

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7: 00p.m., Thursday, February 2, 2023, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Kathy-Sue Vette, Steve Frisbie, Derek King, Tommy Miller, Rochelle Hatcher, Monique French and Diane Thompson.

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

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair Vette called a Moment of Silence.

Pastor/Commissioner French offered the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.010-2023

"Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the agenda of the February 2, 2023, 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 January 5, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Organizational Meeting

Minutes of the January 5, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.011-2023

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Minutes of the January 5, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Several residents from the Marshall area voiced concerns and opposition related to the proposed development of the Marshall Megasite.

Marengo and Sheridan Township Supervisors voiced their concerns related to the proposed updates to the Board's Policy 509, Local Road Improvement Funding.

A resident of Eckford Township expressed concern related to the proposed bond financing agreement between the County and the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority.

The Eckford Township Treasurer expressed concerns related to road projects needed in her township.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

State Representative Jim Haadsma acknowledged Mr. Porter of Sheridan Township's concerns related to the proposed 509 Policy and commended Retired Police Chief Blocker for his service.

County Prosecutor Dave Gilbert congratulated Chief Blocker on his retirement and years of service.

Krista Trout-Edwards, Director of the Calhoun County Land Bank Authority, provided an update regarding new state legislation providing funding for land banks, and shared other news related to MSHDA.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Proclamation for Chief Jim Blocker

Chair Vette read the following Special Proclamation into the record:

PROCLAMATION OF THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN RECOGNITION OF PROFOUND APPRECIATION OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE BY BATTLE CREEK POLICE CHIEF JIM BLOCKER

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Blocker has provided outstanding leadership and guidance toward maintaining public safety in Battle Creek and surrounding communities, including playing a major role with the inception of Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) in Calhoun County;

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Blocker has always been mindful and forward thinking of the interests and needs of individuals experiencing behavioral health crises and has worked to advance CIT as a county and state-wide initiative, earning recognitions from CIT-International as Police Chief of the Year and the National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Michigan's Honors as well as being appointed to the Michigan Governor's Mental Health Diversion Council;

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Blocker has also served on a number of boards within Calhoun County, including the Summit Pointe Board of Directors, the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority, Grace Health, the Calhoun County Public Safety Information Services Alliance ("RMS Board") and the Battle Creek Area Family YMCA;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners formally acknowledge and extends its profound appreciation to Chief Jim Blocker for his more than 25 years of

service within the Battle Creek Police Department and for the betterment of Calhoun County as a safe and welcoming community.

Dated the 2nd day of February 2023

Signed by Kathy-Sue Vette, Chairperson Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res.012-2023

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Special Proclamation for Chief Jim Blocker, as presented.”

On a **VOICE VOTE**

Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, Vette, Hatcher, and French.

Motion **CARRIED.**

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Other County Resolutions to be acknowledged

B. Resolutions

1. CCCDA Bond Financing Agreement

2. Approval of Opioid Litigation Settlement Agreements

3. CCRD 2023 Plow Truck Financing Resolution

4. Traffic Control Orders - Kesselwood Subdivision

5. Calhoun County Solid Waste Management Planning Advisory Committee Membership Appointments

6. County Administrator/Controller Evaluation Committee Appointments

7. Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board Appointment

8. Area Metropolitan Service Agency (AMSA) Liaison Appointments

9. Battle Creek Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Advisory Member Appointments

10. Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board Appointment

11. Battle Creek Area Transportation Study (BCATS) Policy Committee Appointments

12. *Calhoun County Board of Public Health Appointment*
13. *County Board of Commissioners' Budget Committee Appointments*
14. *Calhoun County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) Board Appointment*
15. *Calhoun County Planning Commission Appointment*
16. *Calhoun County Trailway Alliance Appointment*
17. *Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority (CCFDA) Board Appointment*
18. *Drainage Board Appointment*
19. *Goguac Lake Board Appointment*
20. *Homer Lake Management Board Appointment*
21. *Calhoun County Hospital Finance Authority Board Appointments*
22. *Calhoun County Board of Commissioners Legislative Liaisons Committee Appointments*
23. *Calhoun County Local Jail Population Management Committee Appointments*
24. *Michigan State University Extension Advisory Board Appointments*
25. *Marshall Local Development Finance Authority Appointment*
26. *Community Action of South Central Michigan Governing Board of Directors Appointment*
27. *Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) Appointment*
28. *Southcentral Michigan Planning Council (SMPC) Appointment*
29. *Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWMBH) Substance Use Disorder Policy Oversight Board Appointments*
30. *Risk Management Committee Appointments*
31. *Calhoun County Agricultural and Industrial Society (CAIS) Liaison Appointment*
32. *Calhoun County Land Bank Authority Appointments*

Comr. Miller expressed concerns about the proposed bond financing agreement between the County and the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority.

Comr. Frisbie explained the rationale for the bond financing agreement.

Comr. Vette noted that numerous items are related to committees the commissioners are appointed to fill during their term.

Res.013-2023

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Consent Agenda of the February 2, 2023, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. Vette shared news regarding the County Employee of the Month and numerous employee anniversaries.

11. Unfinished and Old Business

There was none.

