

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 15, 2005

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll call: Present: Comrs. Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal, Solis, and Strowbridge. Temporarily Excused: Comr. Todd (Arrived at 7:28 p.m.).

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A Moment of Personal Prayer was observed; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Solis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the September 15, 2005 agenda and addendum, as amended, with the addition of Item 8.E. -- Amtrak’s Blue Water Service Funding Resolution of Support.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the August 4, 2005 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS’ TIME:

Ms. Melissa Exley-Sharp, Marengo Township resident, advised that she came before the Commission in June to address the Drug Court Program. Ms. Exley-Sharp addressed Item No. 15.A. (6) - Drug Court Grant Agreement Amendment No. 1 listed on the September 1, 2005 agenda, stating that she does not believe the Board took the opportunity to ask questions regarding the Program at the September 1, 2005 Board Meeting.

Ms. Exley-Sharp pointed out that there have only been ten graduates during the two years of the Program in

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Calhoun County compared to Kalamazoo County's 202 graduates within their women's program and 183 graduates in their men's program.

Ms. Exley-Sharp inquired why the Program does not teach individuals how to do better job interviews, or provide job fairs, or a program with professionals that could give them a "boost" with their appearances.

Ms. Pearl Gray-McWhorter, Battle Creek resident, advised that she has not been able to attend the Board meetings because her daughter passed away on July 6 and because she was in the hospital with congestive heart failure. Ms. Gray-McWhorter stated that she has been involved with the Nursing Clinic for years, however, has a "back up" doctor. Ms. Gray-McWhorter advised that she a problem with her kidneys and that when she went to the Nursing Clinic the doctor never said a word.

Ms. Gray-McWhorter continued that the following week she had an appointment with a urologist, however, that he refused to see her and advised her to go to her regular doctor and a cardiologist. Ms. Gray-McWhorter advised that she went to her "back up" doctor who put her in the hospital for eight days.

Ms. Gray-McWhorter advised that the Nursing Clinic used up all her county prescription money and advised her that they could not get her medication money from the urologist's prescriptions. Ms. Gray-McWhorter stated that she telephoned the Calhoun County Medical Society that advised her that the Nursing Clinic is supposed to have medication for congestive heart failure. Ms. Gray-McWhorter advised that she has not had her medication since Friday and requested the Board's assistance.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

"National Preparedness Month" Proclamation

Chairman Miller read and presented the following proclamation to Sheriff Byam and Emergency Management Team volunteers.

Res. 151-2005

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, September 2005 has been proclaimed as "National Preparedness Month;" and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan is sponsoring a unique, statewide recognition and awareness program, "Family and Community Emergency Safety," and a number of activities throughout the month; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Office of Emergency Management is partnering with the

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Emergency Management Division of the Michigan State Police to provide necessary awareness education and resources to the citizens of Calhoun County throughout the month; and

WHEREAS, “National Preparedness Month” provides a welcome opportunity for the County of Calhoun to work cooperatively with local jurisdictions to make citizen preparedness a priority for every person, family, and community; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all citizens of the County of Calhoun be aware of the importance of emergency preparedness and become more familiar with threats that may impact their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Miller, Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, do hereby call upon all citizens of the County of Calhoun to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools and join me in supporting “National Preparedness Month” for September 2005; and

FURTHER, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED THAT, I, Benjamin Miller, Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim September 2005 as “National Preparedness Month” throughout all of our Michigan communities.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Sheriff Allen Byam advised that the Acting Emergency Management Coordinator is attending training out of the state. Sheriff Byam introduced the emergency management volunteers and thanked them for their efforts.

Legislative Update Presentation

Michigan Association of Counties (M.A.C.) Executive Director Timothy McGuire advised that he has some good news at the federal level, the T-21 transportation package was passed whereby Michigan will get \$.92 on the dollar. Mr. McGuire further advised that M.A.C. has been working with Congressmen Upton, Schwarz and Camp for extension of the Title-IVE Child Care reimbursement. Mr. McGuire advised that Michigan had not been in compliance with the audit as it related to the way of collecting child support, and that with the extension as a result a year from August the federal government will come in to prepare the audit which he believes will give Michigan an opportunity to be in compliance. Mr. McGuire continued that M.A.C. has worked hard to block some Department of Corrections legislation to change sentencing guidelines from passing which would have put more pressure on county jails.

Mr. McGuire presented copies of the most recent legislative update advising Members that if the updates are not being received, to contact him.

Mr. McGuire advised that the Governor’s Task Force on Local Government Financing shall be having their

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organizational meeting next week and that he has been advised that the Task Force shall establish three sub-committees; e.g., revenue sharing, intergovernmental cooperation, and state mandates; and stated that M.A.C. is encouraging counties to become involved and provide testimony on those subjects.

Mr. McGuire reported that last week M.A.C. on behalf of 82 counties in Michigan filed a ambagious brief with the Supreme Court regarding health insurance levels for court employees which could be very damaging to counties.

Comr. Segal inquired whether M.A.C. has a formal position regarding the revenue sharing committee. Mr. McGuire responded Yes, and offered to provide it. Comr. Segal advised that she has heard that the dollars would only be tied to certain programs, which she cannot support.

Comr. Bolger addressed the 2006 county budget process and M.A.C. annual dues, and inquired what M.A.C. provides for the citizens. Mr. McGuire responded that the Department of Correction's legislation block was very crucial as it could have been very costly to the taxpayers in the future. Mr. McGuire continued that M.A.C. has attempted to make sure that the counties were protected in the revenue sharing and budget cuts, and is working with the government in regard to the T-21 funding to raise the amount that comes back to Michigan. Mr. McGuire stated that these are just a couple of issues that M.A.C. has done recently. Mr. McGuire stated that he believes the county's dues money is well spent.

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month Proclamation

Comr. Moore read and presented the proclamation to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Buscher.

Res. 152-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, substance use disorders are a serious and treatable health problem, and as many as 63 percent of Americans say that addiction to alcohol or other drugs has had an impact on them at some point in their lives, whether it was the addiction of a friend or family member or another experience, such as their own personal addiction; and

WHEREAS, assessing our citizens' needs for addiction treatment and referring them to appropriate treatment, and their family members to support services, is a crucial first step in helping people realize that recovery is possible and treatment is effective; and

WHEREAS, barriers to accessing treatment programs that can help heal lives, families, and our community are a significant problem for our neighbors, friends, co-workers, and family members with substance use disorders; and

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WHEREAS, community members seeking treatment deserve affordable, individualized treatment programs; and

WHEREAS, celebrating individuals in recovery and their families, and saluting the health care providers who helped them obtain treatment, educates our community about the benefits of treatment and affirms that such providers deserve adequate compensation for their services; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; local treatment providers, the Substance Abuse Council and Drug Court invite all residents of Calhoun County to participate in *National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*; and

WHEREAS, a one-mile Walk and Recovery Month Celebration Rally will be held on September 24th at 10:00 a.m. in downtown Battle Creek; and

WHEREAS, a media campaign will be conducted in Calhoun County informing community members of Recovery Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Benjamin A. Miller, Commission Chair, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Calhoun County do hereby proclaim the month of September 2005 as

National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month

In Calhoun County and call upon the people of Calhoun County to observe this month supporting this year's theme, "*Join the voices for Recovery: Healing Lives, Families, and Communities.*"

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Dan Buscher thanked the Board for approving the proclamation and requested everyone participate in the forthcoming annual ceremony.

Hurricane Katrina Evacuees Update

Interim Health Officer Ginger Hentz reported that the response efforts were a great collaborative effort with support from all the agencies. Ms. Hentz stated that a unified operational command center was on site.

Ms. Hentz advised that 289 evacuees arrived on Labor Day and another 40 on Friday, very tired and carrying their belongings in black plastic bags. Two thirds of the evacuees were men and there were only five children

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under the age of five. Ms. Hentz stated that the evacuees slept in the barracks. Ms. Hentz continued that three types of medical services; e.g., primary care, triage and mental health were provided on site by the Health Departments, Summit Pointe and Kalamazoo Mental Health Services. Ms. Hentz commended Commissioner Segal who volunteered to assist and Commissioner Todd who placed a number of calls to African American churches to come as a welcoming committee.

Ms. Hentz introduced Kalamazoo County Health Officer Dale Hine, and thanked the Fifth District Medical Response Coalition, United Way, the Food Bank of Southcentral Michigan and the churches.

Mr. Hine advised that Calhoun and Kalamazoo County Health Departments shared responsibilities and resources on alternating days and coordinated as needed.

Sheriff Byam stated that it was a unique experience and is one time that he felt his chosen field was indeed worthwhile. Sheriff Byam advised that the state emergency operating center went into operation and set up a center in Fort Custer early in the week under the command of Inspector Tracy McAndrews. Sheriff Byam stated that when the planes came in ample security was provided with the evacuees taken on a school bus to ensure their safety. Sheriff Byam commended the assistance of officers from the Cities of Battle Creek and Springfield and Emmett Township. Sheriff Byam stated that he believes the operation was conducted very professionally.

Chairman Miller commended Sheriff Byam, Ms. Hentz and everyone that worked on the endeavor.

Amtrak's Blue Water Service Funding Resolution of Support

Res. 153-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Todd, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the following:

WHEREAS, first established by Congress in 1970, Amtrak serves more than 500 stations in 46 states, spanning 22,000 route miles. In 2004, the intercity passenger rail system, which employs over 20,000 people, carried more than 25 million passengers, an increase of 4.3 percent over the previous year. Further, over the past three years, the rail system has made significant reforms to improve overall performance and eliminated three underperforming long-distance routes; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, rider ship had increased on all three Michigan Amtrak routes. Rider ship on the Wolverine line-Pontiac through metro-Detroit to Niles-was up 12.2 percent from 326,367 passengers in 2003 to 366,291 passengers in 2004. The Pere Marquette route-Grand Rapids to New Buffalo-increased rider ship from 73,392 passengers in 2003 to 87,767 passengers in 2004. Also, rider ship on the Blue Water route-Port Huron to Niles-rose from 80,890 passengers in 2003 to 94,378 passengers in 2004; and

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WHEREAS, in the Fiscal Year 2005-for the first eight months of the year-rider ship on the Blue Water line is up more than 17 percent over 2004 and revenues are up 27 percent over 2004. This increase reflecting a trend of record rider ship and revenues over Fiscal Year 2004; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak's request for state support has remained steady at \$7.1 million for three years while dramatic increases in diesel fuel and employee health care costs has been offset by the increases in rider ship revenues. Furthermore, Amtrak has said that it will not ask for any additional increases in the financial support provided by the Michigan Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak employs 133 people in Michigan paying approximately \$6.4 million in salaries and wages and has more than \$2.8 million in contracts for goods and services with 60 Michigan businesses; and

WHEREAS, it would be harmful to the communities served by the Blue Water line if the Michigan Legislature were to end their support for an increasingly popular and cost effective rail program that contributes to Michigan's economy and businesses-especially when Michigan needs to keep all the jobs it can at home and support Michigan businesses whenever possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, that we memorialize the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Senate and Governor Jennifer M. Granholm to maintain the current funding level for Amtrak at \$7.1 million; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to Governor Granholm, the Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Senator Schauer and Representatives Nofs and Wenke."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 154-2005

"Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following September 15, 2005 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for September 6, 2005 regarding granting an Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate to II Stanley Company received from Battle Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director Richard Gruber)

- (2) Notice received from the Michigan Department of Treasury advising that Battle Creek City has requested that the personal property components of Industrial Facility Exemption Certificate Nos. 1994-527 and 2000-606 for Triple S Plastics, Inc. be revoked. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director Richard Gruber)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau Appointments

RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners re-appoint Ann Rosenbaum-Petredean to the Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau, with term to expire December 31, 2006; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners appoint Ted Dearing to the Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau replacing George Perrett, with term to commence November 1, 2005 and expiring December 31, 2006; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all future appointments by the Board to the Greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Visitor and Convention Bureau shall be for two-year {2} terms.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE/WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS:

Employee Relations and Recognition Committee

Committee Chairperson Segal advised that this month’s birthday luncheon at the Midtown Grille in Marshall is sponsored by Commissioner Bolger and requested he draw the winner.

Comr. Bolger announced the winner to be Shari Mason whose birthday was September 7.

2006 Budget Committee

Committee Chairperson Segal reported that the Committee has revised the budget calendar to provide some additional time to address the loss of revenue in Calhoun County and the \$2.5 Million deficit.

Calhoun County Youth Council

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Council Chairperson Segal reported that Council members had their training session last Thursday and shall be attending a Board meeting in October to be introduced to the Board. Comr. Segal stated that she believes the Council shall have a good year ahead.

UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS -- Health Officer Appointment:

Board of Health Chairman Larry Anderson commended both Health Departments' and the remainder of the health community's actions with the Hurricane Katrina evacuees. Mr. Anderson advised that Ms. Hentz was requested by the Director of Community Mental Health to have a conference call with all of the health directors in the state to advise regarding the experience learned at Fort Custer.

Mr. Anderson reported that the Board of Health took the Commission's resolution and had the candidates return for an in-depth review. The Board of Health used prepared questions which addressed all the unanswered questions and concerns that were raised. Mr. Anderson advised that each interview lasted over an hour. The Board of Health then voted to approve the Search Committee's original recommendation for appointment of Ms. Bowersox.

Mr. Anderson introduced Ms. Bowersox and Board of Health Vice Chairperson Jean Cook-Hughes.

Res. 155-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Segal, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the Board of Health interviewed Health Officer candidates on September 9, 2005 at the request of the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Calhoun County Board of Health approved a motion to recommend the appointment of Dottie-Kay Bowersox as the Calhoun County Health Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby appoint Ms. Dottie-Kay Bowersox as the Calhoun County Health Officer, contingent upon the County Administrator negotiating a compensation package consistent with the budget and policies of the county.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Segal, Solis, Strowbridge, Todd, Bolger and Moore)

No - 1 (Comr. Miller)

Motion CARRIED

Comr. Bolger welcomed Ms. Bowersox. Comr. Bolger stated that he believes the health indicators in Calhoun County are unacceptable and that he looks forward to the Health Department's staff working with Ms. Bowersox to determine some new solutions to improve the health of the citizens of Calhoun County. Comr.

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Bolger thanked Ms. Hentz for taking over the health director responsibilities during the interim period.

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller's Report

FY 2005 Prosecutor's Office Cooperative Reimbursement Program Contract Amendment

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that the amendment is due to a reduction of \$9,386 from the state.

Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Niels Magnusson stated that the Office received word in February that the supplement would be cut. Atty. Magnusson advised that the reduction does not affect the contribution from the county. Atty. Magnusson stated that the Office did a projection which indicated that there would be sufficient funds for the program through the end of the year.

Res. 156-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve Amendment #1 to the October 1, 2004 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Agreement for the Prosecutor's Office between the State of Michigan Department of Human Services and the County of Calhoun {CS/PA-05-13002}; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute said Amendment on behalf of Calhoun County.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

National Incident Management System Designation

Sheriff Byam stated that the National Incident Management System shall be established and the county must adopt the system to be eligible for the grants from Homeland Security.

Res. 157-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Moore, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the following:

WHEREAS, the President, in Homeland Security Directive (HSPD)-5, directed the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for federal, state, and local governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to

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prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of the cause, size or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all federal, state, and local homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive NIMS; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all federal, state, and local emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management it is critical that federal, state, and local organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the county's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of various county incident management activities, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of Calhoun County, Michigan establish the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as Calhoun County's standard for incident management."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Sheriff Department FY 2005 Budget Amendment

Mr. Purcell stated that the amendment is required to move forward with the new records management system. Mr. Purcell advised that the total cost for the system shall be \$150,000 which shall be spread between the Cities of Albion and Battle Creek and Calhoun County.

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Sheriff Byam advised that today Battle Creek City forwarded a check for their portion, the City of Albion has adopted a resolution approving their portion, and that the City of Marshall is expected to approve their resolution to fund their portion. Sheriff Byam stated that next year all finger print cards must be submitted electronically.

Res. 158-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following FY 2005 Sheriff Department budget amendment to fund the purchase of the first phase of the Calhoun County Area Law Enforcement Records Information Systems:

265-3236-50200 Federal Grants	\$46,122	
265-2336-50200 Local Grants	\$22,870	
101-1305-98000 Equipment	(\$ 7,623)	Transferring funds for county’s local match.
101-1305-99900 Operating Transfer Out	\$ 7,623	
265-2336-69900 Operating Transfer In	\$ 7,623	
265-2336-98000 Equipment Purchase	\$93,774	

There is a fund balance of \$17,159 planned to use with this project.”

Comr. Strowbridge advised that he shall abstain from voting due to his previous involvement in the negotiation of this item.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Todd, Bolger, Miller, Moore, Segal and Solis)
Abstain - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)
Motion CARRIED

Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant Application

Mr. Purcell advised that the grant in the amount of \$225,536 is for patrol of the county’s secondary roads and funds three deputies.

Sheriff Byam advised that the amount of the grant is less than last year, explaining that last year there had been carryover funds which the Department shall not receive this year.

Res. 159-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Application in the amount of \$225,536; further, authorize the

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Board Chairman to execute said Application for remittance to the state.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

FY 2005 Budget Adjustments

Mr. Purcell advised that the series of budget adjustments presented correspond with a meeting on August 4 where it was projected that there would be shortfalls in the 2005 budget in the amount of \$400,000. Mr. Purcell stated that the elected officials and department heads were provided specific targets and asked to propose reductions to eliminate the potential shortfall.

Finance Director James Latham advised that additional amounts over the projected \$400,000 shortfall were received. Mr. Latham stated that all of the departments with the exception of Child Care were able to meet the goals.

