

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

September 16, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, September 16, 2021 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Steve Frisbie, Derek King, Tommy Miller, Gary Tompkins, Kathy-Sue Vette, Rochelle Hatcher, and Jake Smith.

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, HR/Labor Relations Director Kim Archambault, Communications Manager Lucy Blair, and Deputy Clerk Susan Connolly.

2 and 3. MOMENT OF SILENCE/INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

After a moment of silence, Comr. Vette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Res.149-2021

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the agenda of the September 16, 2021 Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners as presented."

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the September 2, 2021 Board of Commissioners' Regular Session.

Res.150-2021

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2021 Board of Commissioners' Regular Session as presented."

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

6. CITIZENS' TIME

There was none.

7. **ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS**

There was none.

8. **SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. Miles for Memories Proclamation:

Comr. Frisbie read the following Proclamation into the record:

WHEREAS, Miles for Memories began with its first event on September 7, 2013 for the purpose of raising funds and increasing awareness of Alzheimer's disease in Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, Miles for Memories has adopted the vision statement of creating solutions for those impacted by dementia in Calhoun County through movement, programming, and research; and

WHEREAS, Miles for Memories is a volunteer-led organization that has developed programs and trainings across the county aimed at helping those impacted by dementia. Such initiatives offer hope for identifying and providing the best types of care, lifestyle programs, personal training, safety, risk reduction, and more; and

WHEREAS, Miles for Memories takes pride in the amazing collaborations made through the development of the Help Home program, a program designed to help individuals experiencing some form of dementia to register in a database maintained by Consolidated 9-1-1 Dispatch; and

WHEREAS, Miles for Memories has expanded those collaborations to develop a new G.P.S. safe return watch and personal medical I.D. to locate loved ones that have wandered; and

WHEREAS, the Help Home program was expanded in February to include a visual bracelet program aimed at helping provide emergency contact information for loved ones who have wandered or are missing. These combined safety programs have helped bring at least 33 individuals back home without an unnecessary trip to the hospital for care; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim that Miles for Memories be recognized for their commitment to raising awareness and funds for Dementia as well as creating solutions for families throughout Calhoun County.

Dated: September 16, 2021

Signed:

Steve Frisbie, Chairman

Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Senior Services Manager Helen Guzzo thanked the Board and introduced Sherii Sherban with Scene Magazine, who accepted the Proclamation and noted the hours dedicated by the many volunteers that make the program successful.

Res.151-2021

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Miles for Memories Proclamation as presented.”

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

9. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

1. Approval of CareWell Services Multi Year Plan
2. Workforce Development Board for Michigan Works! Southwest (Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph Counties) Appointments and Reappointments:

Renewal appointments for two-year terms that begin on October 1, 2021 and end on September 30, 2022:

- Mr. Derek King, Owner, King Jewelers
- Ms. Jacqueline Murray, HR Manager, Marshall Excelsior Company
- Mr. Frank Tecumseh, Vice President of Human Resources, FireKeepers Casino Hotel
- Ms. Elizabeth Van Dussen, HR Manager, Duncan Aviation

New appointments representing a community-based organization in Calhoun County, for the balance of a two-year term vacated by Ana Martinez, that began on October 1, 2020 and which end on September 30, 2022

- Jose Orozco, Executive Director, Voces in Battle Creek
 - Evelia Bautista, Program Manager, Voces Battle Creek, as an alternate for Jose Orozco
3. Appointment to Calhoun County Community Mental Health Authority (dba Summit Pointe) Board of Directors:
 - Kathy George (Term expires March 31, 2024)
 4. Approval of an Easement for Michigan Gas Utilities Corporation

Res.152-2021

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Consent Agenda of the September 16, 2021 Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session as presented.”

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

10. SPECIAL COMMITTEE/ WORKSHOP/BOARD REPORTS

Comr. Tompkins reported that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee met September 10 and received an update from the Albion Senior Housing Commission and recommended approval of the 2022 Senior Services Budget.

Comr. Tompkins added that the Homer Lake board met on September 14 and heard a report from Blake Mallory of PLM.

Comr. Vette reported that the Summit Pointe Board of Directors met for the first phase of their strategic planning sessions. She added that the Board will meet in October to conduct Phase Two.

Comr. Vette informed the Board that the Goguac Lake Board met and addressed various concerns related to weeds and illegal dumping.

