

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

APRIL 15, 2025

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Equalization Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00pm, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 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. Derek King, Monique French, Al Morehart, Dominic Oo, Dan Strowbridge, and Gary Tompkins

Excused: Comr. Matt Saxton.

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator-Internal Services Megan Banning, Assistant County Administrator-Community Services Doug Ferrall, Corporation Counsel Kate Ambrose, HR/Labor Relations Director Kim Archambault, Communications Specialist Lynn Meikle, and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Susan Connolly.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Chair King called for a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.048-2025

"Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Oo to approve the agenda of the April 15, 2025, Equalization Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, as presented."

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

5. Approval of Minutes

A. *Minutes of the March 20, 2025, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting*

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Res.049-2025

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2025, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Al Wickey informed of issues he's having with the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) related to his business and personal property in Homer.

Numerous civilians from Calhoun, Eaton, and Jackson County expressed support for the Wickey family and their business.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Assistant Director of Community Development, Lucy Hough, shared information related to the Parks Millage Allocation listed on the Consent Agenda, including operating guidelines.

Chuck Asher, Chair of the Senior Millage Allocation Committee, expressed support for funding the committee and shared the various services it provides to County seniors, including food distribution.

Veterans Affairs Director, Aaron Edlefson noted that the Consent Agenda included an item requiring a significantly reduced budget for the annual Veterans Service Grant from the State. Mr. Adlefson highlighted the new office space for the VA Office in the Toeller building.

Kristine Parsons, Managing Director of the Road Department, commented regarding the Consent Agenda item related to C Drive North in Marshall.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Proclamation - National Therapy Animal Day

Res.050-2025

"Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Proclamation - National Therapy Animal Day, as presented."

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

B. Proclamation - National County Government Month

Res.051-2025

"Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the Proclamation - National County Government Month, as presented."

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

C. Proclamation - National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

Comr. Strowbridge read the following Proclamation on the record:

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK 2025

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur at any time that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and,

WHEREAS, when an emergency occurs the prompt response of police officers, firefighters and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

WHEREAS, the safety of our police officers and firefighters is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information obtained from citizens who telephone contact the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are the single vital link for our police officers and firefighters by monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and ensuring their safety; and,

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators of the Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch Authority have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires and treatment of patients; and,

WHEREAS, in 2024, Public Safety Telecommunicators in Calhoun County answered 185,244 phone calls, dispatched 172,822 calls for service, and answered 1,382 text-to-911 sessions; and,

WHEREAS, each Public Safety Telecommunicator has exhibited compassion, understanding and professionalism during the performance of their job in the past year;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners declares the week of April 13 through 19, 2025, to be National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our city and citizens safe.

Date: April 15, 2025

Signed: Derek King, Chair Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res.052-2025

“Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Tompkins to approve the Proclamation -

National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, as presented.”

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

D. 2025 Equalization Report and Resolution

Chair King introduced Tom Scott, Deputy Equalization Director.

Mr. Scott provided an overview of the 2025 Report and proposed Resolution.

Comr. Tompkins questioned the main reasons for the percentage increase of just over 7% in countywide equalized values. Tom Scott replied that it was basically just a positive increase in home property values Countywide.

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott asked about the reduction in personal property values in Marshall and Convis Townships, and Tom Scott replied that it was due to the depreciation in the solar development equipment within those townships.

Res.053-2025

“Moved Comr. French, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the 2025 Equalization Report and Resolution, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 6, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, and Tompkins.

Excused - 1, Comr. Saxton.

Motion **CARRIED**.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

- 1. Amendment #1 to FY25 County Veteran Service Fund Grant from Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency*
- 2. Calhoun County Materials Management Planning Committee Appointment*
- 3. 2025 Parks Millage Allocations*
- 4. Calhoun County Parks and Recreation Commission Reappointment*
- 5. Congressionally Directed Spending Request - CCRD Water/Wastewater Connection*

6. *Calhoun County Community Mental Health Authority (Summit Pointe) Board Appointment*

7. *Jurisdictional Transfer of C Drive N*

Res.054-2025

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Strowbridge to approve the Consent Agenda of the April 15, 2025, Board of Commissioner’s Equalization Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

There was none.

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 reported on recent committee meetings, including the Materials Management Planning Committee and the Senior Millage Allocation Committee.

Kelli Scott reminded the Board that Human Resources was accepting applications for the vacant County Treasurer position through April 25.

Ms. Scott mentioned she and Comr. Saxton attended the recent Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) Legislative Conference in Lansing.

Administrator/Controller Scott shared information about recent cuts in federal grants related to public health.

B. *New Business*

1. *Road Work Agreement for Red Maple Rd*

Kristine Parsons, Managing Director of the Road Department, shared that the project is within Newton Township and involves a private stretch of road within a subdivision that is currently not part of the County Road system. Ms. Parsons noted the landowner of the roadway will pay 100% of the cost with the quote for services included with the County's roadway project.

Res.055-2025

“Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Strowbridge to approve the Road Work Agreement

for Red Maple Road, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 6, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, and Tompkins.

Excused - 1, Comr. Saxton.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *CCRD Bid Award: 6 1/2 Mile Rd & Woodland Hills Subdivision Rehabilitation*

Kelli Scott shared that this item was for a road improvement project included in the Newton Township local road improvement plans, and that the County received several bids for the project, and selected Lakeland Asphalt, which was the low bidder. Scott added that the project costs will be split between the County and Newton Township, and that the bid was lower than the original engineer's estimate.

Res.056-2025

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. French to approve the Road Department Bid Award: 6 1/2 Mile Road and Woodland Hills Subdivision Rehabilitation, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 6, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, and Tompkins.

Excused - 1, Comr. Saxton.

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

There was none.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Tompkins thanked the Wickey family and supporters for attending the meeting.

Comr. Tompkins congratulated the Sheriff's Office for their Gold-Level recognition by Lexipol.

Comr. Tompkins expressed his support of the Parks Millage allocations.

15. Claims Payable Listing

- A. *Claims Payable for March 13, 2025, through April 1, 2025, in the amount of \$10,976,277.20*

Res.057-2025

“Moved Comr. Oo, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for March 13, 2025, through April 1, 2025, in the amount of \$10,976,277.20, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 6, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, and Tompkins.

Excused - 1, Comr. Saxton.

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. Tompkins mentioned upcoming Easter celebrations in Albion.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners