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COUNTY COMMISSIONER
7TH DISTRICT**



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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

September 5 Meeting

- 1.) Approved the secondary road patrol grant application for the Calhoun County Sheriff's dept. This grant provides for 2 officers to patrol secondary roads in the county. The county has participated in this grant since 1978.
- 2.) Approved the Calhoun County Health Dept. Budget for FY 2020. Expenditures total \$7,246,284 which is a 6.5% increase from the previous year and the budget includes and additional 3 FTE's (people) to work towards national accreditation.
- 3.) Approved a resolution to implement and adopt a local pavement warranty program. This is a state mandate from the legislature by virtue of the 2015 road funding package intended to provide more transparency. The only requirement is to consider warranties on road projects over a \$2 million threshold. All projects over \$2 million must be reported to the state.
- 4.) Approved a 12 month rental agreement for Michigan Works to be housed in the County Building in Albion on N Albion St. This will allow for Michigan Works to continue with a presence in Albion after being displaced from the Ludington Center.

SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING

- 1.) Heard a bi-annual update on the Calhoun County Land Bank for 2017-18.
- 2.) Approved the Senior Millage Committee appointment of Robert Lyng of Marshall Township replacing Rod Auton of Battle Creek who resigned.
- 3.) Approved the Water Resource Commissioner's annual report. Very much appreciate the hard work and cost conscious work of Commissioner Heaton.
- 4.) Approved the 29 mile/Clark St. MDOT Transportation Economic Grant application in relation to the Knauf Insulation Expansion.
- 5.) Approved the PA2 (Alcohol Tax) budget for 2019/20. PA2 is alcohol tax dollars ear marked for substance treatment and prevention services. Calhoun County will see a 20% reduction for treatment services due to less revenue and to minimize the use of the carryover balance will be diminished to zero by 2021. The budget adjustment will allow for services to continue for a longer period of years.

No October 3rd Board Meeting due to Lack of Quorum

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

(OCTOBER)



Senior Day in the 7th	10/1	9am-3pm
County Commissioner conf. in Washington D.C.	10/3	1-4:30pm
Senior Millage allocation cmte.	10/4	8am
Homer Village	10/7	7pm
Albion City		
Homer VFW Aux.	10/8	7pm
Homer Township		
AH Substance Abuse		9am
Trailway Alliance	10/9	8am
Lee Township		7pm
Homer ALL-IN Blast	10/11	730am
Clarence Twp	10/14	7pm
Albion Twp		
Clarendon Twp		7:30pm
Sheridan Township	10/15	7pm
County Commissioners mtg	10/17	7pm
Albion Eggs & Issues	10/18	730am
Albion City	10/21	7pm
Forks Senor Center Board Mtg.	10/23	1pm
County Planning Commission	10/28	4pm

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ROAD UPDATES

- 1.) Bridge updates: 18 1/2 mile road bridge (just south of M-60) in Clarendon Township deck replacement completed. V Dr. N bridge (just east of Old 27) in Lee Township closed for a deck repair.
- 2.) 25 1/2 mile (F Dr S to Finley Dr) update- Reith-Riley and the union aren't scheduled to meet until October. Unless a resolution is found soon, the project will be delayed until Spring 2020.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) Attended the Albion City Council Special Proclamation session on Sept 3 to recognize 8 area WWII veterans for their service to the country and to be honored with proclamations from the City, County, State and Federal representatives. Was very honored to present proclamations to each of these heroic individuals.
- 2.) Albion City Precinct 4 Infrastructure Advisory committee community forum on Sept. 4. An overview of the city's GIS system, long range asset management plan, and a great Q & A session provided for much information to residents.
- 3.) Albion City Precinct 1 community meeting on Sept, 5 at the Charles Snyder building hosted by Councilmember Clark. A detailed discussion on topics which included a grocery store, tree removal, city manager update and streets. I also had the opportunity to discuss the failure of our current road funding system and the need to change.
- 4.) Attended the Battle Creek 9/11 remembrance service honoring our first responders and their selfless sacrifice both then and now.
- 5.) Recreational Marijuana Forum Sept. 12 sponsored by the Albion-Homer Substance Abuse Coalition in Albion. Ken Stecker, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc. of Michigan was the keynote speaker and provided details the recreational and medical marijuana laws.
- 6.) Calhoun County MEA retired on Sept. 19 at Gina's Pizza in Albion where I had the opportunity to speak on roads and the plan to replace ACT 51, newsletter and latest county updates. Thank you for the invitation and opportunity.
- 7.) Albion-Homer United Way Sept. 25 at the Albion Community Foundation office. Accepted Mike Culliver's resignation, named Shane Williamson Interim President and Chris Burdette Interim Vice President. Also discussed the fall campaign, possible new board members and meeting dates for the remainder of 2019.

7th District in Focus



Sept. 3- WWII veterans proclamation
(Albion)



Sept. 14- Community Unity Service Day
(Albion)



Sept. 20 - Substance Abuse Legacy Awards
(Albion)



Sept. 28 - Blair Farm Fall Festival
(Homer)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



1.) Senior Millage met Sept. 6. Items discussed/actions taken included:

- A.) Approved Robert Lyng of Marshall Township as our new SMAC committee member replacing Rod Auton (Final approval by Commissioners).
- B.) Approved the proposed 2020 FY Senior Millage budget (Final approval by Commissioners).
- C.) Approved the RFP recommendations to the Board of Commissioners from the RFP review sub-committee which included hearing, vision, dental, money mgmt., legal services, home heating, nutrition, senior fitness, & guardianship.

2.) Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Oversight Policy Board met Sept. 9. Items discussed/actions taken included:

- A.) Held a public budget hearing on Public ACT 2 dollars which outlined 2020 FY budget projections and an overall budget summary.
- B.) Approved a resolution for the 2020 FY PA2 budget.

3.) Homer Lake Board met Sept. 10. Items discussed/actions taken included:

- A.) Blake Mallory of PLM was on hand to discuss the 3 treatments performed on the lake and specific areas covered and what was treated.
- B.) Approved the assessment roll for 2019.
- C.) Approved loan payment for \$2,000 (double what is required).

4.) Trailway Alliance met Sept. 11. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) An update on the Albion Trailhead was provided as the expected purchase agreement will be in hand by Oct. 1 and landowners are all in. The land bank will be facilitating the removal of the structures on the property.
- B.) Pete Terlow, Executive Dir. of the Southwest Mich. Land Conservancy was on hand to give an overview of what the organization does. Mr. Terlow indicated that over 16,000 acres are protected in SW Mich with 2,000 acres in Calhoun County which includes 14 properties.

5.) County Planning Commission met Sept. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Recommended for approval Pennfield Twp zoning text amendment for Medical Marijuana home occupations, Emmett Twp zoning text amendment for conditional use regulations concerning event venues, Emmett Twp zoning map amendments for two properties on Tower Rd to rezone to light industrial & Sheridan Twp zoning map amendment for W. Michigan Ave property to be rezoned to light industrial.

COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

- *Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) - Chair*
- *Calhoun County Planning Commission*
- *Calhoun County Trail way Alliance*
- *Homer Lake Mgmt. Board -Chair, Secretary & Admin.*
- *Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health (SWBH) Substance Abuse SUD Oversight Policy Board*
- *Potawatomi Resource Conservation & Development Council*
- *Forks Senior Center Board - Policy Chair*
- *Homer Downtown Development Authority*
- *Albion/Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition*
- *Albion/Homer United Way*
- *VFW Auxiliary Post 9411-Homer*
- *County Board of Commissioners Parliamentarian*
- *SLF/Blair Scholarship Review Committee*
- *Homer Athletic Hall of Fame Committee President*
- *Albion City Infrastructure Advisory Committee.*

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THE PLAN TO REPLACE ACT 51
(TOMPKINS TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE ACT)

1.) The Current ACT 51 formula is abolished and replaced with the following:

A.) MDOT would receive 22.34% or \$950 million of MTF Funds (previous 39.1%)

B.) Counties would receive 54.26% or \$2.307 billion of MTF Funds (previous 39.1%)

- 1.) Each County would receive \$24,000 for every primary mile. (Previous \$2,164 per mile)
- 2.) Each County would receive \$23,000 for every local mile. (Previous \$2,374 per mile)
- 3.) Each County would receive \$20,000 for every bridge over 20ft. (Not in previous formula)

The average increase per County from this plan would be \$17,717,342.50

C.) Municipalities would receive 23.40% or \$994 million of MTF Funds (previous 21.8%)

- 1.) Each Municipality would receive \$46,500 for every Major mile. (Previous \$12,660.75 per mile)
- 2.) Each Municipality would receive \$46,500 for every Minor mile. (Previous \$3,335.25 per mile)

The average increase per Municipality from this plan would be \$967,468.03

2.) This plan eliminates the inequities between Counties & Municipalities and creates a simple base formula using certified road mileage data for funding.

3.) Summary

Division	% of Roads Resp.	Funding in \$ under TTIA	% Breakdown of Funding under TTIA	% Breakdown of Funding Under ACT 51
MDOT	8.00%	\$950,000,000	22.34%	39.10%
City/Village	17.00%	\$994,923,955	23.40%	21.80%
County/Townships	75.00%	\$2,307,009,000	54.26%	39.10%
Grand Total	100.00%	\$4,251,932,955.00	100.00%	100.00%
Total Funding to Roads:			91.60%	81.40%
Other:				
Railroad Crossings		\$3,000,000	Areas Eliminated 1.) Economic Dev. Fund 2.) Local Road Program 3.) Local Bridge Fund 4.) Snow Payments 5.) Interdepartmental Grants 6.) Moveable Bridge Fund	
MDOT Debt Service		\$75,000,000		
Local Wetland Mitigation		\$1,800,000		
Comp. Transp. Fund		\$250,000,000		
Recreation		\$20,000,000		
Railroad Surfaces		\$3,000,000		
Administer the Act		\$37,000,000		
Grant Total Other		\$389,800,000	8.40%	18.60%
Grant Total TTIA		\$4,641,732,955		