11. UNFINISHED AND OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

12. NEW BUSINESS AND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. County Administrator/Controller's Report

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported that the Calhoun County Visitors Bureau Board met virtually on September 7 and approved two additional members to the Board. She added that the Board also held a closed session to discuss the CEO's annual evaluation and compensation recommendation.

Ms. Scott shared that on September 7 the Area Metropolitan Services Authority (AMSA) Board met. She noted that this organization of Battle Creek City and surrounding townships voted to suspend membership dues again in 2021 due to savings from inactivity during 2020, and to help with municipal budgets.

Administrator/Controller Scott reported that the Calhoun County Broadband Task Force met virtually on September 9 and discussed the scope of a future broadband service request for proposal (RFP) as required by Michigan's METRO Act.

Kelli Scott noted that the County is looking to fill more than 20 positions, and that the openings are all on the County's website.

B. New Business

1. Bid Award for Janitorial Services RFP #112-21.

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported that this bid was conducted by the Purchasing Department for janitorial services for all of the county-owned buildings. She stated that GDI Omni was recommended as low bidder with an 18% increase but noted that over the past three years, there was a 0% increase.

Res.153-2021

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Bid Award for Janitorial Services RFP #112-21 with GDI Services, Inc. as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Frisbie, Hatcher, Miller, Smith, Tompkins, Vette, and King.
Motion **CARRIED**.

2. PA2 Budget for FY21/22.

Ms. Scott mentioned that the County is required to pass through 50% of the liquor tax that is collected in Calhoun County to Southwest Michigan Behavior Health (SWMBH), which is our Regional Administrator for providers of substance use disorder treatment and prevention services.

Kelli Scott stated that as part of the mid-year budget adjustment, the County Board of Commissioners approved an additional \$333,000 toward the PA2 budget in order to fully fund the requests from the County’s Drug Court, Sobriety Court, and Veterans Court and to reinstate the Summit Point Services Contract to offer group treatment in our jail, and to continue the funding to the Haven of Rest.

Comr. Tompkins asked whether this increase in funding would help with long-term sustainability. Scott replied that this increase in funding is definitely one-time due to the County’s reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funds and that the hope is that there will be additional funding for mental health services from state or federal sources to help with long-term sustainability.

Comr. Miller asked about whether allocation of the marijuana tax revenues to the County could be used for mental health services. Scott replied that those revenues are part of the County’s General Fund and that in the future marijuana tax revenues could be considered for this purpose.

Res.154-2021

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the PA2 Budget for FY21/22 as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Frisbie, Hatcher, Miller, Tompkins, Vette, and King.
Abstain – 1, Comr. Smith
Motion **CARRIED**.

3. Secondary Road Patrol Grant Budget Amendment.

Kelli Scott noted that this grant has been previously approved by the Board of Commissioners and this is not an increase to the grant total amount. She added that the amendment is due to savings within the staffing line item, within law enforcement, and that the sheriff would like to increase the equipment line item budget to replace the total station equipment, which is used to map fatal accidents.

Res.155-2021

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith_ to approve the Secondary Road Patrol Grant Budget Amendment as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Frisbie, Hatcher, Miller, Smith, Tompkins, Vette, and King.
Motion **CARRIED**.

13. CITIZENS’ TIME

Sherii Sherban of Leroy Township addressed the approval of the PA2 Funds and noted that she believes there is value to funding prevention services within the County.

14. COMMISSIONERS’ TIME

Comr. Tompkins offered condolences to the family of Bob Fisher from Clarence Township, adding that Bob Fisher was a longtime Clerk and Supervisor for 48 consecutive years in Clarence Township from 1972 to 2020.

15. CLAIMS PAYABLE

Res.156 -2021

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for August 26, 2021 through September 9, 2021 in the amount of \$3,247,269.49 as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Frisbie, Hatcher, Miller, Smith, Tompkins, Vette, and King.
Motion **CARRIED**.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

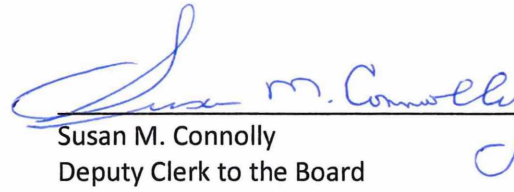
Comr. Tompkins announced the upcoming Homer Fall Festival.

Comr. Frisbie noted the Miles for Memories event scheduled for September 25.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board