

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MARCH 5, 2026

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, March 5, 2026, 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, Matt Saxton, and Gary Tompkins

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator-Internal Services Megan Banning, Assistant County Administrator-Community Services Doug Ferrall, Corporation Counsel Kate Ambrose, Communications Director Amber Coco, and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Susan Connolly.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Board Chair Derek King called for a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. French led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.028-2026

"Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Saxton to approve the agenda of the March 5, 2026, 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 19, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting*

Minutes of the February 19, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.029-2026

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Marshall resident Barry Wayne Adams commented on the Michigan Court of Appeals decision related to the MAJOR campus.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Assistant County Administrator — Community Services Doug Ferrall reported on the County's upcoming requests for state and federal funding through legislatively directed and congressionally directed spending opportunities, noting that the state request is for facility improvements to the Youth Center and the federal requests will be for road improvements in rural townships, along with sheriff's office equipment and safety upgrades.

Managing Director of the Road Department, Kristine Parsons, commented on agenda items listed under new business, including the local road use agreement, replacement of two bridges, and annual bids for hot mix asphalt and environmental services.

8. Special Order of Business

There was none.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

B. Resolutions

1. Sheriff's Office FY2025 Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Agreement

Res.030-2026

“Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Consent Agenda of the March 5, 2026, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. French reported on a recent MSUE Lunch and Learn, which offered numerous district updates. French added that Summit Pointe welcomed a new board member at their recent meeting.

Comr. King highlighted the recent Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board meeting, noting that Tier II grant applications would be published soon, and that Battle Creek City Manager Amanda Zimmerlin was elected as the board chair for 2026.

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 added to Commr. King's report on the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board meeting, noting that Tier II applications are due on April 17 and will be considered at the next meeting scheduled for May 7.

B. *New Business*

1. *CCRD Bid Award: RFP#102-26 HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt Pick-Up)*

Ms. Scott stated that this bid award is for patching materials, which must meet MDOT specifications and will require testing of all materials.

Kristine Parsons noted the benefits of selecting two vendors.

Res.031-2026

"Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Morehart to approve Calhoun County Road Department Bid Award: RFP#102-26 HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt Pick-Up), as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 7, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.
Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *CCRD Bid Award: RFP#104-26 Environmental Services and Material Testing*

Kelli Scott stated that this bid award is for on demand environmental services and material testing for the 2026 construction season. Scott added that the contractor is required to comply with MDOT standards and that the recommended vendor was chosen through a scoring matrix.

Ms. Parsons emphasized the importance of testing materials, and noted that the vendor chosen, SME, has provided high customer service and excellence in the past.

Res.032-2026

"Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Oo to approve Calhoun County Road Department Bid Award: RFP#104-26 Environmental Services and Material Testing, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 7, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.
Motion **CARRIED**.

3. *CCRD Federal Aid Contract: L Dr S & 25 1/2 Mile Rd Bridge Replacements*

Administrator/Controller Scott stated that this contract will provide federal funding for two bridge replacements, with the County match portion totaling 10%-15%, or \$300,000 for both replacements.

Managing Director of the Road Department, Parsons noted the bridges are on the critical list for replacement, which the state local bridge program approved in 2024.

Res.033-2026

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Morehart to approve Calhoun County Road Department Federal Aid Contract: L Dr S & 25 1/2 Mile Road Bridge Replacements, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 7, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.
Motion **CARRIED**.

4. *CCRD Road Work Agreement for 29 Mile Rd*

Kelli Scott stated that this agreement will allow for a private entity, Michigan Paving, to perform road improvements needed due to increased truck traffic on 29 mile road, near the entrance to their asphalt plant. Scott added that these improvements will be covered 100% by Michigan Paving, dba Stoneco, with no cost to the County, and that the County's Road Department would permit and inspect the work.

Kristine Parsons added Homer Township and Stoneco will work with the road department to complete the necessary repairs.

Res.034-2026

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Oo to approve Calhoun County Road Department Road Work Agreement for 29 Mile Road, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 7, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.
Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Marshall resident Barry Wayne Adams shared opposition to the proposed data center in proximity to the Brooks Nature Center.

Homer Township resident Ms. Nasser requested commissioners to make sure their microphones were turned on while speaking.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Tompkins shared that March is Trisomy Awareness Month, which focuses on Trisomy 18 (Edwards Syndrome).

15. Claims Payable Listing

- A. *Claims Payable for February 12, 2026, through February 25, 2026, in the amount of \$4,728,198.09*

Res.035-2026

“Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Saxton to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for February 12, 2026, through February 25, 2026, in the amount of \$4,728,198.09, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 7, Comrs. King, French, Morehart, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. French acknowledged Comr. Tompkins' announcement regarding the awareness of Trisomy 18 (Edwards Syndrome).

Comr. French added a comment about the W.K.Kellogg Foundation's efforts to address the housing shortage in Battle Creek.

Comr. Saxton shared that Marshall Township is accepting applications for a new clerk and township supervisor as each resigned at the last meeting.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47p.m. at the call of the Chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners



**CALHOUN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

At a Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, held in Board Chambers, Calhoun County Building, 315 West Green Street, Marshall, Michigan, on Thursday, March 5, 2026, with Chair Derek King presiding, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does approve the attached Sheriff's Office FY25 EMPG Grant Agreement for the performance period 10/01/2024-09/30/2025 and authorizes the Board Chair to sign all necessary documents.

Res.030-2026

"Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Oo to approve Sheriff's Office FY25 EMPG Grant Agreement for the performance period 10/01/2024-09/30/2025, as presented on the Consent Agenda."

On a **VOICE VOTE**

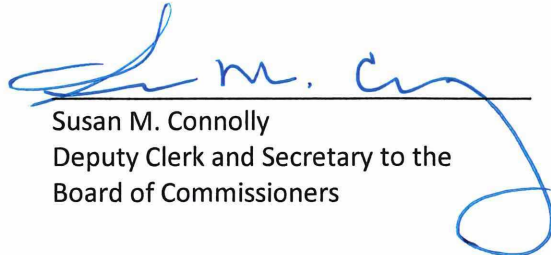
Present - 7, Comrs. Oo, French, Morehart, Strowbridge, King, Saxton, and Tompkins.

Motion **CARRIED**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

I, the undersigned, Calhoun County Deputy Clerk and Secretary to the Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting held on March 5, 2026, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be made available as required by said Act.

Dated: March 5, 2026



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RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby approves contracts with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation and Michigan Paving and Materials Co. for HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt Pick-Up), as presented, and authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to execute the agreements on behalf of the County.

Res.031-2026

"Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Morehart to approve contracts with Lakeland Asphalt Corporation and Michigan Paving and Materials Co. for HMA (Hot Mix Asphalt Pick-Up), as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

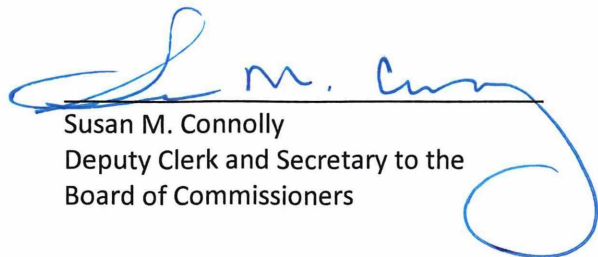
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RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve a contract with Soil Materials Engineers, Inc., (SME) for Environmental Services and Material Testing, as presented, and authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Res.032-2026

"Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Oo to approve the contract with Soil Materials Engineers, Inc., (SME) for Environmental Services and Material Testing, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

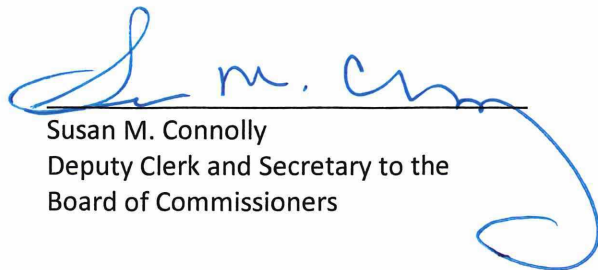
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RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #26-5024, which covers the removal and replacement of Structure 1301, which carries L Dr S over the South Branch Kalamazoo River, and Structure 1335, which carries 25 1/2 Mile Rd over the Kalamazoo River, including earthwork, concrete substructure, bridge approaches, hot mix asphalt approach, subbase, aggregate base, drainage, cofferdams, piling, riprap, bridge railing & guardrail, concrete curb & gutter, and permanent pavement markings and all together with necessary related work, and authorizes the Managing Director to sign the contract, all required supporting documentation, and any subsequent amendments, on behalf of Calhoun County.

Res.033-2026

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Morehart to approve Michigan Department of Transportation Contract #26-5024, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

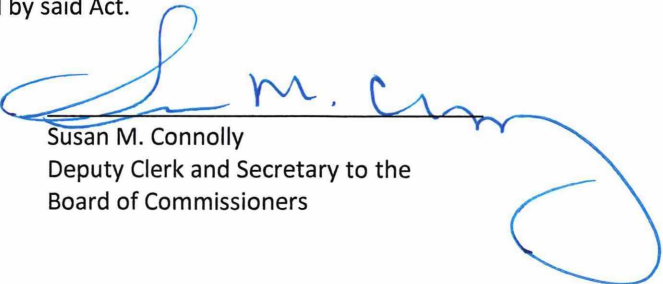
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RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the fully executed road agreement for the portion of 29 Mile Rd from the Stoneco pit driveway to M-60 in Albion & Homer Townships with Stoneco/Michigan Paving & Materials and authorizes the Managing Director to sign this agreement, and any other required documentation, on behalf of the County.

Res.034-2026

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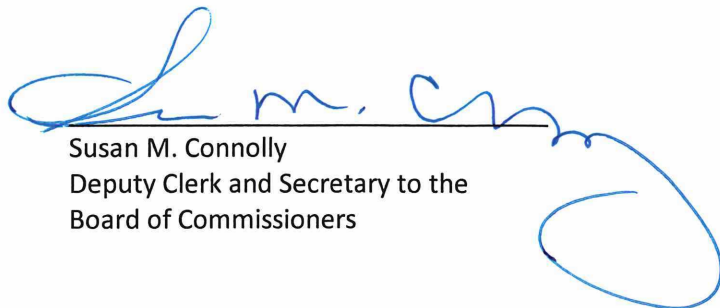
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