Areas Reduced
 1.) Recreation
 2.) Mass Transit
\$8.5 million

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RULES & REGULATIONS

- A.) FUNDING TO BE IN PLACE AND FROZEN FOR 5 YEARS
- B.) ANNUALLY, EACH YEAR AFTER IMPLEMENTATION, A DETAILED REPORT ON HOW FUNDING WAS SPENT AND IMPACT/IMPROVEMENT SEEN ON ROADS.
- C.) EXPENDITURES ON PERSONNEL WILL BE LIMITED 5% OF TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED.
- D.) IF EXPENDITURES ON PERSONNEL EXCEED THE 5% LIMIT, A PENALTY OF THE PERCENT THAT WAS EXCEEDED WILL BE DEDUCTED IN THE PROCEEDING YEAR FROM FUNDING.
- E.) AT THE END OF THE 5 YEAR PERIOD, THE FUNDING PLAN WILL BE EXAMINED AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS MADE IF NECESSARY BY THE LEGISLATURE & GOVERNOR.
- F.) ANNUALLY EACH COUNTY MUST CERTIFY ROAD MILEAGE TO THE STATE BY DEC. 31 OF EACH YEAR.
- G.) COUNTIES WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR LOCAL ROAD MILEAGE AND THOSE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY BASED ON TOWNSHIP ROAD MILEAGE.
- H.) FUNDS RECEIVED BY EACH TOWNSHIP WILL HAVE FULL DISCRETION ON USAGE FOR THE FUNDING INCLUDING WHAT CONTRACTORS TO USE FOR PROJECTS ETC.
- I.) COUNTIES WILL STILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTENANCE ON ALL ROADS (POTHOLE PATCHING, TREE TRIMMING, ROADSIDE MOWING) WITHIN THE COUNTY JURISDICTION.

The Calhoun County funding breakdown in the plan:

- A.) Calhoun County would see a \$1.06 million more in funding (from 17-18 funding) to \$11,760,000 to address primary roads.
- B.) Calhoun County would receive funding in the amount of \$18,998,000 to address local roads distributed to townships based on their local road mileage certification.
- C.) Each Township would receive the following to address their specific local road needs:

1.) Albion: \$897,230	2.) Athens: \$865,030	3.) Bedford: \$1,065,820
4.) Burlington: \$1,063,750	5.) Clarence: \$950,130	6.) Clarendon: \$883,200
7.) Convis: \$862,960	8.) Eckford: \$774,410	9.) Emmett: \$954,500
10.) Fredonia: \$750,490	11.) Homer: \$1,020,510	12.) Lee: \$791,200
13.) Leroy: \$862,500	14.) Marengo: \$842,720	15.) Marshall: \$ 821,330
16.) Newton: \$1,029,250	17.) Pennfield: \$1,155,750	18.) Sheridan: \$911,260
19.) Tekonsha: \$834,670		
- D.) Municipalities will receive additional funding as follows:

1.) Albion City:	Additional	\$1,372,605.46
2.) Athens village:	Additional	\$259,376.65
3.) Battle Creek:	Additional	\$7,087,053.29
4.) Homer Village:	Additional	\$358,688.32
5.) Marshall City:	Additional	\$1,199,745.58
6.) Springfield:	Additional	\$1,140,299.83
7.) TEKONSHA	ADDITIONAL	\$319,198.85

EVERY County, Municipality, and yes Township will see increases and funding to address roads!

The plan saves \$400-\$800 million vs what the current budget proposed has in it (\$5.4 billion).

A full list of increases per County & Municipality is available upon request.

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OTHER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS

53rd Annual Festival of Forks– Albion



Restore the Coke Sign Project

Restore Our Coke Sign Campaign
Sept 20 – Nov. 3 Bring Art & History Downtown Sept 20 – Nov. 3

The Sign Reminiscing about our past	The Mural Honoring our foundry roots	The Statue Celebrating our baseball history
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Donations Matched 100%
patronicity.com/cokealbion or Albion Community Foundation

The Sign- The Coke Sign over the Kalamazoo River is to be completely restored to its original look in 1922.

The Mural- Will be painted on the back of the Albion Malleable Brewing Company building honoring Albion's foundry roots and Albion Malleable Iron Company.

The Statue- Will depict a young boy standing at a t-ball stand and honor and celebrate Albion's T-Ball history and the home of where T-ball began.

ALL DONATIONS ARE MATCHED 100% AND \$50,000 MUST BE RAISED BY NOVEMBER 3RD IN ORDER FOR THE MEDC (MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP) TO MATCH THE \$50,000 SO ALL 3 PROJECTS CAN BE COMPLETED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE GO TO PATRINICITY.COM/COKEALBION, CONTACT THE ALBION COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OR CONTACT LINDA JANSEN KOLMODIN.

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