12. New Business and County Administrator's Report

A. *Administrator/Controller's Report*

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott added to the earlier remarks regarding the county's agreement with the Consolidated Dispatch Authority, noting that the bonds had already been previously approved by both boards and in fact had been issued in January 2023. Scott added that the agreement on the current Board agenda was the final piece drafted by the County's Bond Counsel to ensure the County was protected with funding from the Dispatch Authority to cover all debt service payments for the life of the bonds.

B. *New Business*

1. *Inmate Medical Contract Amendment*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott shared this is the 5th Amendment since 2015 and that it was primarily in response to the need for increased staffing and pay rates.

Ms. Scott added that this amendment extends the agreement three years through 2024.

Assistant County Administrator, Brad Wilcox was present to answer any questions.

Res.014-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Amendment with YesCare Corporation to provide Inmate Health Services for the Calhoun County Office of the Sheriff, as presented.”

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

2. *CCRD Contract: Federal Aid Project #22-5521 17.5 Mile Rd*

Kelli Scott noted that this resurfacing project is included in the 2023 Road Department budget, and that 82% is funded by federal aid with an 18% match of \$89,000.

Res.015-2023

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #22-5521, and authorize the Road Department Managing Director to sign the Contract, and all necessary documents, as presented.”

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

3. *CCRD Bid Award: RFP#104J-23 Cold Patch*

Administrator/Controller Scott noted that this was a joint bid for Calhoun and Jackson Counties for a one-year contract for pick up and delivery of cold patch materials, and that it did result in a 10% price increase from last year's bids.

Road Department Manager John Midgley was present to answer any questions.

Res.016-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Miller to approve the contract with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation for cold patch RFP#104J-23, as presented.”

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

4. *CCRD Bid Award: RFQ#103-23 Pothole Patching*

Kelli Scott noted this contract is to prequalify contractors to supplement Road Department staff in strategically patching across the county, a plan that has continued successfully for several years.

Road Department Manager John Midgley was present to answer questions.

Res.017-2023

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. French to approve contracts with Next Generation Landscaping and XACT Excavating LLC, for 2023 Pothole Patching, and authorizes the County Board Chair to sign on the County's behalf, as presented.”

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Thompson, Vette, Hatcher, and French.
No - 1, Comr. Miller
Motion **CARRIED**.

5. *Updated CCRD Policy 509 Local Road Improvement Funding Program*

Ms. Scott reported that this proposed policy update had been revised following its initial presentation to the township supervisors in December, and incorporated the main concerns from that meeting. Scott expressed her support for the policy, noting that the Road Department's management and engineering staff, Scott and Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer worked together toward a strategic way to allocate limited local road improvement funding and best partner with townships, both large and smaller.

Comr. Miler expressed his opposition to the policy.

Comr. Frisbie shared his thoughts regarding future projects and how funds are disbursed.

Comr. King noted that of 50 townships within the state of Michigan that don't contribute to their Road Commissions for local road improvements, nine of them are within Calhoun County, or roughly 10%.

Comr. Thompson acknowledged many townships within her district are impacted by this program.

Res.018-2023

"Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the revised/updated Policy 509/Local Road Improvement Funding Program Policy, as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 6, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Thompson, Vette, Hatcher, and French.

No - 1, Comr. Miller

Motion **CARRIED**.

6. *CCRD Road Improvement Agreement - S Drive South crossing Pine Creek*

Administrator/Controller Scott noted this is a partner project for the surrounding road near property in Athens Township.

Ms. Scott added it will replace the bridge over Pine Creek and include improvements on R Drive in 2024.

Res.019-2023

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nottawaseppi Band of the Huron Potawatomi concerning two road projects, and authorizes the Administrator/Controller to sign all documents necessary to complete the projects, as presented."

On a roll call vote, Yes – 7, Comrs. Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, Vette, Hatcher, and French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

A few residents expressed concerns related to tree clearing on C Drive North and Marshall Township's approval of legal agreements related to the proposed development of the MegaSite.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. King commented regarding the County's tree trimming on C Drive N., noting that crash data was utilized to apply for in 2020 and receive the federal safety grant, and that the tree work was not related to the development of the MegaSite.

Comr. Miller noted the C Drive N. safety grant was approved 2.5 years ago.

Comr. Hatcher questioned if the project on C Drive N. will include planting new trees outside of the roadway. Administrator/Controller Scott responded that the grant does not include funding for planting trees.

Comr. Thompson thanked Chief Blocker for his years of service.

15. Claims Payable Listing

- A. *Claims Payable for December 29, 2022 through January 11, 2023 in the amount of \$3,339,355.29*
- B. *Claims Payable for January 12, 2023 through January 25, 2023 in the amount of \$4,559,386.98.*

Res.020-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for December 29, 2022 through January 11, 2023, in the amount of \$3,339,355.29 and Claims Payable for January 12, 2023 through January 25, 2023, in the amount of \$4,559,386.98, as presented.”

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

16. Announcements

Comr. Frisbie noted the County Road Association's upcoming workshop on February 21.

Comr. Hatcher highlighted February 3rd as Wear Red Day for Women's Heart Disease Awareness.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners