

CALHOUN COUNTY
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

January 3, 2008

The Organizational Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:03 p.m., Thursday, January 3, 2008 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Arnquist, Bolger, Moore, Rae, Segal, Solis and Todd.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

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

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Election of Vice Chairperson

Comr. Todd nominated Commissioner Eusebio Solis. Comr. Rae supported the nomination. Chairwoman Segal inquired if there were any further nominations. No other nominations were offered.

Res. 1-2008

“Motion by Comr. Todd, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners close nominations for the Office of Vice Chairperson of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2008 and unanimously elect Eusebio Solis Vice Chairman of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners for 2008.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

2008 Board Rules Adoption

Res. 2-2008

“Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Bolger, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners adopt the 2008 Board Rules as presented.”

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Res. 3-2008

“Motion by Comr. Arnquist, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the January 3, 2008 agenda as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Res. 4-2008

“Motion by Comr. Rae, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the December 6, 2007 minutes as presented.”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

CITIZENS’ TIME:

Mr. Gardy Berezonsky, Marengo Township resident, wished the Board a Happy New Year. Mr. Berezonsky pointed out that the Board Rules apply only to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Res. 5-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Rae, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following January 3, 2008 Consent Agenda as presented:

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

- (1) Annual Summer Tax Levy Resolution received from Lakeview School District. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Equalization Director David Jager)
- (2) Resolution received from Isabella County protesting the State’s decision to withhold federal Medicaid funds intended to be distributed to local health departments and calling upon the State to immediately disburse the funds with

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accumulated interest. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Health Officer Dottie-Kay Bowersox)

- (3) Communications received from the Michigan Association of Counties thanking the Board of Commissioners for its resolutions {1} urging the Environmental Protection Agency to retain the existing NAAQS for ozone, {2} supporting Senate Bill Nos. 410 and 411, and {3} requesting the full restoration of state revenue sharing. (Received and placed on file)

B. Resolutions:

- (1) Calhoun County Metropolitan Planning Commission Appointments
(Terms Expire December 31, 2010)
 - {a} Larry Rizor
 - {b} Daniel Kesselring”

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:

County Administrator/Controller’s Report

FY 2008 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Program Application

Planning Consultant Jennifer Bomba advised that the Program is in its 15th year and has facilitated the remonumentation of approximately 1,935 section corners to date and is proposing to monument an additional 480 corners in 2008. Ms. Bomba stated that the 2008 Program budget totals \$190,684, and includes \$145,184 in funds allocated to the county from the state, and \$45,500 in county match funds coming from deed fee monies.

Res. 6-2008

“Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Todd, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2008 Survey and Remonumentation Grant Program Application in the total amount of \$190,684 (\$145,184 State Grant, \$45,500 County Contribution); further, authorize the County Grant Administrator and the County Representative to execute the Application on behalf of Calhoun County for remittance to the Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation.”

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Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS' TIME:

Road Commission Chairman Scott Brown wished the Board a Happy New Year. Mr. Brown stated that he is aware that Board members have been receiving snow plowing complaints and assured the Board that the Road Commission is not ignoring the situation. Mr. Brown advised that he plans to call a Special Road Commission Meeting on Monday, January 7, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. and invited individuals to attend and provide input.

Mr. Jerry Keller, Battle Creek resident, stated that he has received comments of how stupid it is for citizens to ask questions of the Board and not receive any answers. Mr. Keller inquired of the Board's "traveling circus," how much more attendance those meetings gain than the meetings conducted at the county seat. Mr. Keller stated that he would like his question answered by the next Board meeting.

Mr. Berezonsky objected to the Board not adhering to their own rules by permitting Road Commissioner Brown, an appointed official, to address the Board during Citizens' Time rather than during Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments.

Mr. Berezonsky advised that he is submitting two Freedom of Information Act requests to Corporation Counsel; e.g., a copy of all county-paid employee cell phone numbers, and a copy of the Road Commissioners Selection Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Berezonsky advised that he shall read Corporation Counsel's response at the next Board meeting.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 7-2008

"Motion by Comr. Solis, supported by Comr. Arnquist, 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 \$421,002.22 for the week of December 18, 2007; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$828,091.19 for the week of December 26, 2007."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m at the call of the Chair.

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