Res. 160-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the 2005 budget adjustments (ATTACHMENT A) as presented by the Finance Director.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

August Financial Statements

Mr. Latham reported that the contribution to the General Fund Balance is pretty close to the contribution for the same period in 2004, and advised that the watch list is the same as addressed in July with the same revenue difficulties. Mr. Latham advised that the expenditures are pretty much what the Department expects for this time of the year.

Casino Environmental Impact Statement Comments

Mr. Purcell advised that Mr. Randolph prepared some comments to go with the draft environmental impact statement for remittance to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Road Commission Managing Director Dennis Randolph advised that staff reviewed the document and how it was developed, responded to questions, and provided data so that the document would be good. Mr. Randolph stated that Community Development solicited comments from county departments and developed a collective document of how the proposed actions may affect certain county operations. Mr. Randolph advised that the document was reviewed with a number of items; i.e., county planning, and determined to be consistent with those items. Mr. Randolph stated that he believes the document was developed with due diligence and in good

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faith, and is appropriate and consistent with the plans for the county. Mr. Randolph recommended Community Development be authorized to submit the collective comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Res. 161-2005

“Motion by Comr. Bolger, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize Calhoun County Community Development to submit comments collected from county departments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Huron Potawatomi Casino to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.”

Comr. Moore thanked Mr. Randolph and staff for the tremendous amount of work in preparing the comments.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

Health Department Influenza Immunization Fee Increase

Mr. Purcell advised that the Board of Health recommends the fee charged for influenza vaccine shots be increased.

Ms. Hentz requested approval of an increase at a range of \$20 to \$28 to maximize Medicare reimbursement. Ms. Hentz advised that the immunizations will be available on a sliding scale for uninsured, self-pay, high risk clients. Ms. Hentz stated that the Department expects to vaccinate 3,000 people this year.

Res. 162-2005

“Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve an increase in the fee charged for influenza vaccine shots at a range of \$20 to \$28, as recommended by the Board of Health.”

Comr. Strowbridge inquired what the current charge is for the immunizations. Ms. Hentz responded “Eighteen dollars.” Comr. Strowbridge inquired what the current reimbursement is for Medicare. Ms. Hentz responded “Ten dollars;” however pointed out that the cost is increasing to \$17.93, also the cost of the vaccine is increasing from \$8 to \$9.75 per dose. Ms. Hentz stated that if every shot is charged at \$28, the additional revenue would be approximately \$10,000. Ms. Hentz advised that she requested the Department’s Finance Officer to determine the actual costs for administering the vaccine, and the actual cost is \$30; however with the subsidies the Department receives, the cost is \$28.

Comr. Moore inquired whether the Department shall receive the entire \$28 from Medicare. Ms. Hentz responded yes, however, stated that there are clients that can pay for the vaccine also.

Mr. Purcell inquired whether there shall be enough vaccine this year. Ms. Hentz responded that the Department

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is not anticipating any shortage this year.

Comr. Moore inquired why \$30 is not being charged if it is the actual cost. Ms. Hentz responded that the Department actually is charging \$30, however that because there are other revenues sources within the immunization program, the actual cost with the revenue sources is \$28.

Roll call vote: Yes - 6 (Comrs. Segal, Solis, Todd, Bolger, Miller and Moore)
No - 1 (Comr. Strowbridge)
Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS' TIME:

Ms. Gray-McWhorter again requested assistance in acquiring the medication she requires.

Ms. Exley-Sharp inquired why the Drug Court out sources laboratory screenings to Colorado.

Ms. Exley-Sharp thanked those that assisted the Hurricane Katrina evacuees.

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, reminded Chairman Miller that he is still waiting for an answer to his question regarding the incident outside of the fairgrounds which he addressed two weeks ago. Chairman Miller advised Mr. Berezonsky that he shall speak with him after the meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Solis invited everyone to attend the Festival of the Forks tomorrow evening in Victory Park. Comr. Solis advised that there will be arts and crafts booths and that the Kids Museum shall have their grand opening during the Festival.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 163-2005

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$1,524,636.27 for the week of August 30, 2005; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$372,214.16 for the week of September 6, 2005.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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Comr. Solis advised that he participated in the Anderson Ethanol Plant ground breaking ceremony today and stated that he believes the plant will be a benefit to Albion and the entire county.

Chairman Miller reminded everyone that tomorrow is dress casual day for the staff to raise contributions for the Hurricane Katrina disaster relief efforts. Chairman Miller advised that the contributions shall be forwarded to the Red Cross.

RECESS:

The meeting recessed at 8:36 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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