

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JUNE 16, 2022

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01, Thursday, June 16, 2022, 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. Gary Tompkins, Kathy-Sue Vette, Jake Smith, Steve Frisbie, Derek King, and Tommy Miller.

Absent: Comr. Rochelle Hatcher.

Staff Present: Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, HR/Labor Relations Director Kim Archambault, Communications Manager Lucy Blair, and Deputy Clerk Susan Connolly.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair Frisbie called a Moment of Silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.115-2022

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Agenda of the June 16,2022, 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 2, 2022 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Minutes of the June 2, 2022, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.116-2022

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Minutes of the June 2, 2022, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Residents of numerous townships shared concerns related to road projects and the status of scheduled repairs.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

County Clerk/Register of Deeds Kim Hinkley and Deputy County Treasurer Melinda Weaver shared the importance of supporting the Resolution opposing the proposed Zillow Bill.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Carewell Services Southwest Presentation: 2023-25 Multi-Year Plan

Stacy L. Wines, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operating Officer of CareWell Services Southwest provided a presentation, highlighting a summary of services provided, the recent community needs assessment, and special projects and partnerships.

Comr. Tompkins expressed his support of the plan and the positive impact Carewell Services has on the communities.

Res.117-2022

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Tompkins to approve the CareWell Services Southwest Presentation: 2023-25 Multi-Year Plan, as presented."

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

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Other County Resolutions to be acknowledged

B. Resolutions

1. Appointment of Deputy Medical Examiners

2. Road Department Engineering Reimbursement

3. Calhoun County Planning Commission Membership Reappointments

4. Resolution Opposing HB4730 - "Zillow Bill"

5. Support Resolution for Bridge Structures 1326 & 1328

Res.118-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda of the June 16, 2022, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. Tompkins shared the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) met June 10 to discuss upcoming events and the recommendation to add as a new member former Marshall City Manager Tom Tarkiewicz.

Comr. King reported the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board (FLRSB) met June 15, and voted to not offer Tier 4 discretionary grants this year.

Comr. Vette reported that the Water Resources Commissioner's website is updated to inform residents of current lake levels. Mrs. Vette also noted her attendance at the recent KCC Police Academy Graduation.

11. Unfinished and Old Business

There was none.

12. New Business and County Administrator's Report

A. *Administrator/Controller's Report*

There was none as Administrator/Controller was excused.

B. *New Business*

1. *BCATS FY2023 Local Funding Resolution*

Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox shared that local funding for BCATS is used to support the BCATS work program by matching available Federal transportation planning funds. He added that the BCATS' work program also provides funds to the CCRD to participate in BCATS work activities and plans.

Mr. Wilcox added the existence of BCATS makes it possible for local units of government to receive surface transportation, transit, rail, and Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Res.119-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. King to approve the BCATS FY2023 Local Funding Resolution, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, Vette, and Smith.

Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *MERS-Mercer Retire Health Care Savings Program & Benefit Exchange*

Brad Wilcox noted the County is consistently looking for strategies to help reduce or eliminate unfunded retiree health plan liability, while maintaining high quality benefits for our retirees. He stated that MERS of Michigan (current pension plan provider) has partnered with Mercer Marketplace 365 to offer a best-in-class private health care exchange for retirees.

Human Resources Manager Kim Archambault highlighted the program and benefits offered to employees, and emphasized that this new plan will lower the administrative burden for the County.

Res.120-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the MERS-Mercer Retire Health Care Savings Program & Benefit Exchange, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, Hatcher, and Smith.

Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.

Motion **CARRIED**.

3. *CCRD Bid Award--20 Mile Rd., Marengo Township*

Assistant Administrator Wilcox informed the Board that the bid award relates to an already approved project that will be paid for with a split between the County and Marengo Township 50%/50%.

Calhoun County Road Department Director John Midgley was present to answer questions.

There was a discussion regarding the two competitive bids and the selection process.

Res.121-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Tompkins to approve the Calhoun County Road Department Bid Award--20 Mile Road, Marengo Township, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Tompkins, Vette, and Smith.

Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.

Motion **CARRIED**.

4. *Prosecutors Office Authorized Staffing Allocation Change*

Brad Wilcox noted the change is in follow up to the recent restructuring of the Prosecutors Office previously approved by the board.

County Prosecutor Dave Gilbert was present to answer any questions presented.

Res.122-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Prosecutors Office Authorized Staffing Allocation Change, as presented.”

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

13. Citizens' Time

Adam Heikkila spoke regarding the use of taxpayer funds towards road repairs.

Realtors from Battle Creek area shared their opposition to the House Bill regarding Zillow.

Numerous residents continued comments related to roadway repairs.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Tompkins shared an act of heroism on June 3, 2022, by 19 year old Darren Haggerty of Homer who saved the lives of individuals from the Kalamazoo River. He noted that a Proclamation will be given to Mr. Haggerty to honor his actions.

The Commissioners held a lengthy conversation regarding road funding in Michigan, the current state of County roadways, the status of repairs and the importance of coordination with various municipalities throughout the County.

15. Claims Payable Listing

A. *Claims Payable for May 26, 2022, through June 8, 2022, in the amount of \$2,266,513.03*

Res.123-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for May 26, 2022, through June 8, 2022, in the amount of \$2,266,513.03, as presented.”

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

16. Announcements

Comr. Tompkins mentioned weekend breakfasts in Homer Township.

Comr. Miller highlighted upcoming events to be held at the County Fairgrounds.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

