

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

August 4, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 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 (arrived at 7:07), King, Frisbie, and Bearman

Excused: Comr. VanSickle

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, HR 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 followed by Comr. Bearman leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

"Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Reynolds to approve the agenda of the August 4, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners with the addition of Agenda Item 8A, Deputy of the Year Award Presentation."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Minutes of the July 21, 2016 Regular Session

"Moved Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Dunn to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2016 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

Lindsey Wheeler, Battle Creek, gave information on the logging of Metcalf Lake and the definition of nature preserve.

Jim Coury stated he supported using the Solid Waste Fund balance for the construction of the recycling center. He then explained the use of harvesting in conservation work.

7. ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS

Road Department Managing Director Christopher Bolt presented information on a proposed asphalt plant Jackson County is considering and hopes to partner with Calhoun County on, to whatever degree the Board chooses, noting there will be a question and answer meeting for Calhoun County soon.

Sheriff Matt Saxton stated that the last sixteen to eighteen months have been a tough time for law enforcement and nationally we have lost seventy law enforcement and corrections personnel in the line of duty. He stated that recently our Deputies and Corrections staff, along with other law enforcement offices, has received a large amount of respect and honor from the citizens they serve. He thanked the community for the support and thanked all law enforcement and corrections staff that do an outstanding job and asked everyone to thank those people for the job they do.

8. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. Presentation of the Deputy of the Year Award by Sheriff Matt Saxton

Sheriff Saxton read a prepared statement in honor of Deputy of the Year William Lazarus.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Petitions, Communications, Reports
- B. Resolutions

There was none.

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Bearman stated he went to Jackson for the Jackson County Department of Transportation presentation on the proposal to open their own asphalt plant and he felt it went well.

Bearman stated the Workforce Development Board met and decided to keep services in house for another year. He stated unemployment in our area is about 4.2% but we also have many jobs coming to our area.

Bearman stated he went to the last Solid Waste Committee meeting and learned a lot.

Comr. King stated Community Development had received complaints about horses on the Trailway and he stressed that horses are not allowed on the trails.

King stated that at the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, they approved a request from a college student to build bat houses on property in Bridge and Riverside parks.

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 stated the Planning Commission met with a focus on filling vacancies, many from resignations. She stated they created a subcommittee to help spread the word and vet the candidates. She stated she had volunteered for the subcommittee and will be sending information to Commissioners as they move forward. She stated the Commission will be updating the County Master Plan, as it needs to be done by 2018.

Scott stated the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) annual conference is coming up in September at Boyne highlands and invited all of the Commissioners to attend.

B. New Business

1. Funding Approval for Construction of the Marshall Recycling Center

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated this agenda item is a budget amendment to use available funds from the fund balance to construct the Marshall Recycling Center.

Health Officer Jim Rutherford stated they were requesting \$110,460 to help with renovations to the Marshall Recycling Center. He stated the remodeling plan had been in the works for about a year and they have been working on renovations for quite some time. He stated the plan was similar to what was done in Albion. He stated the total project was around \$250,000, and the Solid Waste Fund balance will still be over \$300,000 after the project.

Road Department Managing Director Christopher Bolt stated the Road Department is helping fund the project because the center is located on their grounds.

Recycling Coordinator Sarah Kelly stated that temporary fencing is being used and they are keeping down contamination for now. She stated that they were looking forward to offering more hours with the remodeled facility. She noted the new location removes the center from the Road Department parking lot, making it safer and easier to access.

Res. 104-2016

“Motion by Comr. Haadsma, second by Comr. Bearman to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the use of
the Solid Waste Fund Balance for Construction of Marshall Recycling Center as presented.

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

13. CITIZEN’S TIME

Health Officer Rutherford reminded everyone that August 20 is Recyclerama, it will be located at Bailey Park and details are on the website, www.calhouncountyrecycling.com. He added that they were looking for volunteers.

Sheriff Matt Saxton reminded everyone that the Sheriff's 6S Golf Outing is Friday, August 12 at Binder Park. He stated they have registered over forty teams, but they still have room for more.

14. COMMISSIONERS TIME

Comr. Bearman congratulated Gary Tompkins and Joyce Spicer on their primary wins for his Board seat. He stated he was looking forward to a good race in November and wished good luck to both.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

- A. Calhoun County Claims Payable for July 8 - 21, 2016 in the amount of \$1,982,232.33 and Road Department Claims Payable for July 8 - 28, 2016 in the amount of \$1,538,713.92 as presented.

Res. 105-2016

“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 July 8 - 21, 2016 in the amount of \$1,982,232.33 and
Road Department Claims Payable for July 8 - 28, 2016 in the amount of
\$1,538,713.92 as presented.”

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

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Comr. Bearman announced that the Calhoun County Fair week is August 14 – 20 and Homer Days Festival is kicking off August 5 with lots of activities. He also reminded everyone that Swinging at the Shell is Sunday at 6 pm in Albion and they have lots of great concerts.

17. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Res. 106-2016

“Motion by Comr. Bearman, second by Comr. Haadsma to approve the following:
Resolved the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby retire to closed session to discuss pending litigation.”

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

The Board retired to closed session at 7:38.

The Board returned to open session at 8:06.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Chairman

Clerk