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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

November 5 Meeting

- 1.) Appointed Jeannie Goodrich & Vivian Davis (Albion) to the Calhoun County Board of Health for terms expiring December 31, 2020.
- 2.) Appointed Terrance Lunger & John Sackrider to the Calhoun County Planning Commission for terms expiring May 31, 2023.
- 3.) Approved a interlocal agreement naming Aaron Powers as the designated Assessor for Calhoun County effective 1/1/21 thru 12/31/25. This coincides with PA660 which requires the county to designate a level 4 assessor (which is the highest level of assessing credentialing). The County Assessor will be able to assist townships with issues as well if townships do not have an Assessor the County Assessor can step in and continue the work.
- 4.) Approved a memo of understanding between the Michigan Attorney General & Calhoun County Prosecutor for two limited term investigators. This funding for investigators will allow for investigation of previously untested sexual assault kits. Scott Nichiols & Jerry Stonebraker (Homer) will continue in their roles with funding through September 30, 2021.
- 5.) Was honored to read a proclamation into the record honoring Dr. Ralph Cram (Albion) on this 90th birthday.

November 19 Meeting

- 1.) Held a public hearing on 2021 Calhoun County budget recommendation. Revenues are projected to be \$46 million with expenditures projected to be \$45.9 million. Those projections will result in a projected \$140K added to the fund balance which brings the fund balance to 11.4% of expenditures (The board directive is between 8% & 12%. A larger breakdown of the budget will be in the December newsletter after passage.
- 2.) Appointed Brandon McKinney to the Community Mental Health Authority (Summit Pointe) for a term ending March 31, 2021.
- 3.) Approved the Substance Abuse Council (SAC) lease agreement which moves the organization to the 1st floor of the Calhoun County Building in Marshall. SAC's previous location was the 3rd floor of the Toeller Building in Battle Creek but due to the Calhoun County Public Defenders office needing more space necessitated the move.

Upcoming Meetings (December)



Meetings may be held in virtual format.

County Commissioners meeting	12/3	7pm
Senior Millage Committee	12/4	8am
Homer Village	12/7	7pm
Albion City		7pm
Albion-Homer SAPS	12/8	9am
Homer Twp		7pm
Trailway Alliance	12/9	8am
Lee Twp		7pm
Clarence Twp	12/14	7pm
Albion Twp		730pm
Clarendon Twp		730pm
Forks Senior Center Board	12/16	1pm
County Commissioners meeting	12/17	7pm
Albion City	12/21	7pm
Drug Free Community Grant Committee	12/4 & 12/18	9am

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ROAD/BRIDGE UPDATES

1.) Please see page 5 & 6 for a breakdown of the current condition of roads from the recently passed County Asset Management plan.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

1.) Albion-Homer United Way board met on Nov. 6. We approved grant applications for the Albion-Homer Substance Prevention Coalition, Play Right Basketball Academy & Village of Homer for food distribution.

2.) Had the opportunity to speak on County Government to Albion College students for their Intro to Public Service class on Nov. 9. Many thanks to Eddie Visco, Associate Director of the Gerald R. Ford Institute for Leadership in Public Policy and Service for the opportunity.

3.) Participated in the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Task Force meeting on Nov. 10. I provided an update to the group on the status of the 2021 budget for the Albion-Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition & Jeannie Goodrich from Summit Pointe was on hand to provide an update on the status of their budget. A panel of local experts were on hand to provide insight into the impact COVID has had on mental health.

4.) Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center discussion with Senior Services on Nov 13. The discussion centered around the status of looking for a new site including an expected timeline. Additionally discussion was held regarding Heritage Commons becoming its own 501C3.

5.) Homer DDA met on Nov 16. Items discussed included the vacant buildings that exist downtown and the potential for those to be filled. The board approved the purchase of lighted garland for the downtown for Christmas. A DDA Facebook page will be created to provide information on happenings. A suggestion was made from a business owner regarding creating an adopt a flag program to replace American flags downtown.

6.) Participated in Heritage Commons Senior Enrichment Center Steering Committee mtg on Nov. 17. The committee was updated on the latest COVID-19 updates and Executive Director Kitty Knoll updated everyone on upcoming virtual programming. Discussion was held on the selection of a new site and what a capital campaign might look like. Preliminary drawings will be available shortly with a pricing out the project.

