

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JULY 21, 2022

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, July 21, 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. Steve Frisbie, Derek King, Tommy Miller, Kathy-Sue Vette, and Jake Smith

Absent: Comr. Rochelle Hatcher; Excused: Comr. Gary Tompkins.

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer, HR/Labor Relations Director Kim Archambault, and Communications Director Lucy Blair.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair Frisbie called a Moment of Silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Vette led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.124-2022

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Miller to approve the agenda of the July 21, 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 16, 2022 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Minutes of the June 16, 2022, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res. 125-2022

"Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Vette to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2022, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

The following individuals provided public comment:

- Jerry Clifton - G Drive and 17 1/2 Mile Rd.
- Lyn Hankey - Interested in unity in community
- Richard Porter, Sheridan Township - Concerns about communications with CCRD
- Scott Frederick, Sheridan Township - Wants to understand plan with 23 Mile Rd
- Todd Wildt, Homer Township Supervisor - Concerns about CCRD
- Justin Shotts - Talked about conflict he's having with neighbor
- Steve Shrock - Concerns about CCRD communications
- Adam Heikkila - Spoke about concerns with the Board of Commissioners
- Chuck Asher - Spoke on behalf of Community Action for Senior Services items on the agenda
- Casey Paul - Resolution for No Fault Insurance plan, with an individual who is experiencing hardship after an auto accident.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Clerk/Register of Deeds Kim Hinkley reported that it's a busy election season, and that 500 election inspectors were recently trained along with canvassers. She also shared that she has seen the high number of "accidental deaths" as reported by the Medical Examiner in the 2021 Annual Report and was glad it was addressed.

Senior Services Manager Helen Guzzo shared that she had provided Commissioners with a copy of the Centenarian booklet from the recent storytelling event. She also shared that the Senior Fair will take place on Sept. 8 at Kellogg Arena from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. She announced that Chuck Asher is receiving the Joanne Konkle award this year.

Sheriff Steve Hinkley shared that the MAT (Medically Assisted Treatment) program is up and running in the jail. He added that there has been a significant increase in crime on the East side of the county, and encouraged residents to report if something suspicious happens. He reported that although the jail still needs employees, he expects that in the next 6-8 weeks recently hired employees help is department return to normal operations. Sheriff Hinkley added that he plans to develop a long-term strategic plan to stabilize operations.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Office of the Medical Examiner 2021 Annual Report--Presentation by Dr. Joyce deJong, WMU Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine

Dr. Joyce deJong, Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine shared a presentation of the Office of the Medical Examiner 2021 Annual Report.

Comr. Frisbie commented that he recently learned there are more drug-related deaths per thousand in Calhoun than any other county.

Comr. King asked why accidental death (overdose) numbers are so high in Calhoun. Medical Examiner Dr. deJong said she didn't know the why, although suggested it might be people thinking they're using heroin but instead it's fentanyl.

B. Presentation and Acceptance of the Calhoun County 2021 Audited Financial Statements and Related Communications:

- 1. Presentation by Nathan Balderman, Rehmann*
- 2. Acceptance of 2021 Audit*

Nathan Balderman with Rehmann provided an overview of the audit process and noted that the audit firm issued an unmodified or clean opinion.

Comr. Smith asked about the significant risks section of the audit. Balderman replied that that language was required to point out inherent risks with any organization and that their audit did not identify any specific problems with Calhoun County's internal controls or other aspects of the financial operations.

Res.126-2022

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to accept the Calhoun County 2021 Audited Financial Statements and Related Communications, 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. Financial Statements For Information Only: June 2022*
- 2. MERS Service Credit Purchase - Michelle Bennett (Latta)*
- 3. MERS Service Credit Purchase - Guy Picketts*
- 4. Calhoun County Road Department's Act 51 Report*
- 5. FY23 Public Defender - MIDC Grant*
- 6. Resolution Urging State Legislature to Amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to Address a Reimbursement Cap for Auto Accident Victims*
- 7. Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) Appointment: Thomas Tarkiewicz*
- 8. Community Mental Health Authority (Summit Pointe) Board Appointment*

Res.127-2022

“Moved Comr. King , second by Comr. Vette to approve the Consent Agenda of the July 21, 2022, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Cmmr. Miller announced the Bluegrass Festival in Marshall the last week of July.

11. Unfinished and Old Business

There was none.

12. New Business and County Administrator's Report

A. *Administrator/Controller's Report*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott shared information about recent meetings of the Native American Heritage Fund Board, the Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation, and the Broadband Task Force. She added that there would be upcoming photos scheduled for commissioners, and encouraged them to sign up for the new Rave Alerts emergency notification system. . She also provided highlights from the audit and the Road Department's Act 51 2021 annual financial report, thanking the finance staff for their leadership in producing the reports..

B. *New Business*

1. *2022 Mid-Year Budget Amendments*

County Administrator/Controller Scott reported that the General Fund amendment consisted of a total \$2M adjustment upward to both revenues and expenditures. She noted that revenue changes included Marijuana revenue , opioid settlement funding, increased property taxes, and final adjustments to the FEMA COVID-19 expense reimbursement. Scott added that downward revenue adjustments included Court revenues, which are still lagging. She reported that increases in expenditures included the Board of Commissioners' approved Prosecutor's Office staffing increase and Sheriff's Office recruitment and retention program.

Res.128-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the FY 2022 Mid-Year Budget Amendments for the General Fund and several Special Revenue Funds, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.

Absent - 2, Comrs. Tompkins and Hatcher

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *Amendment to the County Planning Commission Ordinance.*

Ms. Scott mentioned this is an amendment to the County ordinance following a 10-year review, and that next steps would include a required public notice. She noted that the main objective was to align the commission member terms to the calendar year., and that Corporation Counsel, Community Development Director Jen Bomba and herself prepared the amendment and that the Planning Commission also supported forwarding it to the Board of Commissioners for approval.

Res.129-2022

“Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to amend County Ordinance 2011-1, the Calhoun County Planning Commission Ordinance of 2011, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.
Absent - 2, Comrs. Tompkins and Hatcher
Motion **CARRIED**.

3. *Senior Millage Supplemental Funding Contract Amendments for Home Heating and Minor Home Repair*

Administrator Kelli Scott noted that this supplemental funding had been approved by the Senior Millage Allocation Committee and that it was intended use of accumulated fund balance toward strategic initiatives.

Senior Services Manager Helen Guzzo said there's been an overwhelming demand for home repair and that this is a safety net program.

Res.130-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller , second by Comr. Smith to approve the Senior Millage Supplemental Funding Contract Amendments for Home Heating and Minor Home Repair, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.
Absent - 2, Comrs. Tompkins and Hatcher
Motion **CARRIED**.

4. *Senior Millage Supplemental Funding Contract Amendments for Hearing and Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS)*

Administrator/Controller Scott shared the amount additional for each program.
Manager Helen Guzzo explained the PERS program and why the new technology is leading to greater costs.

Res.131-2022

“Moved Comr. Smith, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Senior Millage Supplemental Funding Contract Amendments for Hearing and Personal Emergency Response Systems (PERS), as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.
Absent - 2, Comrs. Tompkins and Hatcher
Motion **CARRIED**.

5. *Senior Millage Strategic Projects - Five contracts resulting from RFP #110-22*

Kelli Scott informed that this is the third year of strategic project awards, and that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee worked with County Purchasing to recommend five projects totaling approximately \$300,000.

Comr Derek King asked where the True Care Living Garden was. Guzzo replied with an explanation of the location in Springfield.

Comr Frisbie asked what the Senior Millage Fund Balance is, and Guzzo replied that it would be \$1.5M after approval of this year's project funding, down from \$1.9M at the start of 2022.

Res.132-2022

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Senior Millage Strategic Projects - Five contracts resulting from RFP #110-22, as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.
Absent - 2, Comrs. Tompkins and Hatcher
Motion **CARRIED**.

6. *Calhoun County Public Health Department Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Medical Director Contract Amendment*

Administrator/Controller Scott highlighted that this contract is managed by the Public Health Department, and that this amendment includes cost of living increases for Dr. Nettleton's time in Calhoun County and also malpractice insurance. She added that the amendment also builds in automatic cost of living increases through the remainder of the contract.

Res.133-2022

"Moved Comr. Vette, second by Comr. King to approve the Calhoun County Public Health Department Western Michigan University Homer Stryker M.D. School of Medicine Medical Director Contract Amendment, as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.
Absent - 2, Comrs. Tompkins and Hatcher
Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Public Comment was made by the following individuals:

- Justin Shotts - Shared his opinions about corruption.
- Richard Porter - Thanked Commissioners for support of Albion Community Gardens
- Adam Heikkila - Shared his opinions.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Miller stated that he would like an ordinance passed supporting local townships' efforts to regulate off-road vehicles being allowed on certain county roads. HE added that he would like to see the return of township supervisor meetings with CCRD.

15. Claims Payable Listing

A. *Claims Payable for June 9, 2022 through July 13, 2022 in the amount of \$8,366,317.90.*

Res.134-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller , second by Comr. Smith to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for June 9, 2022, through July 13, 2022, in the amount of \$8,366,317.90, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 5, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Vette, and Smith.
Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

There were none.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners