

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JULY 18, 2024

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00pm, Thursday, July 18, 2024, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

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

Present: Comrs. Steve Frisbie, Derek King, Tommy Miller, Rochelle Hatcher, Diane Thompson, Monique French, and Al Morehart.

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

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair King called a Moment of Silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Morehart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.092-2024

"Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Miller to approve the agenda of the July 18, 2024, 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 June 20, 2024 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting*

Minutes of the June 20, 2024, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.093-2024

"Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. French to approve the Minutes of the June 20, 2024, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Tom Hunsdorfer from the Senior Millage Allocation Committee shared that the Annual Recognition of Centenarians would be held Friday, July 19 from 2-4 at the Marshall United Methodist Church.

Barry Wayne Adams of Marshall expressed concerns related to County Policies related to employee rights and privileges.

Battle Creek resident Autumn Smith objected to the proposed revisions to Policy #330.

Bob Overley of Marshall Township shared opposition to Policy #330 related to conflict of interest.

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. Other County Resolutions to be Acknowledged*
- 2. Financial Statements for Information Only: June 2024*

B. Resolutions

- 1. Resolution Authorizing Maintenance Expenditures--Duck Lake*
- 2. Resolution Authorizing Maintenance Expenditures--Lyon Lake*
- 3. MERS Service Credit Purchase - Suleiman Sumbal*
- 4. Lease Renewal--Alternative Choices LLC*
- 5. Battle Creek Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Board Appointment*
- 6. Marshall South and Northeast Neighborhood Improvement Authorities Appointment*
- 7. Lease Renewal--Calhoun County Public Health Department*
- 8. Calhoun County Planning Commission Appointment*

9. *CCRD Additional 2024 Local Road Improvement Agreements*

Res.094-2024

Comr. Miller thanked Corporation Counsel Kate Ambrose for her time addressing questions related to items on the Consent Agenda.

“Moved Comr. Hatcher, second by Comr. Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda of the July 18, 2024, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. Miller noted upcoming events at the County Fairgrounds.

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 reminded the Board that the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board applications for discretionary grants are due by July 31.

Ms. Scott highlighted the Consent Agenda item for 2024 Additional Local Road Improvement Agreements for Clarendon, Convis, Emmett, and Sheridan Townships.

Scott gave updates on the upcoming 2024 Capital Improvement Bonds and the Revised State Tax Incentives for the Ford Blue Oval Battery Park project.

Kelli Scott gave a few high level remarks about the State's FY2025 budget, including an approximate 11% increase in revenue sharing and additional funding for the Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. Scott concluded her report with updates on the County's Broadband Task Force and the recent National Association of Counties Conference that she attended.

B. *New Business*

1. *FY25 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Application from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott stated that the grant application is for \$138,000 in additional funding for Oct.1, 2024-Sep.30, 2025 to support the veterans' relief fund.

Veterans Affairs Director Aaron Edlefson added the funds will support veterans in need of payments for utilities, home repairs, and medical emergencies.

Res.095-2024

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 County Veteran Service Fund Grant Application from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 7, Comrs. King, Frisbie, Miller, Hatcher, Thompson, French, and Morehart.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *Policy Revisions: Policy #330 (Voluntary Service and Other Employment) and Policy #341 (Employee Assistance Program)*

Kelli Scott and Kim Archambault explained the revisions to Policy #330, Other Employment and Volunteer Service, noting that the main objective is to address potential conflicts of interest related to outside employment while a county employee.

Comr. Miller state his opposition to the revisions to Policy #330, arguing that employees should not need permission to work a second job or participate in community service.

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott clarified that volunteer service is encouraged, and reiterated that the revisions were mainly to require approval for other employment to avoid conflict of interest.

Comr. Frisbie explained that the policy is similar to private sector policies, aiming to avoid conflict of interest and ensure resolution before starting a second job.

Comrs. French and Hatcher addressed concerns related to county policies and procedures vs. permission.

Comr. Thompson noted her concerns around balancing invasion of privacy vs. conflict of interest.

Res.096-2024

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Miller to Table Policy #330 (Voluntary Service and Other Employment), as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 4, Comrs. King, Frisbie, Thompson, and Morehart.
No - 3, Comrs. Miller, Hatcher, and French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

Res.097-2024

“Moved Comr. Frisbie, second by Comr. Morehart to approve Policy Revision: Policy #341 (Employee Assistance Program), as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 7, Comrs. King, Frisbie, Miller, Hatcher, Thompson, French, and Morehart.

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Residents Autumn Smith and Barry Wayne Adams shared opposition to Policy #330 related to conflict of interest.

Rebecca Sebring of Fredonia Township shared opposition to Policy #330 and conflict of interest related to County employees.

Residents Rick Newcomb, Julie Bryce, and William Martin shared concerns related to Blue Oval/MAJOR site development and water resources.

Jasmin Miller informed of the development of Isaiah 117 House for foster children and zooming matters in Newton Township.

Harrold Weaver of Clarendon Township noted conflict of interest related to union workers.

Clarendon Township Supervisor Steve Schrock noted he was running unopposed

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Miller thanked the road department and administration for funding related to Sheridan Township projects.

15. Claims Payable Listing

A. *Claims Payable for June 13, 2024, through July 9, 2024, in the amount of \$12,313,185.21.*

Res.098-2024

“Moved Comr. Thompson, second by Comr. Miller to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for June 13, 2024, through July 9, 2024, in the amount of \$12,313,185.21, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**, Yes – 7, Comrs. King, Frisbie, Miller, Hatcher, Thompson, French, and Morehart.

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comrs. French and Frisbie noted the Day of Hope in the Washington Heights neighborhood in Battle Creek and the positive turnout.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners