

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

July 7, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 7, 2016 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Dunn (arrived at 7:07), Reynolds, Haadsma, Frisbie, VanSickle and Bearman

Excused: Comr. King

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Human Resources Director Kim Archambault, Finance Director Michele Johnson, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer and Deputy Clerk Chris McComb

2 and 3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was held was followed by Albion Mayor's Youth Council Member Akaii Ridley leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the agenda of the July 7, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the June 16, 2016 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Kate Ambrose introduced herself as a 37th Circuit Judicial candidate.

Barry Wayne Adams of Marshall claimed the county was required to have a public law library and they did not.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Health Officer Jim Rutherford gave an update on arsenic issues in Emmett Township. He stated that 90% of wells tested were at the action level in the subdivision. He stated they had the first public meeting with residents of the affected apartment complex and options were presented at the public hearing. He explained that the Township has contracted with Civil Engineering and they are looking at a cost of \$19,000 per household. He stated they have been in contact with all of these families and have provided information and water. He stated the best solution is the extension of water from the township and city. He noted that if anyone had questions, they could contact him.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

**A.** Area Agency on Aging Annual Implementation Plan

Region 3B Area Agency on Aging Chief Executive Officer Karla Fales gave highlights of the Area Agency on Aging's Annual Implementation Plan. She stated some of the things they were working on were a dementia capable community, Albion Forks Senior Center expansion, and integrating services and funding in with Senior Millage. She stated they received a grant to help identify elders who are at risk and provide them with more services. She noted that transportation was a top priority as well as outreach.

Comr. Bearman thanked Karla for being here and stated he was glad to see all of the collaboration and plans for the future.

Comr. Haadsma inquired as to the strategies for how to create a dementia capable community and for information on the expansion and sustainability of Forks Senior Center.

Comr. Reynolds gave suggestions for ways to distribute information to seniors.

Comr. Dunn commented on the scariness of a situation with family members with dementia and was so happy to hear they are making information and help more readily available.

Comr. Frisbie further explained some of the things first responders are researching to help families dealing with dementia.

Res. 90-2016

“Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the Area Agency on Aging’s Annual Implementation Plan as presented.”

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

**B.** Resolution Honoring Albion Public Schools and Marshall Public Schools Board of Education

Comr. VanSickle read the resolution into the record.

**Whereas**, Albion Public Schools and Marshall Public Schools have educated the students of the two communities of Albion and Marshall, respectively, for over 170 years; and

**Whereas**, many community leaders have served as board members for both districts over the years, in positions that are unpaid and often which require that unpopular decisions be made which are for the benefit of the children and future of the districts; and

**Whereas**, in January of 2016, the Boards of both the Albion and Marshall Districts made the brave decision to vote to move forward with annexation of the Albion District to the Marshall District becoming the first two districts since 1985 to move forward with an annexation; and

**Whereas**, on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the voters of the Albion School District overwhelmingly supported the annexation of Albion Public Schools by Marshall Public Schools; and

**Whereas**, on June 30, 2016, Albion Public Schools ceased to exist as a district and effective July 1, 2016, became part of Marshall Public School District, almost doubling in size the geographic size, and voters of the new district; and

**Whereas**, Albion Public Schools brings a rich history of learning, athletics and pride to the Marshall District as they combine to create a promising future for scholars and athletes; and

**Whereas**, the new district will have the resources necessary to provide an excellent education to all of its students, while building partnerships with Kellogg Community College and Albion College to provide a pre-K – 16 education for its students; and

**Whereas**, the Board of Commissioners wishes to recognize the Board members of each Board of Education for their courageous and visionary decision to lead their two communities in a different direction, despite the obstacles they know exist, and to provide the best possible education for the youth who are the future of these two communities;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners recognizes the members of the Albion and Marshall School Board members for their service and leadership and encourages the leaders of the new Albion-Marshall District to demonstrate that in fact these two districts are now “better together.”

Res. 91-2016

“Moved Comr. Reynolds, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the resolution honoring the Albion Public Schools and Marshall Public Schools Board of Education as presented.”

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

Comr. VanSickle stated he knows the trials and tribulations of being a Board Member. He stated he knows Albion struggled with this and industry leaving town was their downfall. He gave a special thank you to the Board Members of the Albion Public Schools over the years.

**9. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Huron county Resolution Opposing Fracking
2. City of Battle Creek Public Hearing Notice

B. Resolutions

1. Calhoun County Community Mental Health Board (Summit Pointe) Appointment (Term to Expire December 31, 2017)

{a} Dr. Sheryl Mitchell

Res. 92-2016

“Moved Comr. Dunn, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the consent agenda of the July 7, 2016 Board of Commissioners’ Regular Session as presented.”

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

**10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS**

Comr. VanSickle stated he attended a Parks and Recreation Committee meeting where they watched video of work being done in the parks and were thankful for our volunteers. He stated they had considered, but decided not to, lock up Bridge Park at night to prevent vandalism.

Comr. Bearman stated he went to Branch County for Workforce Development to see robotics training for Clemens Food Group, which was very interesting to see.

Comr. Frisbie announced that Community Action secured a new contract with their CEO, who has been there for three year and has done a great job. He appreciated Jim Dyer serving on that committee with him. He stated they have also been working on the Governance Committee, as that has been an issue for them in the past. He stated they were really trying to change the direction of their Board and they were well on their way.

He also noted the first County Board Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for later this month.

## 11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

### A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

Administrator/Controller Scott welcomed Sheryl Mitchell to the Summit Pointe Board.

Scott stated we are conducting an all-employee satisfaction survey and seeing good participation. She thanked HR Director Kim Archambault for developing and leading the project.

Scott stated she, Comrs. King and Frisbie and Road Department Managing Director Christopher Bolt were meeting next week with Leroy Township to discuss the possibility of a road millage.

Scott stated the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board has received approximately 55 applications for the \$200,000 in grant funds being offered as part of the Tier 4 funding from the FireKeepers Casino.

Scott stated our Community Development Office has been working with the Southcentral Michigan Planning Council to investigate countywide transit options.

Scott stated the Jail Population Management Committee has scheduled a meeting due to the local population hovering around 340 inmates when there are usually under 300.

Scott stated she and Sheriff Saxton and others would be meeting with the City of Battle Creek to discuss our "Jail Beds for Dispatch" Agreement to decide whether to send something to the Attorney General for an opinion and then we can move toward settlement.

### B. New Business

#### 1. Agreement to Develop and Maintain an Online Public GIS Viewer

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated this was an agreement with a company to create a new public viewer. She explained we are not changing the flyover photography done by Pictometry, but we need to upgrade the public viewer.

GIS Coordinator Brent Thelen explained our current application is outdated and not compatible with all web browsers. He stated this viewer will be compatible with all browsers and viewable on mobile browsers and eventually may be able to give access to more information such as deeds. He stated the data is better organized and all layers are available at no additional cost. He added that the new GIS program will have the capability to interact with various departmental data that may result in public access to tax and land records all in one place.

Res. 93-2016

“Motion by Comr. VanSickle, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the following:  
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve an agreement with Amalgam, LLC to develop and maintain an online public GIS viewer for Calhoun County, and authorizes the execution of a service contract in the amount of \$5,000 annually.

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

2. Health Department Staffing Increase

Administrator/Controller Scott stated this was a policy required Board approval request for a Health Department staffing change.

Health Director Jim Rutherford stated they have had the position in the past but it had changed to fit other needs. He stated they are in need of a Bachelors’ level position to do data collection for grant programs. He stated the funds for the position will come from grants and therefore be guaranteed for three years. He also noted there is a backlog of work that this person will catch up on.

Res. 94-2016

“Moved Comr. Reynolds, second by Comr. Bearman to approve the following:  
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the increase of the Calhoun County Health Department’s staffing allocation to 1.0 FTE in the Health Educator - Data position as presented.”

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Creighton Burrows of Marengo Township commented on the work being done on B Drive and asked whether Consumers Energy is being asked to pay for road damages.

John Sims introduced himself as a candidate for Circuit Court Judge.

Vicki Sherman pledged her support of Tina Yost for Circuit Court Judge.

City of Albion Manager Dr. Sheryl Mitchell thanked the Board for the appointment to Summit Pointe and for the work of staff and the Board in various collaborations with the City of Albion.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Bearman introduced Akaii Ridley, a member of the Albion Mayor's Leadership Committee. He also announced he walked from Albion to Marshall in three hours to show his support for the joining of the school districts.

Comr. VanSickle asked for and Administrator/Controller Scott provided information about the remodeled recycling center and stated she would be sending out updated information soon.

Comr. Frisbie stated that while he is confident the transportation discussion is a good thing to have, we are far from implementation.

Comr. Frisbie announced that the Cereal City BarberShoppers will be attending the Board meeting on July 21 to sing for us.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Claims Payable for June 10 - 23, 2016 in the amount of \$2,797,394.89 and Road Department Payables for June 14 in the amount of \$2,146,165.75, for June 22 in the amount of \$28,295.65 and June 29 in the amount of \$617,146.76

Res. 95-2016

“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 June 10 - 23, 2016 in the amount of \$2,797,394.89 and Road Department Payables for June 14 in the amount of \$2,146,165.75, for June 22 in the amount of \$28,295.65 and June 29 in the amount of \$617,146.76 as presented.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

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Clerk