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FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board Announces Grant Opportunity

The FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board (FLRSB) met this morning and authorized the issuance of checks totaling approximately \$5.1 million, wrapping up most of this year’s process to allocate funds to local governments in Calhoun County. County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported preliminary financial results of the FLRSB from 2013 and year-to-date 2014, indicating a remaining unassigned discretionary tier balance of approximately \$211,000.

Of this balance, the Board voted unanimously to make \$185,000 available for grants in 2014 to governmental units in Calhoun County. Grant applications will be sent out in early July and are due back to the County by September 5, 2014. In 2013, the FLRSB funded with this new grant program a variety of local governmental projects across Calhoun County, including the restoration of the Bohm Theatre in Albion, improvements to the Athens Village Library, and a joint Science Technology Engineering and Math (“STEM”) project of Marshall and Albion Public School districts. Many of the projects were collaborative efforts between nonprofits and governmental entities, a characteristic encouraged by the Board.

The FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board is made up of the following representatives: Calhoun County—Art Kale; City of Marshall—Jim Dyer; City of Battle Creek—Dan Ryan; Athens Township—Greg Moore; Emmett Charter Township—Tim Hill; and the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi—Jamie Stuck. The Board was formed in 2010 to distribute 2% of the net win from the electronic gaming operations of the FireKeepers Casino in Emmett Township.

Information about the FLRSB and a list of last year’s grants can be found online at http://www.calhouncountymi.gov/government/firekeepers_local_revenue_sharing_board/. Details about this year’s grant application process can be obtained from Richard Lindsey, Corporation Counsel for Calhoun County, by phone at 269.781.0917 or by email at rlindsey@calhouncountymi.gov.

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