

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JUNE 1, 2023

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:05, Thursday, June 1, 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, Diane Thompson, and Monique French.

Absent: Comr. Rochelle Hatcher.

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, HR/Labor Relations Director Kim Archambault, Communications Director Lucy Blair, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Susan Connolly.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Comr. French called a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.072-2023

"Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. French to approve the agenda of the June 1, 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 May 4, 2023 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting*

B. *Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners Special Workshop*

Minutes of the May 4, 2023, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting and Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners Special Workshop-Board Orientation.

Res.073-2023

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the Minutes of the May 4, 2023, Board of Commissioners’ Regular Meeting and Minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board of Commissioners Special Workshop-Board Orientation, as presented.”

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

6. Citizens' Time

Mike Eissler requested follow-up regarding a request for records related to Road Department mowing equipment.

Marshall resident, Mr. Adams, objected to the limitation of citizens' time.

Numerous residents shared concerns related to local and foreign business practices, safety concerns related to demonstrations/protests at the Marshall fountain.

Emily Rich of Marshall noted prior requests to the County Board to offer the City of Marshall and other committees/boards to use the County's technology to allow for live streaming of various meetings.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

There was none.

8. Special Order of Business

There was none.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Financial Statements for Information Only: April 30, 2023

2. Other County Resolutions to be acknowledged

B. Resolutions

1. Calhoun County 2023 Summer and Winter Property Tax Resolutions

2. CCRD 2023 Local Road Improvement Agreements

3. 2023 FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board Administrative Services Agreement

4. 2023 Native American Heritage Fund Administrative Services Agreement

5. Interlocal Agreement with CCCDA Implementing Command Central Aware

6. Recision of the October 15, 2020, Local State of Emergency.

Res.074-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the Consent Agenda of the June 1, 2023, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. King reported on recent FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board, Battle Creek Area Transportation Study and Calhoun County Public Health Board meetings.

Comr. French reported on the CareWell Services Area Agency on Aging Oversight Committee; the Land Bank event held May 26; Battle Creek Public Schools Scholarships for College; Battle Creek Civic Leaders Tour with the Chamber of Commerce; and the Calhoun County Sheriff’s Office Awards Ceremony.

Comr. Thompson thanked those who worked at the Senior Expo.

Comr. Frisbie provided an update following the Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

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 Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board met on June 1 and approved Tier II actual cost reimbursement checks, Tier III allocations for payments in lieu of property taxes, and the formula-based Tier IV allocations. She added that the FLRSB voted not to offer a Tier IV discretionary grant process this year, and to instead allow funds to accumulate into 2024.

Ms. Scott mentioned the County was awarded the GFOA - achievement in excellence in reporting award related to their 2021 audit reporting.

B. *New Business*

1. *Sheriff's Office School Liaison Agreement with Marshall Public Schools*

Ms. Scott noted that she was presenting this item on behalf of Sheriff Hinkley, who was at a conference and unable to attend the meeting that evening.

Administrator/Controller Scott highlighted the proposed agreement, stating that it had been approved by Marshall Public Schools.

Kelli Scott added that 100% of the cost for this new school liaison officer provided by the

Office of the Sheriff would be covered by the school district.

Res.075-2023

“Moved Comr. King, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve the Sheriff's Office School Liaison Agreement with Marshall Public Schools, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, and French.
Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *FY24 CVSF Grant Application from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency*

Kelli Scott reported that this grant application would provide approval for an additional \$133,000 to the Veterans Affairs budget to provide emergency financial relief to County Veterans.

Res.076-2023

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 CVSF Grant Application from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, and French.
Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.

Motion **CARRIED**.

3. *Revisions to Policy #315 EEO and Policy #326 Harassment*

Ms. Scott stated that the proposed revisions to the two County policies primarily incorporate recent changes to the state's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act.

Administrator/Controller Scott added that the revisions have been reviewed by elected officials, department heads, the Courts, and union representatives to help foster an inclusive environment for County employees.

Res.077-2023

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Frisbie to approve Revisions to Policy #315 EEO and Policy #326 Harassment, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, and French.
Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.

Motion **CARRIED**.

4. *CCRD Federal Aid Contract with MDOT: - North Avenue from W. Coolidge Ave to Morgan Rd*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott noted that Road Department Manager John Midgley was present to answer any questions.

Ms. Scott reported that the contract for approval would provide federal funding to make improvements to 6 Mile Road in Pennfield Township within the standard MDOT contract terms.

Kelli Scott noted the federal funds will total \$231,717 with a match from the road department in the amount of \$51,383.

Res.078-2023

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Calhoun County Road Department Federal Aid Contract with MDOT: North Avenue from W. Coolidge Ave to Morgan Road, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, and French.
Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.
Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Mr. Adams expressed concerns related to the local government state of emergency declaration.

Ms. Smith addressed Memorial Day celebrations and questioned the relationship with Fort Custer

Marshall residents shared concerns related to the Ford Blue Oval Battery Park project and reported that they submitted 810 signatures for a referendum petition to request a special election.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Miller commented on concerns related to the status of Eckford Township road repairs.

Comr. Frisbie clarified the County's legal powers related to the local state of emergency and the designated Emergency Manager.

Comr. French shared a story about Making a Difference.

15. Claims Payable Listing

A. *Claims Payable for April 27, 2023, through May 10, 2023, in the amount of \$2,982,237.02.*

Res.079-2023

“Moved Comr. Miller, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for April 27, 2023 through May 10, 2023, in the amount of \$2,982,237.02, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, and French.
Absent - 1, Comr. Hatcher.
Motion **CARRIED**.

B. Claims Payable for May 11, 2023 through May 24, 2023, in the amount of \$16,361,855.20.

Res.080-2023

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. French to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for May 11, 2023 through May 24, 2023, in the amount of \$16,361,855.20, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 6, Comrs. Vette, Frisbie, King, Miller, Thompson, and French.
Absent -1, Comr. Hatcher.
Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. French announced that the Battle Creek Taste of the Creek will be held on the upcoming Saturday.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners