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### Board of Commissioners Minutes

CALHOUN COUNTY  
 PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 November 6, 2003

The Regular Session of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners convened at 7:01 p.m., Thursday, November 6, 2003 in the Commissioners' Meeting Room, County Building, Marshall, Michigan.

Roll Call: Present: Comrs. Frederick, Ivey, Miller, Segal and Strowbridge. Temporarily Excused: Comrs. Austin and Moore (Arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

#### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

A Moment of Personal Prayer was observed; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Comr. Ivey.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADDENDUM:

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Miller, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the November 6, 2003 agenda and addendum as presented."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the October 2, 2003, and October 14, 2003 Special Session and Regular Session minutes as presented."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

#### ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS' COMMENTS:

Prosecutor John Hallacy addressed the Byrne Grant approved by the Board at the previous Board meeting, advising that tonight the Battle Creek Community Foundation gave the Prosecutor's Office \$7,000 towards the 25 percent match amount required, leaving only \$166 remaining which he believes the Office can cover; therefore, the Office is proceeding with that Grant and development of the victims' handbook and advertising.

#### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS:

##### **Budget Stabilization Fund Ordinance Public Hearing**

Vice Chairperson Frederick declared the public hearing open for comment at 7:07 p.m. and receiving no comments, declared the public hearing closed at 7:08 p.m.

##### **Special Tribute to Joanne Konkle**

###### Res. 183-2003

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Moore, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following Special Tribute:

WHEREAS, JOANNE KONKLE is retiring November 1, 2003 as Director of the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility after Nineteen {19}Years of service; and

WHEREAS, under Joanne's leadership, the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility is one of the top medical care facilities in the state providing compassionate care to its residents; and

WHEREAS, during Joanne's tenure she wrote the start up grant for the Adult Day Care and Geriatric Nurse Practitioner Programs and served as Second Director of the Adult Day Care Program; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Konkle prior to becoming Director of the Medical Care Facility, served as Human Service Caseworker for the Michigan Department of Social Services from 1970 to 1972, served as a member on the Mental Health Board from 1973 to 1976, and has been a pioneer in mental health reform for the past 24 years; and

WHEREAS, Joanne also served on the Substance Abuse Council and continues

to serve on the Calhoun County Association for Retarded Citizens; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Konkle is the past President of the Michigan County Medical Care Facilities Council and was a Calhoun County Commissioner representing the 13th District for six years from 1971 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Joanne for many years has been a volunteer with the State's Special Olympics, is active with the Alzheimer's Association and is always monitoring and reviewing legislation pertaining to issues for the elderly and mentally handicapped citizens.

Joanne has been married to her husband Ted for 51 years. Ted and Joanne have four children, Lin, Kathy, Laura and Kim; and seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Joanne received a BA in Sociology from Albion College in 1970, a MSW from Western Michigan University in 1982 and was a Graduate Specialist in Gerontology at Western Michigan University in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Joanne Konkle has contributed significant portions of her time and energy to enhance the well being of residents in her care and whose dedication and steadfast guidance shall be missed by her staff, the residents and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners that JOANNE KONKLE is hereby honored and thanked for her never-ending desire to provide the best skilled nursing care to the residents at the Calhoun County Medical Care Facility and for her on-going efforts for the betterment of this community. On behalf of all of Calhoun County and its citizens, we offer Joanne our sincerest wishes for a happy retirement."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

Vice Chairperson Frederick advised that the tribute was presented at Ms. Konkle's retirement party. Ms. Konkle thanked the Board for allowing her to serve as Director of the Facility for all these years, and introduced the new director and staff present.

Vice Chairperson Frederick turned the Chair over to Chairman Austin at 7:15 p.m.

#### **Special Tribute to Joseph M. Stewart**

Chairman Austin advised that the tribute is being presented to Mr. Stewart by Treasurer Petredean at tonight's event.

#### Res. 184-2003

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Miller, resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following Special Tribute:

WHEREAS, it is the express privilege of the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners to convey to Joseph M. Stewart sincere appreciation for the outstanding leadership and service he has provided to Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, the entire County has benefitted from Joe's commitment to the community by virtue of his association with the many Boards and Commissions he has served, diligently giving unceasing and faithfully of his time; and

WHEREAS, over the years Joe has been consistently recognized as a leader in the food service field, has devoted his time and energy to serving on the Board of Southern University System Foundation, recipient of an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from Albion College, served on the AAA Board of Michigan, Past Chairman of the Governing Board of Battle Creek Health Systems and Chairman of the Calhoun County Health Improvement Program, Greater Battle Creek United Way Campaign, was twice appointed by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture to the Agriculture Extension Users Advisory Board, served as a Board Member for the Greater Battle Creek Urban League, and others too numerous to mention.

IN EXPRESS TRIBUTE, THEREFORE, this tribute is meant to signify our appreciation to Joseph M. Stewart for his outstanding service given to Calhoun County and to extend our best wishes to him in all his future endeavors."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

#### Res. 185-2003

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the following November 6, 2003 Consent Agenda as presented:

#### A. Petitions, Communications, Reports:

(1) Resolution received from Antrim County urging the Governor to reconsider her veto of Senate Bill 293 (Use of state-owned communication towers). (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons, with a copy remitted to Sheriff Allen Byam)

(2) Communication received from Bay County supporting additional language to House Bill 4344 to amend the Downtown Development Authority Act. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)

(3) Notice of a public hearing scheduled for October 21, 2003 regarding granting Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificates to Hotset Corporation and Prairie Farms Dairy received from Battle

Creek City. (Received and placed on file, with a copy remitted to Interim Equalization Director Jeanne Cortright)

(4) Resolution received from Ingham County approving revision of the appointment section of the Intercounty Agreement For The Creation Of The Mid-South Substance Abuse Commission. (Received and placed on file)

(5) Resolution received from Oakland County supporting nomination of Oakland County Commissioner Eric Coleman for the office of Second Vice President of the National Association of Counties. (Received and placed on file)

(6) Resolution received from Isabella County requesting Legislators provide the American public with affordable, quality health care. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)

(7) Resolution received from Osceola County urging the State to allow local government participation in the State Prescription Drug Purchasing Program and requesting the Michigan Association of Counties adopt county participation in the Program as a legislative priority. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)

(8) Resolution received from St. Clair County opposing any further reduction in State revenue sharing. (Referred to the Legislative Liaisons)

**B. Resolutions:**

(1) Special Elections Scheduling Committee Appointment  
(Term Expires December 31, 2004)

{a) Janice Darling -- Board of Education  
Representative (Replacing Jeffrey Albaugh)"

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

**WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Calhoun County Security Committee**

Committee Chairman Bradley Wilcox reported that the Committee convened for the first time on September 16, elected its officers and discussed basic goals and objectives. At the next meeting on October 1 the Committee compiled an inventory of security issues and potential security enhancement projects and prioritized based on funding sources through the Homeland Security Grant. Of the security enhancements the Committee identified, replacement of the metal detector at the Justice Complex public entrance was determined the highest ranking project. A barrier to separate the entering public from exiting visitors was recommended as a complimentary project in enhancing security at the public entrance. Mr. Wilcox advised that the recommendation for the barrier shall be addressed later within the agenda.

**2004 Budget Workshop**

Workshop Chairman Moore reported that the Workshop has been meeting with Administration for the past couple of months starting with a budget request of \$9 Million that has been whittled down to a request for \$3.5 Million. Comr. Moore stated that the Workshop is in the third round of negotiations to whittle that amount down for a balanced budget as required by Michigan law. Comr. Moore expressed appreciation for the work done by everyone involved.

Comr. Moore advised that the Workshop has budgeted in a 3 percent state revenue sharing reduction, however, pointed out that the percentage may be higher. Comr. Moore further advised that the Workshop has been reviewing all revenue funds and that some of the decisions have pushed the comfort level. Comr. Moore reported that Chairman Austin and he met with some of the department heads today to attempt to narrow the gap, and he believes everyone realizes the severity of the problem.

Comr. Moore stated that the county has not received a decision from the state regarding revenue sharing, therefore, in a desire to hold out as long as possible so as not to approve the budget and then have to amend it, a revised budget calendar is being presented. Comr. Moore advised that the budget public hearing shall be conducted at the December 4 Board Meeting and that final adoption of the budget is scheduled for the December 18 Board Meeting.

**PETITIONS AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**County Administrator/Controller's Report**

*2004 Senior Millage Funding Recommendation*

County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell advised that the Senior Millage Allocation Committee has worked for months to determine contract awards totaling \$1,738,800.

Senior Services Director Angela Wiseley advised that formal bids were solicited for ten specific programs; e.g., transportation, prescriptions, case management, home delivered meals, congregational meals, hospice respite care, guardianship, in-home services, dental, and health screenings; further, also provided is \$50,000 for "other" services. Seven vendors submitted proposals for a total request of \$2,060,209. The Committee conducted interviews by service category and each member completed evaluation matrices on each program proposal.

Ms. Wiseley advised that the Committee tabled dental funding for the Health Department as the Department will no longer be providing dental services through the clinic and are considering having the services done off-site. Ms. Wiseley advised that the Committee requested that Civil Counsel determine whether the change in the dental program impacts the validity of the Department's request for proposal response, and based upon discussion with Mr. Wilcox and Atty. Mullett it was determined that dental services should be re-bid.

Ms. Wiseley continued that there are two programs; e.g., health screening and hospice that were not allocated. Ms. Wiseley stated that she will be recommending a new policy to the Committee regarding how to re-bid for those services, which if approved, shall come before the Board at the December 4 Board Meeting.

Res. 186-2003

"Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Miller, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the FY 2004 Senior Millage funding recommendation in the total amount of \$1,738,800 as presented by the Senior Millage Allocation Committee; further, authorize the Administrative Services and Senior Services Departments to prepare the FY 2004 Senior Millage Service Provider Agreements in the aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,738,800 for execution by the Board Chairman on behalf of Calhoun County."

Comr. Miller advised that there were some service providers who submitted their responses to the request for proposals late and were denied funding. Comr. Miller pointed out that those late responses and the Health Department's change from the proposal amounts to unresponsive responses to proposals, and inquired whether a wholesale change is being made in county policy as a result of the dental program. Comr. Miller inquired why Hospice and 2-1-1 cannot rebid in mid-year also.

General Counsel Nancy Mullett advised that Mr. Wilcox, Ms. Wiseley and her reviewed the issue. Atty. Mullett stated that two vendors were non-responsive at the beginning of the process, which is different in nature and scope from the Health Department that had a change in circumstances in providing the service.

Chairman Austin concurred, pointing out that those vendors who did not respond in time are different than the Health Department; further advised that for the services where proposals were received late, the funding has already been appropriated. Chairman Austin explained that the policy change to be recommended is to allow those services not allocated to be bid mid-year. Chairman Austin stated regarding the dental services, that the Committee made an award based on the Health Department's proposal submitted, however, now the Department's circumstances have changed.

"Motion by Comr. Miller, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners allow un-responded 2004 Senior Millage service provider requests for proposals to rebid at the same time as rebid for the dental services program."

Chairman Austin advised that the resolution died due to lack of support.

Roll call vote on the Original Resolution:

Yes - 6 (Comrs. Moore, Segal, Strowbridge, Austin, Frederick and Ivey)

No - 1 (Comr. Miller)

Motion CARRIED

**Prosecutor's Request to Hire Above Minimum Salary Level**

Prosecutor John Hallacy stated that Mr. Turbett has a wealth of knowledge which he brings from the Michigan State Police Department, and advised that the position is currently funded at Step Six and has previously remained vacant to acquire a budget savings.

Chairman Austin inquired whether the position is budgeted at the higher level within the Office's 2004 budget request. Prosecutor Hallacy responded Yes.

Comr. Segal advised that she shall support the request because of the importance of the position, however, pointed out that with the budget situation this is bad time to hire at a salary level which the county may not be able to fund in the future. Prosecutor Hallacy responded that he understands, however, pointed out that the change in pay scale is a matter of acquiring a qualified applicant.

Comr. Moore stated that he believes the Board must balance its decisions on a case by case basis, and advised that he shall support the request.

Res. 187-2003

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve pursuant to 19.2 of the Agreement between the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and the Government Employees Labor Council, a change in pay scale assignment for Roy W. Turbett, Criminal Investigator, from Step One (1) to Step Six (6) (Pay Range M) with said change to be effective the date of hire (October 21, 2003)."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

**Carpeting Purchase Bid Award**

Mr. Wilcox advised that four proposals were received. Mr. Wilcox stated that the county has had previous experience with three of the vendors and is equally satisfied with their work. The evaluation committee recommends bid award to the low bidder, Custer Office Environments.

Res. 188-2003

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Strowbridge, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid (RFB#16-03) in the amount of \$15,548 for the purchase and installation of carpeting within the Justice Center main common hallway area to Custer Office

Environments of Kalamazoo, Michigan; further, authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a purchase order to Custer Office Environments in an amount not to exceed \$15,548."

Comr. Strowbridge advised that he cannot support the recommendation, and recommended that a committee be established to review purchasing practices and develop some policy revisions. Comr. Strowbridge stated that there is some strong sentiment for awarding to local vendors as much as possible to keep county funds in Calhoun County.

Chairman Austin concurred with establishing the committee and advised that there shall be some discussion regarding this issue prior to the next Board meeting.

Comr. Moore inquired what the purchasing policy states regarding awarding bids when all things are equal. Mr. Wilcox responded that the policy provides for selecting the local vendor if all things are equal.

Roll call vote:

Yes -5 (Comrs. Austin, Frederick, Ivey, Moore and Segal)

No - 2 (Comrs. Strowbridge and Miller)

Motion CARRIED

#### **Sheriff Department Mobile Data Computers Bid Award**

Mr. Purcell advised that award is recommended in the amount of \$111,248 which will come from the COPS More Technology Grant.

Sheriff Allen Byam credited Sgt. Ham for acquiring the Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Mr. Wilcox advised that the Purchasing Division issued a formal request for bids and upon evaluation of the bids, the evaluation committee recommends award to Motorola, Inc. due to the completeness of their response, a preference for the Motorola equipment due to a greater processing speed, expandability of the equipment to accommodate an upgrade from analog to digital, and the capability of interfacing with the current Calhoun County Motorola central dispatch system.

#### Res. 189-2003

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid {RFB#26-03} in the amount of \$111,248 for the purchase and installation of mobile data computers in the Sheriff Department's Road Patrol pursuit vehicles to Motorola, Inc. of Springport, Michigan; further, authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a purchase order to Motorola, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$111,248."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

#### **Justice Center Glass Barrier Purchase/Installation Recommendation**

Mr. Purcell advised that the barrier is recommended by the Calhoun County Security Committee.

Mr. Wilcox stated that the Committee recommends a barrier to separate incoming public traffic from exiting public traffic to enhance security and stop contraband. The 1/2 inch glass barrier will be 8 feet 4 inches high and extend 21 feet. Mr. Wilcox advised that the funding has been approved within the FY 2003 Justice Center Building and Grounds budget for security related capital improvements.

#### Res. 190-2003

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Miller, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a purchase order to Battle Creek Glass Works, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$8,162 for the purchase and installation of a glass security barrier at the Justice Center public entrance, as recommended by the Calhoun County Security Committee."

Comr. Strowbridge advised that he supports the purchase. Comr. Strowbridge pointed out that since September 11, 2001 and homeland security efforts, government is attempting to make its buildings more secure; however the more government creates barriers, the more it creates the perception to the public of "us against them" within a building that the public pays for.

Sheriff Byam advised that the Committee represents nearly everyone connected with the building who have a concern for the security of the employees as well as the public. Sheriff Byam stated that the building beyond the barrier is very accessible. Sheriff Byam continued that the Committee believes this is the number one item that needs to be taken care of, and advised that there are still grave concerns regarding the rear of the building.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

#### **Xerox Copier Fleet Upgrade**

Mr. Wilcox advised that currently the county has 32 copiers that consist of analog and digital devices which the county is allocating monthly expenditures to maintain aging technology. Mr. Wilcox stated that the copiers are on staggered leases which the Xerox Corporation shall allow the county to co-terminate that will allow the county the ability to go out to the market in 48 months to bid out all of the copiers at once. Mr. Wilcox further advised that currently each copier has a copy limit and the county has been paying penalties for exceeding those limits, which with the new lease the county will have the ability to pool all of the copiers and reduce the overall

cost. Mr. Wilcox continued that the new lease will include all supplies, except paper, including the addition of staples previously not provided.

Res. 191-2003

"Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners authorize the Purchasing Division to issue a purchase order to Xerox Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$148,350 to upgrade the existing Xerox copier fleet within the County buildings to digital devices."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

**Elevator Maintenance Services Bid Award**

Mr. Purcell advised that a five year agreement is being recommended at a total cost of \$77,881.

Mr. Wilcox advised that the Purchasing Division issued formal bids and received four responses. Upon review, the evaluation committee recommends award to Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation based upon their low bid and good past service.

Res. 192-2003

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Miller, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners award the bid (RFP#14-03) for provision of elevator maintenance services at the Marshall County Building, the Justice Center Complex and the Toeller Building in an amount not to exceed \$77,881 to Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute a five (5) year Agreement with Thyssenkrupp Elevator Corporation for an amount not to exceed \$77,881."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

**Fire Alarm System Upgrade Report**

Mr. Purcell stated that the report is to advise regarding the project to upgrade the fire alarm system in the Justice Center. Mr. Purcell advised that the funding for the project was approved within the FY 2003 budget.

Mr. Wilcox stated that the existing system is outdated and the original manufacturer no longer supports the system. The cost for the stand-alone fire alarm system is \$129,947.

**Healthy Community Access Program Grant and Additional Staffing Authorization**

Mr. Purcell stated that the grant is a collaboration between the Health Department and the Regional Health Alliance.

Health Director Heidi Oberlin stated that the three-year program will increase access of care to those in the community that are non-insured or have little insurance. Ms. Oberlin advised that with the proposal is administrative positions requested to provide oversight to the program; e.g., a Team Manager, to ensure program development among partners, oversee the evaluation process and work on health plan development; a Volunteer Coordinator to recruit volunteers and work with the private sector; and a Program Coordinator who shall be the liaison with all partners, collect the data and write the reports. Ms. Oberlin further advised that the Volunteer Coordinator position frees up some monies within the Nursing Clinic budget to allow the Department to hire a part-time Public Health Nurse for the Clinic.

Ms. Oberlin stated that technical assistance shall be provided to assist in preparing for a site visit to be conducted within a month.

Res. 193-2003

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Healthy Community Access Program Grant in the amount of \$923,400; further, authorize the additional positions as set forth in the attached memorandum from Health Officer Heidi Oberlin (ATTACHMENT A)."

Comr. Segal inquired whether some of the grant funds can be used to recruit dentists. Ms. Oberlin responded Yes.

Comr. Moore congratulated the Department and partners of the Regional Health Alliance. Comr. Moore inquired whether any match amount is required. Ms. Oberlin responded No.

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

**Employees' 2004 Flexible Benefits Administration Agreement**

Human Resource Director Alexander Lamm recommended the Board approve the 2004 flexible spending account administration agreement with Infinisource, Inc.; and the Employees' 2003/2004 flexible spending account plan, summary plan description and over-the-counter medication addendum.

Res. 194-2003

"Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the 2004 Agreement For Flexible Benefits Administration between Infinisource, Inc. and Calhoun County in the amount of \$875 for the period of January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004; further, authorize the County Administrator/Controller to execute said Agreement on behalf of Calhoun County."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

**Employees' 2003/2004 Flexible Spending Account Plan, Summary Plan Description and Over-The-Counter Medication Addendum**

Mr. Purcell advised that the addendum allows for reimbursement for over-the-counter medication. Mr. Purcell inquired when reimbursement for over-the-counter medications commences. Mr. Lamm responded "As soon as the addendum is approved."

