

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00pm, Thursday, September 1, 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, Gary Tompkins, Rochelle Hatcher (arrived late), and Jake Smith

Excused: Comr. Kathy-Sue Vette

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

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair Frisbie called a Moment of Silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.150-2022

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Smith to approve the agenda of the September 1, 2022, Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, as presented."

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

Comr. Hatcher had not yet arrived in time for this vote.

5. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the August 18, 2022 Board of Commissioner's Regular Meeting

Minutes of the August 18, 2022, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.151-2022

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2022, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

Comr. Hatcher had not yet arrived in time for this vote.

6. Citizens' Time

Tom Hunsdorfer, resident of Albion and Vice Chair of the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) introduced himself to the Board and provided a follow up of the August Strategic Planning meeting.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Senior Services Manager Helen Guzzo reported that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) meeting scheduled for September 2 was canceled due to lack of quorum.

Ms. Guzzo shared information regarding the Senior Fair to be held September 8 at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Proclamation for the Retirement of Deputy Guy Picketts and K-9 Tuco

Comr. King read the Proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE RETIREMENT OF DEPUTY GUY PICKETTS AND K-9 TUCO

WHEREAS, Deputy Guy Picketts has worked for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office since it absorbed the Springfield Police Department in 2013, where Guy Picketts had been a patrol officer since 1999 and a K-9 officer since 2007; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Picketts' current K-9, Tuco, is also retiring after seven years of service and a significant contribution to the success of the Sheriff's Office, with an exceptional record of successful track catches, including one just last month when he safely located an autistic child who had wandered away from home; and

WHEREAS, both of Deputy Picketts' K-9s, Tuco and Turbo beforehand, had long, successful careers as patrol K-9s and built positive relationships with the community during demonstrations at schools, senior living facilities, and more, which taught people the value and purpose of K-9s; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Picketts was instrumental in the development, growth, and efficacy of a multi-jurisdictional K-9 program in Calhoun County by building partnerships, addressing system deficiencies, and developing coordinated trainings, which increased the use and success of K-9 deployments by all agencies; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Picketts' commitment to developing a strong countywide K-9 program resulted in the Battle Creek Area K-9 Training Program, which offers regular trainings for K-9 teams in the region, including a High Stress Scenarios/Decoy Seminar that attracts between 50-60 teams each year from all major agencies in Michigan and the region; and

WHEREAS, with the dedication and effort from Deputy Guy Picketts to improve the countywide K-9 services, Calhoun County's K-9 teams are effective, efficient, and a highly-respected asset for our law enforcement agencies, which benefits all residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners expresses its sincere appreciation to Deputy Guy Picketts and K-9 Tuco for their years of service to Calhoun County and its residents.

Dated: September 1, 2022

Signed: Steve Frisbie, Chair Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res.152-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Proclamation for the Retirement of Deputy Guy Picketts and K-9 Tuco, as presented.”

On a voice vote.

Motion **CARRIED**.

Sheriff Steve Hinkley paid recognition to Deputy Picketts and K-9 Tuco and presented a plaque from the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Hinkly presented a plaque to representatives from Honor Credit Union for their monetary contributions to the K-9 Unit.

Officers from numerous surrounding departments came with their K-9s to pay respect to Picketts and Tuco.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Other County Resolutions to be acknowledged.

B. Resolutions

*1. Calhoun County Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) (Medical Care Facility)
Board Reappointment:*

Joyce Spicer, term ending October 31, 2023

Res.153-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Consent Agenda of the September 1, 2022, Board of Commissioner's Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. King shared that members of the Calhoun County Board of Health were invited to attend an all-staff workshop at the Medalist Golf Club last week to discuss their steps for accreditation to improve the delivery of services to residents.

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 that the Broadband Task Force met on Sept.1, led by the County's Communications Team and including Comrs. Tompkins and Smith. Scott noted that within the next month or so, the County should receive the anticipated report from CTC consultants that will include options for ensuring affordable internet access to all county residents. Ms. Scott added that there are internet service providers interested in partnering with the County on this project.

Administrator/Controller Scott reminded the Board that the County and Court offices will be closed Monday, September 5 in honor of Labor Day. Ms. Scott expressed appreciation for employees within various County departments for their efforts during the recent storm that caused power outages and damage due to winds and rain.

B. *New Business*

1. *Calhoun County Public Health Department FY23 Budget*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott highlighted the process used by the Board of Health and their budget committee to develop the FY23 departmental budget, noting that the Board of Health approved the proposed budget of 9.3 million dollars, representing a 6.5% increase in revenues and expenditures.

Scott acknowledged Deputy Health Officer Brigitte Riechenbaugh, who was in attendance, and thanked Finance Director Megan Banning and all Health Department and Finance leadership who worked together to arrive at a balanced budget.

Res.154-2022

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. King to approve the Calhoun County Public Health Department FY23 Budget, as presented.”

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

Excused - 1, Comr. Vette

Comr. Hatcher voted by voice rather than electronic as her computer was not logged in.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *Calhoun County Public Health Department Staffing Request: Increase in FTE for School Wellness Program Lead Public Health Nurse*

Kelli Scott explained the need for a slight increase in Health Department Nursing staff , within their School Wellness Program. Scott noted that as the Community Health programs have expanded, the need for a Registered Nurse subject matter expert has grown, and so the increase in this FTE level will allow the employee to be responsible for supporting day to day fidelity of programming and serve as clinical support to the Community Health Supervisor and program staff by coordinating program reporting.

Res.155-2022

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Calhoun County Public Health Department Staffing Request: Increase in FTE for School Wellness Program Lead Public Health Nurse, as presented.”

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

3. *Rebranding of Calhoun County Juvenile Home: New Calhoun County Youth Center Name and Logo*

Administrator/Controller Scott announced that the Calhoun County Youth Center is the proposed new name for the County's Juvenile Home, in attempt to adapt to a changing industry, better reflect its mission in its branding, and carry that branding into the upcoming renovation project. She added that it is the opinion of County Administration and the Juvenile Home leadership that this change is needed to continue to position the Center as a leader in youth detention in Michigan. Scott recognized the efforts of Communications Director Lucy Blair and Lynn Miekke, Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox and Juvenile Home Director Tori Bendon, none of whom could attend the Board meeting, in bringing this rebranding and new logo to the Board.

Kelli Scott noted the name and logo change brings the Youth Center's vision to the front by suggesting in the name that youth are at the center of its efforts and the new name and logo work cooperatively to best depict the important and ongoing mission that the Youth Center staff embodies.

Comrs. Hatcher, Smith and Frisbie expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the rebranding and thanked the Communications department for their time and work related to this item.

Res.156-2022

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Rebranding of Calhoun County Juvenile Home: New Calhoun County Youth Center Name and Logo, as presented.”

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

13. Citizens' Time

Adam Heikkela of Bedford Township shared his concerns related to the voting system the board members use to cast votes and expressed his disagreement with the rebranding of the Calhoun County Youth Center.

14. Commissioners' Time

There was none.

15. Claims Payable Listing

- A. *Claims Payable for August 11, 2022 through August 24, 2022 in the amount of \$5,754,658.73*

Res.157-2022

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Smith to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for August 11, 2022 through August 24, 2022, in the amount of \$5,754,658.73, as presented.”

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

Excused - 1, Comr. Vette

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. Miller noted the turnout for the County Fair was excellent this year.

Comr. Frisbie reiterated the announcement by Helen Guzzo of the upcoming Senior Fair scheduled for September 8.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners