuss the advancements we need to make in our county. He stated he was the contact for Dr. Bizon's office for this district. He stated he was happy to be working with them and representing Dr. Bizon's message of bipartisanship.

Matt Saxton, Pennfield Township, stated on January 9, many organizations would be recognizing Law Enforcement Appreciation Day. He stated that each day over 780,000 police officers across the country put on a badge and go out to serve, not knowing the dangers they will face or whether they will return home to their families. He stated last year we lost 115 law enforcement officers throughout the country, 47 to firearm related deaths and 45 were traffic related fatalities. He asked everyone as they went throughout their day on January 9, if they saw a police officer, a deputy or a trooper, to take time to thank them. He thanked every law enforcement officer in Calhoun County and the State of Michigan.

Art Kale, former County Commissioner and resident of Clarence Township, congratulated the new Board of Commissioners. He recognized Comrs. Bearman and Reynolds and advised that they enjoy the next couple years because they would be working with a group of Commissioners that were the best in the state and a county staff that was second to none.

13. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Dunn congratulated Chair King and Vice Chair Frisbie and new Comrs. Reynolds and Bearman.

Comr. Dunn commented the W.E. Upjohn Institute was a wonderful resource right here in southwest Michigan. She stated they do so much research for unemployment and employment and she had an interesting tour of their facility.

Comr. Frisbie welcomed Comrs. Reynolds and Bearman and told them to feel free to jump in with both feet because we love Commissioners who were engaged in the process and helped share the workload. He stated he looked forward to working with them. He congratulated Chair King and thanked his fellow Commissioners for their trust and support.

Comr. Frisbie stated he wanted to address the Veterans Affairs situation and he appreciated Administrator/Controller Scott's comments. He stated that we were all appalled by what happened. He stated we owe the veterans so much and we would not tolerate that behavior, period.

Comr. Reynolds congratulated Chair King and Vice Chair Frisbie, stating she was looking forward to working with them to make this a better community for everyone.

Comr. Bearman stated he could not say thank you enough for the way he had been treated. He stated Sheriff Saxton gave him a great tour of the jail and the Commissioners and Administration had kept him up to date on what was happening and what he needed to know. He stated he would have a learning curve and he was trying to do his homework all the time.

Comr. VanSickle welcomed the new members and stated that with Chair King and Vice Chair Frisbie we were in good hands for leadership. He stated they were dedicated people and we would do nothing but move forward with this Board.

Comr. King stated he appreciated the support and the trust in electing him Chair. He stated he looked forward to working with Vice Chair Frisbie and he had huge shoes to fill.

Comr. King stated the Veteran's Affairs issue was emotional. He stated that for veterans and their spouses to be allegedly exploited was appalling, it was uncalled for and we were moving swiftly to rectify it. He stated there was an investigation underway and hopefully justice would be served.

14. CLAIMS PAYABLE

A. County Claims Payable for December 12 - 30, 2014 in the Amount of \$16,258.516.67

Res. 10-2015

"Moved Comr. Reynolds, supported by Comr. Bearman to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve County Claims Payable for December 12 - 30, 2014 in the Amount of \$16,258.516.67."

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

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

16. 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