

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

FEBRUARY 16, 2023

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01p.m., Thursday, February 16, 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, and Monique French.

Excused: Comr. Thompson

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

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair Vette called a Moment of Silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr.King led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.021-2023

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the agenda of the February 16, 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 February 2, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Minutes of the February 2, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.022-2023

"Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

On a **VOICE VOTE**, Motion **CARRIED**.

6. Citizens' Time

Carl Gibson thanked the commissioners for their support of the Marshall Heritage Commons Senior Center, noting that it now has over 250 members. Mr. Gibson also thanked the board for their support of the Wilder Creek Conservation Club.

Jeff Albaugh, Marshall Township Clerk, reported on local road projects and matching funding from the County.

Officials from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), local labor unions, local businesses and the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance (MAEDA) shared their support for the new BlueOval Battery Park Michigan project.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Senior Services Director Helen Guzzo informed the Board that their annual report is finalized and will be shared in the near future.

Ms. Guzzo noted that within their 21 funded programs, they have been able to serve 6,760 seniors in Calhoun County.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Proclamation of February 2023 Celebrating Black History Month

Comr. French read the following Proclamation on the record:

PROCLAMATION OF FEBRUARY 2023 CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

WHEREAS, during Black History Month, we celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by Black Americans in Calhoun County, Michigan, to our economic, cultural, spiritual, and political development; and

WHEREAS, The National Black History Month Proclamation dated January 21, 2022 stated, "Countless Black Americans have demonstrated profound moral courage and resilience to help shape our Nation for the better. Today, Black Americans lead industries and movements for change, serve our communities and our Nation at every level, and advance every field across the board, including arts and science, business and law, health, and education, and many more. In the face of wounds and obstacles older than our Nation itself, Black Americans can be seen in every part of our society today, strengthening and uplifting all of America"; and

WHEREAS, the observance of Black History Month calls our attention to the continued need to battle racism and build a society that lives up to its democratic ideas; and

WHEREAS, the County of Calhoun continues to work toward becoming an inclusive community in which all citizens and visitors — past, present, and future — are respected and recognized for their contributions to our community, the country, and the world; and

WHEREAS, the County of Calhoun is proud to honor the history and contributions of Black Americans in our community, throughout our state, and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of Black Americans, past and present in our community, we, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim February 2023, as

"BLACK HISTORY MONTH"

in the County of Calhoun and urge citizens and visitors to recognize and support the ideals of human

dignity and equal opportunity to which this nation is committed throughout the international community and which we celebrate during this month. Further, I urge all Americans to celebrate the rich history and numerous historical contributions of the Black American culture.

Dated February 16, 2023

Signed: Kathy-Sue Vette, Chair Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res.023-2023

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Proclamation of February 2023 Celebrating Black History Month, as presented.”

On a **VOICE VOTE**, Motion **CARRIED**.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

- 1. FY2022 Senior Millage Supplemental Funding - Hearing and PERS Programs*
- 2. Resolution Honoring the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125th Anniversary year*
- 3. FY2023 Senior Millage Supplemental Funding - Minor Home Repair Program*
- 4. Calhoun County Broadband Task Force Committee Appointments*

Res.024-2023

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the Consent Agenda of the February 16, 2023, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

On a **VOICE VOTE**, Motion **CARRIED**.

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. Frisbie shared the CCCDA met to discuss the recent outage and Director, Mike Armitage is looking for network options to prevent future disruptions.

Comr. Miller reported the Waste Management Committee met wherein he was elected chair and they discussed opportunities for mini grants for bulk trash collection.

Comr. Miller mentioned CCAIS fair board met to review upcoming events and fundraisers.

Comr. Vette noted Summit Pointe Committee met at their new location and two students were present to shadow members.

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 shared that the Broadband Task Force hosted a Michigan High Speed Internet (MIHI) Office listening tour event in Battle Creek, with roughly 60 guests in attendance.

Ms. Scott added that the Board and Internal Budget Committees will meet within the next week to discuss potential appropriations for the broadband initiative and road department funding.

Kelli Scott thanked those who came out to show their support of the BlueOval Battery Park development, that will include a conservation easement and potential future trailway along the Kalamazoo River.

B. *New Business*

1. *Inmate Food Services Contract Amendment*

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott reported that this contract amendment was spearheaded by Sheriff Hinkley and Assistant County Administrator Brad Wilcox, with the goal to continue to provide healthy food delivery for jail inmates and jail personnel given increased inflationary costs.

Ms. Scott noted the County has been working with Tigg's since 2015 and that the amendment includes a three-year extension.

Res.025-2023

"Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Amendment with Tigg's Canteen Services to provide Inmate Food Services for the Calhoun County Office of the Sheriff and authorizes the Board chair to sign the agreement, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Hatcher, and French.

Excused -1, Comr. Thompson.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *Petition to Abandon Portions of C Drive North and 13 Mile Road.*

Ms. Scott noted this item was before the Board as the governing body over our road agency, adding that it is the required legal step in response to the petition from residents along the roads to be abandoned, as outlined in the attached materials presented to the Board.

Administrator/Controller Scott added that for the new BlueOval Battery Park development project, Ford will assume maintenance responsibilities for the road, which will be transferred in two phases to allow the property acquisition by MAEDA to be completed.

Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer added further components of the proposed resolution and petition.

Res.026-2023

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Petition to Abandon Portions of C Drive North and 13 Mile Road, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Hatcher, and French.

Excused -, Comr. Thompson

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Richard Lindsey, attorney for MAEDA, thanked the board for their vote supporting the agenda item related to C Drive and 13 Mile Road and the unanimous vote.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Frisbie shared his support for the proposed conservation easement on the BlueOval Battery Park project.

Comr. Miller noted he's a 5th generation Marshall resident and is hopeful the Ford project will be beneficial to the community.

Comrs. French and Hatcher expressed their thoughts and prayers for all affected by the recent campus shooting at Michigan State University.

Comr. Vette mentioned the recent Board of Commissioners orientation for the beginning of this term, and thanked the County administration and judges and elected officials for their presentations.

15. Claims Payable Listing

- A. *Claims Payable Listing for January 26, 2023 through February 8, 2023 in the amount of \$3,410,823.38.*

Res.027-2023

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Hatcher to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for January 26, 2023 through February 8, 2023 in the amount of \$3,410,823.38, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Hatcher, and French.

Excused - 1, Comr. Thompson.

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. Miller shared that the Fair Board is selling fundraiser raffle tickets with a grand prize of \$5,000.

Comr. French mentioned her Church in Washington Heights is having a special meal Sunday, February 19th in celebration of Black History Month.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners