

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

April 12, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Equalization Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 12, 2016 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

Chair King called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.

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

Absent: Comr. VanSickle

Staff Present: Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Human Resources Director Kim Archambault, Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held was followed by Comr. King leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the agenda of the April 12, 2016 Equalization Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the March 17, 2016 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Bob Coward, Golden Avenue, commented about the repairs and changes made by the road department on his road.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

There were none.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. 2016 Equalization Report

Equalization Consultant Roger McEvers gave an overview of the 2016 Equalization Report.

Res. 51-2016

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following:  
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2016 Equalization Report as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

B. “StormReady” Community Designation Award Presentation from the National Weather Service

Jim Maczko, Warning Coordination Meteorologist for the National Weather Service, discussed improved communications with the local Emergency Management Departments. He stated that approximately 2,500 entities have gone through the storm ready program and Calhoun County is the eighteenth county in Michigan and the fifty-second entity in Michigan to earn designation. He congratulated Emergency Management Director Durk Dunham and his staff for their hard work.

Emergency Management Director Durk Dunham extended his appreciation to the staff, volunteers and others who have worked hard to help Calhoun County gain this designation.

C. Older Americans Month Proclamation

**Whereas**, Calhoun County includes a thriving community that includes **over 28,500 citizens aged 60 and more** who deserve recognition for their contributions and sacrifices to our nation and community; and

**Whereas**, Calhoun County recognizes that older adults are trailblazers—advocating for themselves, their peers, and their communities—paving the way for future generations; and

**Whereas**, Calhoun County Office of Senior Services and the Region 3B Area Agency on Aging are committed to raising awareness about issues facing older Americans and help all individuals to thrive in communities of their choice for as long as possible; and

**Whereas**, we appreciate the value of inclusion and support in helping older adults successfully contribute to and benefit from their communities; and

**Whereas**, our county can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by:  
Promoting and engaging in activity, wellness, and social involvement.  
Emphasizing home- and community-based services that support independent living.  
Ensuring community members of all ages and backgrounds benefit from the contributions and experiences of older adults.

**Now Therefore, We, the Commissioners of Calhoun County, Michigan**, do recognize this national initiative and hereby proclaim May 2016 to be Older Americans Month, declare May 11 as Older Michiganians Day—celebrated with a rally of older adults and advocates at the Capitol Building in Lansing, and designate May 24 as Calhoun County Centenarians’ Day in a luncheon celebration at Schuler’s in Marshall.

Res. 52-2016

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

Forks Senior Center Executive Director Luann Sommers and Calhoun County Senior Services Assistant Rodna Stealy accepted the proclamation.

D. A. Philip Randolph Day Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** Asa Philip Randolph was born in Crescent City, Florida, on April 15, 1889. The son of a Methodist minister, he was educated locally before moving to New York where he studied economics and philosophy at the City College; and

**WHEREAS,** while in New York, he worked as an elevator operator, a porter, and a waiter. In 1917, Randolph founded a magazine, *The Messenger* (later called the *Black Worker*), which campaigned for black civil rights. During the First World War, he was arrested for breaking the Espionage Act when it was claimed that Randolph and his co-editor, Chandler Owen, were guilty of treason after opposing African Americans joining the army; and

**WHEREAS,** after the war, Randolph was involved in organizing black workers in laundries, clothes factories, and cinemas, and in 1929, became president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters (BSCP). The BSCP were members of the American Federation of Labor (AFL), but in protest against its failure to fight discrimination in its ranks, Randolph took his union into the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO). After threatening to organize a march on Washington in June 1941, Franklin D. Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802 on June 25, 1941, barring discrimination in defense industries and federal bureaus (the Fair Employment Act); and

**WHEREAS,** after the Second World War, Randolph led a campaign in favor of racial equality in the military. This resulted in Harry S. Truman issuing Executive Order 9981 on July 26, 1949, banning segregation in the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1963, Randolph led more than 250,000 Americans in the famous march on Washington under the slogan of "Jobs and Freedom"; and

**WHEREAS,** in 1965, the A. Philip Randolph Institute was founded. Its mission, from its founding in 1966 to the present, has been to fight for racial equality and economic justice; and

**WHEREAS,** the Battle Creek Chapter of the A. Philip Randolph Institute founded in 1980 is holding a reception in honor of this great man's 127 birthday; at the Battle Creek Urban League on April 16, 2016 at 12:00 PM.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim ***Saturday, April 16, 2016,*** as

**"AS A PHILIP RANDOLPH DAY"**

in Calhoun County and urge all citizens to recognize and honor the achievements of this great American.

Res. 53-2016

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Kalkaska County Resolution 2016-10
2. Kalkaska County Resolution 2016-11

B. Resolutions

1. Planning Commission Appointments  
(Terms to Expire May 30, 2019)
  - {a} Dan Livingston
  - {b} Tammi Damerow
2. Calhoun County Community Mental Health (Summit Pointe) Board Appointments
  - {a} Bryan Smith (Term to Expire March 31, 2019)
  - {b} Preston Hicks (Term to Expire March 31, 2019)
  - {c} Todd Halonen (Term to Expire March 31, 2019)
  - {d} Richard Lindsey – replacing Richard (Trae) Allman (Term to Expire March 31, 2017)
3. Senior Millage Allocation Committee Appointment  
(Term to begin May 1, 2016 and expire April 30, 2019)
  - {a} Richard Lindsey – replacing Shirley Clutter
4. Parks and Recreation Commission Appointment  
(Term to Expire December 31, 2017)
  - {a} Lindsay Johnson – replacing Chad Curtis

Res. 53-2016

“Moved Comr. Dunn, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2016 Equalization Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented.”

On a voice vote, Motion **CARRIED**

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Frisbie stated the hiring process for the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority Director will conclude May 4 with a meet and greet with the two final candidates then final interviews.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There were none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

B. New Business

1. 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement

Assistant Administrator Brad Wilcox stated this is an annual agreement approval request from the Emergency Management Department that provides funding for emergency management programs.

Emergency Management Director Durk Dunham noted this annual grant is dated 2015 but is disbursed in 2016.

Res. 54-2016

"Motion by Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2015 Homeland Security Grant Program Intergovernmental Funding Agreement between the County of VanBuren and the County of Calhoun in Michigan as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

2. Retention of Interim Corporation Counsel

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated that Corporation Counsel Richard Lindsey's last day of employment with the county is April 15 and we hope to have a new hire recommendation on the Board agenda for May 5. He stated that Administration was recommending the hiring of Attorney Jim Dyer during the transition to handle legal issues. He stated the suggested rate is \$150 per hour, the same rate paid to Attorney Dyer when he represents the county through MMRMA.

Res. 55-2016

“Moved Comr. Dunn, second by Comr. Haadsma to approve the following:

Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Jim Dyer of Johnson Rosati Schultz & Joppich PC, as interim Corporation Counsel until such time as a permanent Corporation Counsel is retained.”

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

3. Appointment of FOIA Coordinator

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated Administration requests the Board appoint Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott as the temporary FOIA Coordinator during the absence of permanent Corporation Counsel.

Res. 56-2016

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the following:

Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby appoint Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott as temporary FOIA Coordinator until such time as a permanent Corporation Counsel is retained by the Board of Commissioners.”

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

4. 911 Dispatch Surcharge Renewal

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated this was an annual request for the Board to authorize the dispatch surcharge of \$.60 per device.

Res. 57-2016

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the following:

Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the collection of a local 9-1-1 surcharge at the rate of sixty (60) cents per device for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

5. Hot Mix Asphalt RFB#111-16

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated this bid for paving material to patch roads went through a review from the joint purchasing team. He stated the bidding for this material has become more specified to the area and they did have two vendors respond. He stated the team recommends Lakeland Asphalt for the work in the Battle Creek area and Tackett & Sons from Jonesville for work on the east side of the county.

Res. 58-2016

“Moved Comr. Reynolds, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the following:  
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the two year contracts with Lakeland Asphalt and Tackett & Son’s Materials for the provision of hot mix asphalt materials to the Calhoun County Road Department as presented. ”

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

6. Jail Bed Agreement

Assistant Administrator Wilcox stated the March Financial statement was currently under acceptable variances with nothing on the watch list. He stated it was too early in the year for tracking trends.

Res. 59-2016

“Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the following:  
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept for information the March 2016 Financial Statement as presented.”

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Sheriff Matt Saxton thanked Richard Lindsey for his years of service. He stated he used Richard instead of outside counsel after he became Sheriff and Richard has been very responsive and has done great things for the county.

Bob Coward, Golden Avenue, commented on the amount of trees cut down in Bedford and Pennfield and stated he was opposed to the work proposed in Emmett township.

Homer Village Manager Art Kale expressed his appreciation for Richard Lindsey, thanked him and congratulated him.

A citizen thanked everyone for the A. Philip Randolph proclamation and invited everyone to the celebration and to become members.

#### 14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Bearman stated everyone should see downtown Albion, as they tore down a whole block to prepare for the new hotel coming in.

Comr. Dunn thanked Richard Lindsey for his help, stating he will be missed and he's done a great job

Comr. Haadsma stated Richard Lindsey is an excellent attorney. He stated he was part of the committee that hired Richard; he appreciated his service and was pleased he will still be in the Marshall community.

Comr. Frisbie noted he and Richard Lindsey had been through a lot together and Richard always gave the great answer. He thanked Richard and wished him good luck.

Comr. King expressed his appreciation for Richard Lindsey. He stated Richard always made the best decisions in the interest of the county and he will be missed and hard to replace.

Comr. Reynolds stated Richard Lindsey welcomed her with open arms, she appreciated his help and she will miss him.

Comr. Bearman thanked Richard Lindsey for all his help and was looking forward to Facebook posts from Richard.

Richard Lindsey stated working at the county has been a wonderful opportunity and it has been a pleasure to work with everyone.

#### 15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Claims Payable for March 11 - April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$3,569,839.61 and Road Department Claims for March 24, 2016 in the amount of \$321,707.80 and March 30, 2016 in the amount of \$67,901.00

##### Res. 50-2016

"Moved Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following: Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for March 11 - April 1, 2016 in the amount of \$3,569,839.61 and Road Department Claims for March 24, 2016 in the amount of \$321,707.80 and March 30, 2016 in the amount of \$67,901.00 as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes –6, Excused – 1 (VanSickle). Motion **CARRIED**.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Dunn wished Comr. Bearman Happy Birthday.

Comr. Reynolds wished Comr. Bearman Happy Birthday.

Comr. Frisbie stated that the Barbershop Singers will be attending the July 21 Board meeting to sing for us.

Comr. Haadsma led a standing ovation for Richard Lindsey in honor of his service and dedication to Calhoun County.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

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Clerk