Res. 195-2003

"Motion by Comr. Segal, supported by Comr. Moore, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Employees' 2003/2004 Flexible Spending Account Plan, Summary Plan Description, and Over-The-Counter Medication Addendum; further, authorize the Board Chairman to execute the plan documents on behalf of Calhoun County."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

**A.F.S.C.M.E. Letter of Understanding**

Mr. Purcell advised that the letter of understanding adds Veterans Day and makes 401(k) contribution entitlement similar to other employees of the county.

Mr. Lamm advised that the letter of understanding is to correct an unintentional oversight regarding Veterans Day.

Res. 196-2003

"Motion by Comr. Moore, supported by Comr. Frederick, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve the Letter of Understanding between the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners and Calhoun County Supervisory Employees, Local 2431, A.F.S.C.M.E., as recommended by the Human Resource Director."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

CITIZENS' TIME:

Veterans Affairs Service Officer Jude Lonergan announced that Tuesday is Veterans Day and invited everyone to attend services at the National Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. Ms. Lonergan advised that Senator Stabenow will be in attendance.

Mr. Jerry Keller, Battle Creek resident, addressed grass growing along the edges of the asphalt roads. Chairman Austin inquired whether he has discussed the issue with the Road Commission. Mr. Keller responded no, advising that he must work when the Road Commission meetings are conducted.

COMMISSIONERS' TIME:

Comr. Segal announced that the Area Agency on Aging Governing Board has a new program for providing congregate meals in rural areas. A new card system whereby seniors go into a restaurant and may order special items on the menu. Comr. Segal advised that the Bedford Steak House has confirmed their participation in the new program.

Chairman Austin announced that Commissioner Segal received an award from the Advocates for her work with the Youth Council. Chairman Austin congratulated the Albion 4-H Club for participating in the Circle City Classic in Indiana last month.

Comr. Moore advised that he attended the Advocates' celebration, and three other employees were also recognized for their work; i.e., Michael Lind, Michael Jaconette and John Hallacy; further, advised that Ms. Lonergan has been nominated for the Athena Award.

Comr. Moore continued that at the Substance Abuse Council's community breakfast Sheriff Byam received an award for his work on the Under-Age Drinking Forum, and Ken Davis and Jeff Damore of the Probation Department who are the first Juvenile Probation Officers to implement the Strengthening Families Program in Calhoun County and follow it through to ensure utilization; further, advised that the Women's Drug Court and partners were also recognized for the impact that their program will have in this county.

Comr. Moore congratulated Eagle Scout Ben Wilson, Harper Creek High School graduate, for achieving all 120 merit badges.

CLAIMS PAYABLE LISTINGS:

Res. 197-2003

"Motion by Comr. Miller, supported by Comr. Frederick, adopt the following: Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners approve payment of the lists of claims against the county in the total amounts of \$30,761.30 and \$3,935,007.68 for the week of October 14, 2003; further, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$530,653.21 for the week of October 23, 2003; and finally, approve payment of the list of claims against the county in the total amount of \$1,755,828.64 for the week of October 28, 2003."

Roll call vote: Yes - 7 Motion CARRIED Unanimously

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Comr. Segal announced that Commissioner Ivey's birthday was Monday. Comr. Segal advised that she received a telephone call from Sean Harder who says hello to everyone.

CLOSED SESSION:

Res. 198-2003

"Motion by Comr. Strowbridge, supported by Comr. Segal, adopt the following:  
Resolved by the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation with legal counsel."

Voice Vote: Motion CARRIED

The Board met in Closed Session commencing at 8:45 p.m. until 9:40 p.m. with Attorney Len Hickey of Miller, Johnson, Snell and Cumminsky; General Counsel Nancy Mullett; Asst. County Administrator Wendee Woods; County Administrator/Controller Greg Purcell; Human Resource Director Alexander Lamm; Prosecutor John Hallacy; Sheriff Allen Byam; Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Daniel Buscher and Deputy Clerk Mary Lou Barrett present.

OPEN SESSION -- RECESS:

The meeting recessed at 9:40 p.m. at the call of the Chair.



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