

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

AUGUST 6, 2026

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00pm, Thursday, August 6, 2026, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

Chair Derek King called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.
Present: Comrs. Derek King, Al Morehart, Dominic Oo, Dan Strowbridge, Matt Saxton, and Gary Tompkins.
Absent/Excused: Comr. Monique French.

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator-Internal Services Megan Banning, Assistant County Administrator-Community Services Doug Ferrall, HR/Labor Relations Director Karissa Hutchins, Communications Director Amber Coco, and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Teri Zadigian.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Comr. King called for a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Tompkins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.085-2026

"Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Agenda of the August 6, 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 July 16, 2026 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting*

Minutes of the July 16, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.086-2026

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr.Strowbridge to approve the Minutes of the July 16, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Marshall resident Barry Wayne Adams commented regarding the City of Marshall's recently passed moratorium on data center development.

Carl Gallahough from Lee Township expressed concerns related to the road department and solar development.

Richard Lindsey of Marshall Township and MAEDA legal counsel, expressed support for the property transfer and easement items on the agenda.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

County Treasurer Melinda Weaver commented on recent communications and educational media from her office about tax assessments, how to read bills, foreclosures, and other topics.

8. Special Order of Business

A. Calhoun County 2025 Audited Financial Statements, 2025 Act 51 Report and Related Communications:

- 1. Presentation by Nathan Balderman, Rehmann*
- 2. Acceptance of 2025 Audit and 2025 Act 51 Report*

Nathan Balderman with Rehmann offered an overview of the audit process and reported that the audit firm issued an unmodified or clean opinion on the County's 2025 financial statements, and that the County again received the GFOA excellence in financial reporting certification.

Mr. Balderman noted new and upcoming reporting standards that will affect the County. He added that there was no deficiencies in the report or noncompliance in federal programs.

Res.087-2026

“Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Calhoun County 2025 Audited Financial Statement, 2025 Act 51 Report and related communications, as presented.”

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

B. Proclamation - 2026 The Wall That Heals

Comr. Saxton read the following Proclamation - 2026 The Wall That Heals into the record as follows:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The Calhoun County Red White Blue Foundation proudly announces that The Wall That Heals will visit Southwest Michigan as part of our nation's 250th Anniversary celebration. The exhibit will be open to the public August 20–23, 2026, at the Harper Creek High School soccer field complex, 7290 B Drive North, Battle Creek;

WHEREAS, The Wall That Heals is a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, accompanied by a mobile Education Center. Its mission is to honor and remember those who served in the Vietnam War by bringing healing, reflection, and education to communities across the country. Since 1996, the exhibit has visited more than 800 communities, allowing millions to experience the Memorial's legacy;

WHEREAS, The traveling exhibit provides veterans, families, and community members an opportunity to pay tribute to the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice and to reflect on the service of more than three million Americans who served in the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS, The Calhoun County Red White Blue Foundation is honored to bring this meaningful experience to our community and invites all residents and visitors to join us in remembrance and reflection as we welcome The Wall That Heals;

NOW THEREFORE, We, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners do hereby recognize that The Wall That Heals will be open to the public August 20-23, 2026 and encourage all residents to visit the memorial.

Date: August 6, 2026

Signed: Matt Saxton, Vice-chair Calhoun County Board of Commissioners

Res.088-2026

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the Proclamation - 2026 The Wall That Heals, as presented."

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

C. Draft County Comprehensive Plan

Community Development Director Jen Bomba shared a presentation of the County Comprehensive Plan, noting that the County is updating the plan that was previously adopted in June 2005 for twenty years. Ms. Bomba noted that this plan is compliant with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, PA33 of 2008.

Jen Bomba noted engagement of local government representatives, county departments, focus area and stakeholder meetings in the plan development process, and noted that the plan includes updated trends shaping the County's future.

Res.089-2026

“Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Oo to approve the draft County Comprehensive Plan, as presented.”

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

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Other County Resolutions to be Acknowledged

B. Resolutions

1. 2026 MERS Delegate Certification

Res.090-2026

“Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Saxton to approve the Consent Agenda of the August 6, 2026, Board of Commissioner’s Regular Session, as presented.”

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Comr. Strowbridge reported that the 911 Board met last month and provided an update as to the reorganization of the board.

Comr. King reported that the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board met in July and completed its 2026 funding and distribution process.

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 noted highlights within the 2025 audit report and Road Department 2025 Act 51 report.

Scott added that the County's internal and Board of Commissioners Budget Committees met recently, noting that Comrs. King, Tompkins and French are the Board's representatives for the budgeting process.

Scott also reported that the County's Opioid Settlement Funds Steering Committee met on August 6, and reviewed updates from the 2025 RFP awardees as well as updates from the Michigan Association of Counties on upcoming opioid response funding opportunities.

Scott thanked Megan Banning for her leadership over the 2025 audit process.

B. New Business

1. Property Transfer and Easement Agreements

Res.091-2026

“Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the property transfer and easement agreements, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. 2026 Mid-Year Budget Amendments

Kelli Scott provided an overview of the proposed mid-year 2026 budget amendments, outlining the process to develop the proposal.

Scott noted the key items adjusted included:

- A decrease in marijuana tax revenue
- Property tax revenues trending above projections
- Increased operating costs within the Jail
- Ongoing litigation-related expenses
- Rising employee health insurance costs
- Higher Road Department maintenance costs
- Preparation for the year-end budget process scheduled for December

Commissioner Saxton offered additional comments regarding the ongoing litigation involving the City of Battle Creek.

Res.092-2026

“Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Oo to approve the 2026 Mid-Year Budget Amendments, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Mr. Gallahough commented on the road department mowing.

Mr. Adams highlighted the Marshall City Council meeting held last week.

Richard Lindsey encouraged residents to read the notification from Ford regarding development of their new Fathom truck to be developed by 2027.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Strowbridge addressed Bedford Township and Land Bank projects.

15. Claims Payable Listing

A. Claims Payable for July 3, 2026 through July 29, 2026 in the amount of \$9,379,791.64

Res.093-2026

“Moved Comr. Oo, second by Comr. Saxton, to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for July 3, 2026 through July 29, 2026 in the amount of \$9,379,791.64, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

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

Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

There were none.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22p.m. at the call of the Vice-chair.

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Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

JULY 16, 2026

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:00pm, Thursday, July 16, 2026, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, MI.

Vice Chair Matt Saxton called the meeting to order and requested the Deputy Clerk call the roll.

Present: Comrs. Monique French, Dominic Oo, Dan Strowbridge, Matt Saxton, and Gary Tompkins

Absent/Excused: Comrs. Derek King and Al Morehart.

Staff Present: Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott, Assistant County Administrator-Internal Services Megan Banning, HR/Labor Relations Director Karissa Hutchins, Communications Director Amber Coco, and Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Susan Connolly.

2. Moment of Silence/Invocation

Vice Chair Saxton called for a moment of silence.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

Comr. Oo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda

Res.079-2026

"Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Agenda of the July 16, 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 June 18, 2026 Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting

Minutes of the June 18, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting.

Res.080-2026

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Minutes of the June 18, 2026, Board of Commissioners' Regular Meeting, as presented."

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

6. Citizens' Time

Sylia Benavidez, Administrative Support for the MSU Extension Office, provided an overview of the services available to local residents. Offerings include online courses, informational pamphlets, and educational materials, with a focus on food safety certification resources.

Barry Wayne Adams of Marshall noted a decline in the availability of crude oil products. He emphasized the ongoing need to explore and invest in alternative energy options.

Casey Swinton, representing Congressman Tim Walberg's office, shared recent congressional activity and provided an update on current funding efforts being handled by the office.

7. Elected/Appointed County Officials' Comments

Kristine Parsons, Managing Director of the Road Department, commented on items included in the consent agenda, including a local road improvement agreement with Sheridan Township for three individual projects.

8. Special Order of Business

There was none.

9. Consent Agenda

A. Petitions, Communications, Reports

1. Financial Statements For Information Only: June 2026

B. Resolutions

1. 2026 Native American Heritage Fund Administrative Services Agreement

2. CCRD Local Road Improvement Agreement: Sheridan Township

3. Updated Bylaws and Intergovernmental Agreement of the Michigan Works! Southwest Workforce Development Board

4. MERS Service Credit Purchase - Chris Young

5. Contract Extension for the Administrator/Controller

Res.081-2026

"Moved Comr. French, second by Comr. Strowbridge to Approve the Consent Agenda of the

July 16, 2026, Board of Commissioner's Regular Session, as presented."

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

10. Special Committee/Workshop/Board Reports

Commissioner Tompkins reported that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) met on July 10 and provided several updates regarding the committee's recent activities. He further noted that the Homer Lake Board convened on July 15 and members discussed cost-share opportunities and matters related to the lake level.

Commissioner French reported that the Advisory Council for Carewell Services met recently. She noted that the organization's Chief Operating Officer retired after 48 years of service.

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 that the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board (FLRSB) met on July 15 and approved all remaining allocations totaling 6.1 million dollars. She also noted that the Planning Commission met recently and voted to forward the new 20-year comprehensive master plan for public comment and then adoption.

Ms. Scott shared that the Board of Commissioners Legislative Liaison Committee met recently and discussed several topics, including the state's FY27 budget implications for the County, property tax reform efforts, and the status of the state's 2025 Road Funding package.

B. *New Business*

1. *CCRD Road Use Agreement with Pivot Energy*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott explained that the agreement provides funding intended to protect the County's roads during and after construction by requiring the solar developer to remit funds at the beginning of construction in addition to at the end. Scott expressed her appreciation to Kristine Parsons, Doug Ferrall, and Kate Ambrose for their collaboration and support in working on the development of this agreement.

Res.082-2025

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. French to Approve the Calhoun County Road Department Road Use Agreement with Pivot Energy, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 5, Comrs. French, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

Absent/Excused - 2, Comr. King and Morehart.

Motion **CARRIED**.

2. *CCRD Road Use Agreement with Key Capture Energy*

Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott noted that the agreement with Key Capture energy is similar to the Pivot Energy Agreement.

Ms. Scott highlighted that Calhoun County continues to be a state leader in solar development and shared that Kristine Parsons will be presenting at an upcoming County Road Association Workshop.

Res.083-2026

“Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Oo to approve the Road Use Agreement with Capture Energy, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 5, Comrs. French, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

Absent/Excused - 2, Comr. King and Morehart.

Motion **CARRIED**.

13. Citizens' Time

Barry Wayne Adams of Marshall commented regarding matters related to Blue Oval and the proposed data center. He also announced his intention to run for mayor. Mr. Adams expressed concerns about the increasing use of artificial intelligence and its potential impacts.

14. Commissioners' Time

Comr. Oo provided a summary of the recent Planning Commission meeting and reported on the Centenarian Celebration held on July 16.

15. Claims Payable Listing

A. *Claims Payable for June 11, 2026 through July 2, 2026 in the amount of \$9,512,985.25*

Res.084-2026

“Moved Comr. Oo, second by Comr. Tompkins to approve the Calhoun County Claims Payable for June 11, 2026 through July 2, 2026, in the amount of \$9,512,985.25, as presented.”

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES – 5, Comrs. French, Oo, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

Absent/Excused - 2, Comr. King and Morehart.

Motion **CARRIED**.

16. Announcements

Comr. Tompkins announced numerous upcoming events in Marengo, Eckford, Albion and Homer townships.

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43p.m. at the call of the Vice 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, August 6, 2026, with Chair Derek King presiding, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the Calhoun County 2025 Audited Financial Statements, 2025 Act 51 Report and Related Communications.

Res.087-2026

“Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Oo to accept the Calhoun County 2025 Audited Financial Statements, 2025 Act 51 Report and Related Communications, as presented.”

On a **VOICE VOTE**

Present - 6, Comrs. Oo, King, Morehart, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

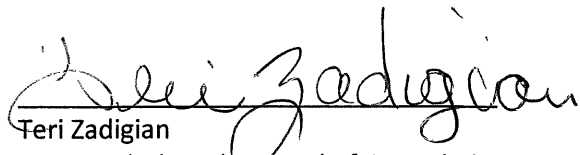
Excused/Absent – 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

I, the undersigned, Calhoun County Deputy Clerk 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 August 6, 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: August 6, 2026


Teri Zadigian
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, August 6, 2026, with Chair Derek King presiding, the following action was taken:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the draft County Comprehensive Plan and authorize distribution of the draft Plan to begin the 63-day public review period.

Res.089-2026

"Moved Comr. Morehart, second by Comr. Oo to approve the draft County Comprehensive Plan and authorize distribution, as presented."

On a VOICE VOTE

Present - 6, Comrs. Oo, King, Morehart, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

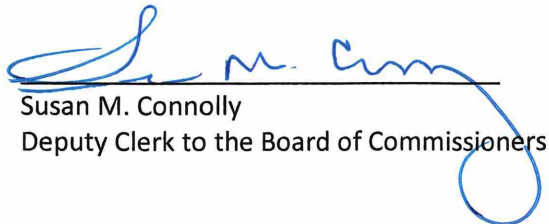
Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

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Dated: August 11, 2026



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, August 6, 2026, with Chair Derek King presiding, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves the 2026 MERS Officer and Employee Delegates, as presented, and authorizes the Board Chair to sign the certification form.

Res.090-2026

"Moved Comr. Strowbridge, second by Comr. Saxton to approve the 2026 MERS Officer and Employee Delegates, as presented."

On a **VOICE VOTE**

Present - 6, Comrs. Oo, King, Morehart, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

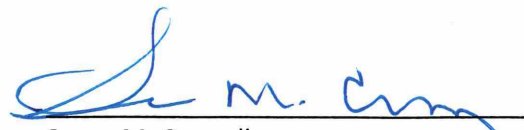
Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

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Dated: August 11, 2026



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, August 6, 2026, with Chair Derek King presiding, the following action was taken:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Property Transfer and Development Agreement between Calhoun County and the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance, purchasing the "Conservation Parcel," the Access Easement Agreement between Calhoun County, the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance and the City of Marshall, and the Property Transfer and Development Agreement between Calhoun County, Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance and the Living Trust of Douglas R. Boshears, selling a 0.039-acre parcel to the Living Trust of Douglas R. Boshears, as presented and authorizes County Administrator/Controller Kelli Scott to sign all necessary documentation including the agreements and quit claim deeds.

Res.091-2026

"Moved Comr. Saxton, second by Comr. Morehart to approve the Property Transfer and Development Agreement between Calhoun County and the Marshall Area Economic Development Alliance, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES - 6, Comrs. Oo, King, Morehart, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

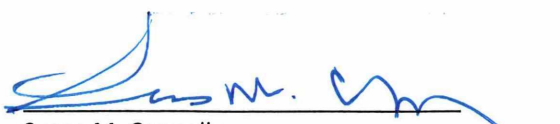
Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

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Dated: August 10, 2026


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, August 6, 2026, with Vice-chair Matt Saxton presiding, the following action was taken:

RESOLVED, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the FY 2026 Mid-Year Budget Amendments for the General Fund and several Special Revenue Funds, as presented.

Res.092-2026

"Moved Comr. Tompkins, second by Comr. Oo to approve the FY 2026 Mid-Year Budget Amendments for the General Fund and several Special Revenue Funds, as presented."

On a **ROLL CALL VOTE**

YES - 6, Comrs. Oo, King, Morehart, Strowbridge, Saxton, and Tompkins.

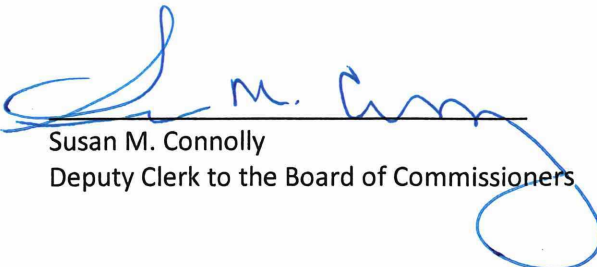
Absent/Excused - 1, Comr. French.

Motion **CARRIED**.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
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COUNTY OF CALHOUN)

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Dated: August 11, 2026


Susan M. Connolly
Deputy Clerk to the Board of Commissioners