

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MARCH 2, 2023

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00p.m., Thursday, March 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, Derek King, Tommy Miller, Rochelle Hatcher, and Diane Thompson.

Absent/Excused: Comrs. Steve Frisbie and Monique French.

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

Comr. Vette called a Moment of Silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.028-2023

"Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. King to approve the agenda of the March 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 February 9, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Orientation Meeting

B. Minutes of the February 16, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Minutes of the February 9, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Orientation Meeting and February 16, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.029-2023

"Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Orientation Meeting and February 16, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Numerous residents of Marshall Township and the City of Marshall shared comments and concerns regarding BlueOval Battery Park and the closure of a portion of C Drive.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Jim Jordan, Chief Assistant Prosecutor, informed the Board that the Prosecutor's Office has hired two new attorneys who are scheduled to start March 20.

Mr. Jordan highlighted employees receiving honors at the recent Prosecutor's Association Mid-winter Conference.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Proclamation to Declare March 2023 as the 21st Annual March for Meals Month

Comr. King read the following Proclamation on the record:

PROCLAMATION PROCLAIMING MARCH 2023 AS THE
21st ANNUAL MARCH FOR MEALS MONTH

WHEREAS, on March 22, 1972, President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for individuals 60 years and older.

WHEREAS, for more than five decades, this landmark law has helped to fund community-based organizations – like Meals on Wheels – and it is still the only federal program designed specifically to meet the nutritional and social needs of older adults.

WHEREAS, this year, Meals on Wheels programs from across the country are joining together for the March for Meals awareness campaign to celebrate its success and garner the support needed to ensure these critical programs can continue to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health for years to come.

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs – both congregate and home-delivered, in Calhoun County have served our communities admirably for 51 years; and

WHEREAS, volunteers for Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County are the backbone of the program and they not only deliver nutritious meals to seniors and individuals with disabilities who are at significant risk of hunger and isolation, but also caring concern and attention to their welfare; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County provide nutritious meals to seniors throughout the county that help them maintain their health and independence, thereby helping to prevent unnecessary falls, hospitalizations and/or premature institutionalization; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County provide a powerful opportunity for social connection for millions of seniors to help combat the negative health effects and economic

consequences of loneliness and isolation; and

WHEREAS, Meals on Wheels programs in Calhoun County deserve recognition for the heroic contributions and essential services they have provided amid the COVID-19 pandemic, inclement weather, and other emergencies.

WHEREAS, the senior population is increasing substantially, and action is needed now to support local Meals on Wheels programs through federal, state, and local funding; volunteering; donations; and raising awareness to ensure these vital services can continue to be delivered for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS of Calhoun County do hereby proclaim March 2023 as a month celebrating Meals on Wheels and urge every community member to take this month to honor our senior nutrition programs, the individuals they serve and the volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of, and involvement in, the national March for Meals celebration can enrich our entire community and help combat senior hunger and isolation in America.

Dated this 2nd day of March 2023

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

Res.030-2023

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Proclamation to Declare March 2023 as the 21st Annual March for Meals Month, as presented.”

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

B. Public Hearing on the Proposed County ORV Ordinance

Res.031-2023

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Thompson to OPEN the Public Hearing.”

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

Chair Vette declared the Public Hearing Open.

Marshall resident Joanna Johnson noted a typographical error in Section 2(g).

A resident of Marengo Township requested clarification related to the required speed limit and verbiage in Section 6.

Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer replied that the Ordinance will comply with state statutes which must be followed.

Comr. King added it will be the discretion of individual townships to adopt ORV regulations, which must not conflict with the County's.

Res.032-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Miller to CLOSE the Public Hearing.”

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

Chair Vette declared the Public Hearing Closed.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Other County Resolutions to be acknowledged

B. Resolutions

1. Local Bridge Program Submission 2023

Comr. Miller inquired if the individual bridges being submitted were listed in a specific order of priority

Kelli Scott replied that the Road Department was submitting all listed bridges for equal consideration for funding.

Res.033-2023

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

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. King shared that he participated in the recent check ceremony on behalf of the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board and noted that the Board received this year's check from the Casino's 2022 Net Win in the amount of \$6.2 million.

Comr. King reported that the Land Bank Authority Board held their first meeting in 2023 and noted they provide funding for blighted homes and environmental matters throughout Calhoun County.

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 had no report and proceeded with the first new business agenda item.

B. New Business

1. *CCRD Bid Award RFP#108J-23 Pavement Markings*

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated that this was a joint bid between Calhoun and Jackson Counties.

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

Ms. Scott noted that this is a 2-year bid award with an approximate 9% annual increase compared to the last bid due to market conditions.

Res.034-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Miller to approve the contract with P.K. Contracting, LLC for Pavement Markings RFP#108J-23, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 5, Comrs. Vette, King, Miller, Hatcher, and Thompson.

Excused - 2, Comrs. Frisbie and French

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *CCRD Bid Award RFP#107-23 Asphalt Emulsions*

County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott noted that 3 bids were submitted for this project.

Brad Wilcox was present to answer questions.

Ms. Scott added that the estimated annual amount of \$864,000, which was an approximate 10% increase versus the current year's price, for this one-year contract was included in the Road Department budget for 2023.

Res.035-2023

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the contract with K-Tech Specialty Coatings and Michigan Paving & Materials Co., for Asphalt Emulsions RFP#107-23, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 5, Comrs. Vette, King, Miller, Hatcher, and Thompson.

Excused - 2, Comrs. Frisbie and French

Motion **CARRIED**.

3. *County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Appropriation #6*

Kelli Scott reminded the Board of the key spending principles for ARPA spending discussed numerous times since the funds were awarded in 2021, noting that this recommendation was supported by the Board and Internal budget committees and represented continued strategies to replace lost revenues and deploy the one-time funds for high impact projects. She added that the recommendation was for \$1 Million for the County's Road Department to replace lost revenue, which will provide for more local and primary road work this year; and \$1 Million toward the improvement of internet services to residents of Calhoun County in accordance with the Broadband Task Force's recommendations and upcoming grant funding opportunities.

Comr. Miller expressed his support of funding for road department projects.

Administrator/Controller Scott shared that there would be an expected significant increase in the number of local road projects that could be funded this year with this ARPA appropriation by the County.

Res.036-2023

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Miller to approve the County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Appropriation #6, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 5, Comrs. Vette, King, Miller, Hatcher, and Thompson.

Excused - 2, Comrs. Frisbie and French

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

A Marshall Township resident reiterated concerns regarding the Ford BlueOval Battery Plant project and its impact on the community.

14. Commissioners' Time

Several commissioners noted their support of the Ford Blue Oval Battery Plant in response to negative public comments, and clarified that the partial closure of C Drive and 13 Mile Rd. had already been approved at a previous County Board meeting.

Corporation Counsel Jim Dyer reminded the Board and public that the Board's action on the closure of C Drive and 13 Mile Rd. was in response to a petition filed by residents along the roads, noting the legal requirement for action on the petition within 20 days, which was met.

Comr. Thompson reported on her new assignment on the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) and thanked Helen Guzzo and other members for the training offered to orient her.

15. Claims Payable Listing

- A. *Claims Payable for February 9, 2023 through February 22, 2023 in the amount of \$3,282,185.89.*

Res.037-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for February 9, 2023 through February 22, 2023 in the amount of \$3,282,185.89, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 5, Comrs. Vette, King, Miller, Hatcher, and Thompson.

Excused - 2, Comrs. Frisbie and French

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. Hatcher noted National Women's Day is to be held on March 8, 2023.

Comr Miller shared that the Fair Board (CCAIS) raffle tickets are available until March 16.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners