



Calhoun County Board of Commissioners
Thursday, February 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Commissioners Meeting Room
Marshall, Michigan

KATE SEGAL
Chairwoman, District 1

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District 2

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District 3

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District 4

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District 5

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District 6

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Vice Chairman, District 7

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Citizens' Comments**
6. **Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments**
7. **Special Order of Business:**
 - A. Special Tribute to Harriet C. Henderson -- *attachment*
(Action: Motion to Approve)
 - B. "Ervin R. Brinker Day" Proclamation -- *attachment*
(Action: Motion to Approve)
 - C. Battle Creek/Calhoun County Convention and Visitors Bureau Activities Presentation by Director Dwight Butts
 - D. Legacy Scholars Program Presentation by Director Paula Langston-Ware
8. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:
 - (1) January 18, 2008 Order Modifying and Approving Streambank Erosion Plan for the City of Marshall's Hydroelectric Project received from the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. **(To be received and placed on file)**

- (2) Copy of a communication received from Pennfield Schools addressing snow plowing. **(To be received and placed on file)**
 - (3) Application Amendment for Additional Credited Service for James McDonagh to 3 Years, 0 Months for Total Estimated Actuarial Cost of \$49,991.00. **(To be received and placed on file)**
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9. **Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports**
10. **Unfinished and Old Business**
11. **Petitions and New Business:**
 - A. County Administrator/Controller's Report
 - (1) Resolution of Endorsement for the Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan -- *attachment*
(Action: Motion to Approve)
 - (2) Sheriff Department Consultant Services Agreement with Greenberg Taurig
(TO BE PROVIDED)
(Action: Motion to Approve)
 - (3) January 2008 Financial Statements **(TO BE PROVIDED)**
(Action: Informational)
 - (4) Miscellaneous
12. **Citizens' Time**
13. **Commissioners' Time**
14. **Claims Payable Listings**
15. **Announcements**
16. **Adjournment**

Resolution

7.A.

SPECIAL TRIBUTE

to

Harriet C. Henderson

WHEREAS, HARRIET C. HENDERSON, at the young age of 91 ½ years, has decided to retire from her career as reporter for WBCK Radio Station.

Harriet has been covering Battle Creek and Calhoun County Government meetings since the 1960s, most recently for WBCK Radio Station, however, for more than four decades providing her reports for the Television Stations of WOOD, WUHQ and WKZO; and Radio Stations WKNR and WNNW.

Harriet has always been interested in government and what the local officials determine for improving the communities, and has thoroughly enjoyed her association with the various different commissions and authorities, and talking with the officials to fully understand their decisions in her quest for thorough and even-handed reports; and

WHEREAS, Harriet, because she is such a positive, and remarkable woman, shall be missed so much.

THEREFORE, WE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, congratulate and thank Harriet Henderson for such a long and dedicated career lasting more than FORTY YEARS {40+}. You have much to be proud of and we are sure many wonderful memories; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we wish you many happy years in your well deserved retirement.



Kate S. Segal, Chairwoman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Resolution

7.B.

“Ervin R. Brinker Day”

WHEREAS, ERVIN R. BRINKER has been honored as *Scene Magazine’s* Man of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ervin Brinker is being recognized for his commitment to helping our community understand that mental health is only a part of larger health care issues facing our community; and

WHEREAS, Ervin Brinker’s leadership has affected many individuals, families and organizations in a positive way and has had a significant impact on health care in our community; and

WHEREAS, Erv has consistently pulled organizations together to form programs that can serve in a better way and through these collaborations creatively share resources to implement programs to provide a better life for everyone.

THEREFORE, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners join with Scene Magazine and many others within the community in recognizing Erv’s contributions to his community and offer our congratulations for a job well done; and

HEREBY, Proclaim February 28, 2008

“ERVIN R. BRINKER DAY”



Kate S. Segal, Chairwoman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

11. A. (1)



Resolution of Endorsement for the
Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan

Resolved by: _____

on _____ at _____, State of Michigan
(date) (County)

WHEREAS there is general recognition statewide of the many benefits of multi-use trailways, not the least of which is improving health, economic benefits, alternative transportation, access to the environment and natural areas, recreational opportunities, tourism and multi-jurisdictional cooperation; and

WHEREAS, the “Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan” released on May 15, 2007 is a comprehensive set of recommendations for completing a an interconnected statewide system of trailways in Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the plan is the result of the year-long work of over 100 task force members, working on the following 10 topics: Funding for acquisition, construction, maintenance and operation; Developing a statewide GIS trailway database and website; Property issues: easements and titles; Trailways usage: programming and promotions; On-road connections: linking the trailways; Building trailways support: education and advocacy; Overcoming boundaries: gaining cooperation; Coordinating Resources: technical assistance for funding, planning, design; Multi-Use Trails & Design: guidelines and information; and Envisioning a Statewide Trailways Network: opportunities and priorities; and

WHEREAS, the task force members included official participation from the National Park Service, Michigan Departments of Natural Resources, Transportation, Community Health, the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness, Health, and Sports, and Travel Michigan, Michigan Recreation and Park Association, various regional representatives from health, transportation, economic development agencies and regional trail groups and local representatives from county, municipal, and township jurisdictions, as well as individual trail advocates and statewide and local nonprofit groups; and

WHEREAS, the “Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan” contains 39 goals on the previously identified topics and 109 action steps that will be acted upon over the next several years by a number of involved partners who have agreed to continue to collaborate; and

WHEREAS, the “Connecting Michigan Statewide Trailways Vision and Action Plan” works in conjunction with Governor Granholm’s recently released state trails initiative, “Michigan Trails at the Crossroads: A Vision for Connecting Michigan”;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we the undersigned, attest to our endorsement of the Connecting Michigan Vision to complete an interconnected statewide trail system, and commit to participating with each other and our many partners in a collaborative effort to carry out the action steps necessary to achieve the Vision.

Signature

Date