7.) Participated in a Senior Underserved Townships with Senior Millage Programming mtg on Nov. 20. The townships identified as underserved include Convis, Fredonia, Lee & Pennfield (less than 10% of population over 60 using services). Each representative of the townships above were on the call discussing opportunities to get more seniors aware of the services available and get them involved.



Nov. 12 – Food Distribution to Seniors
(Homer)



Nov. 20– Senior Underserved
Meeting
(Calhoun County)

7th District in Focus



Nov. 5– Fire Dept gift from Ranger Power
(Sheridan Twp)



Nov. 9– County Govt talk with Albion
College Students
(Albion)



Nov. 9 Honoring Twp Trustee Walt
Obrinske
(Clarence Twp)



Nov 11– Veterans Day Observance
(Homer)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

SERVING:

1.) Senior Millage Committee met Nov. 6. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Approved RFP recommendations for 2021 from the subcommittee for the following: Bed Bug Remediation, Benefits Counseling, Handy Helper Services, Hearing, Prescription Services, Senior Centers Senior Ramps, Vision Services, among others. All contract recommendations are for 3 years. Final approval will come from the Board of Commissioners in December.

B.) Approved Community Actions contract amendment request to approve using \$20k of underutilized funding for advertising campaign.

C.) Heard a presentation from Senior Health Care Partners & Senior Care Partners P.A.C.E on the transition of Senior Health Care Partners programming to PACE.

2.) County Planning Commission met Nov. 9. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Recommended for approval PA116 applications in Tekonsha, Burlington, Fredonia, Newton, Lee & Marengo Townships.

B.) Recommended for approval a zoning map amendment in Leroy Twp.

3.) Homer Lake Board met Nov. 10. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Reviewed the 2020 FY budget which detailed 4 treatments on the lake (most ever while staying within the budget) & reduced our debt by 75% and will be paid off in 2021.

B.) Agreed to a multi-year contract with PLM Lake & Land Mgmt. for treatment of Homer Lake. This multi-year contract runs thru 2025 and will keep costs level and minimizes increases.

4.) Southwest Mi Behavioral Health SUD Oversight Policy Board met Nov. 16. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Reviewed the 19/20 YTD financials including PA2 (Alcohol Tax) utilization for FY 20 YTD. PA2 revenue provides funding for treatment services in Calhoun County including Drug Treatment Court & Sobriety court to name a few.

B.) Reviewed the PA2 year end outcomes report. Each County is responsible for providing expected outcomes from funding and measuring to determine if they were met. Calhoun County has 30 outcomes, 19 were met, while 2 were not met and 9 were not met due to COVID. Calhoun County attained a 90.4% outcome. The two areas not met involved the Sobriety Court & Veterans Court.

- *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— Co-Chair*
- *Albion/Homer United Way— President*
- *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.*
- *Albion Suicide Prevention Coalition*
- *Albion COVID-19 Task Force*
- *Albion/Homer Drug Free Grant Co-Chair*

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2020 STATE, COUNTY & LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE 7TH DISTRICT

Winner	% of vote in Calhoun County	% of vote in 7th District
<u>Federal</u>		
United States Senator –Gary Peters	44%	45%
U.S Congress 3rd District—Peter Meijer	54.9%	55.3%

State

62nd District State Rep– Jim Haadsma	51.3%	50.5%
63rd District State Rep– Matt	68.1%	77.8%

County

Prosecutor– Dave Gilbert	59.4%	59.5%
Sheriff– Steve Hinkley	59.1%	61.9%
Clerk– Kimberly Hinkley	59.3%	61%
Treasurer– Brian Wensauer	57.5%	56.6%
Water Resource Com– Ron Smith	57.5%	59.1%
County Commissioner 7th—Gary Tompkins	N/A	61%

Local Township Contested Races

Winner	% of Vote
Albion Twp Supv.—Tom Frank	51.6%
Clarence Twp Trustee- Terry Siefert	60.3%
Clarence Twp Trustee– Ben Dancer	48.3%
Clarendon Twp Clerk—Erika Tryon	39.6%
Sheridan Twp Trustee– Randy Fisher	67.1%
Sheridan Twp Trustee– Scott Frederick	66%

Local City/Village Contested Races

City of Albion Mayor– Victoria Garcia Snyder	30.7% (3 person race)
City of Albion Precinct 3– Nora Jackson	51.8%
City of Albion Precinct 4– Marcola Lawler	43.2%
City of Albion Precinct 5– Linda LaNoue	48.4%

County Millage Proposal

911 Surcharge	63%-37% Defeated	65%-35% Defeated.
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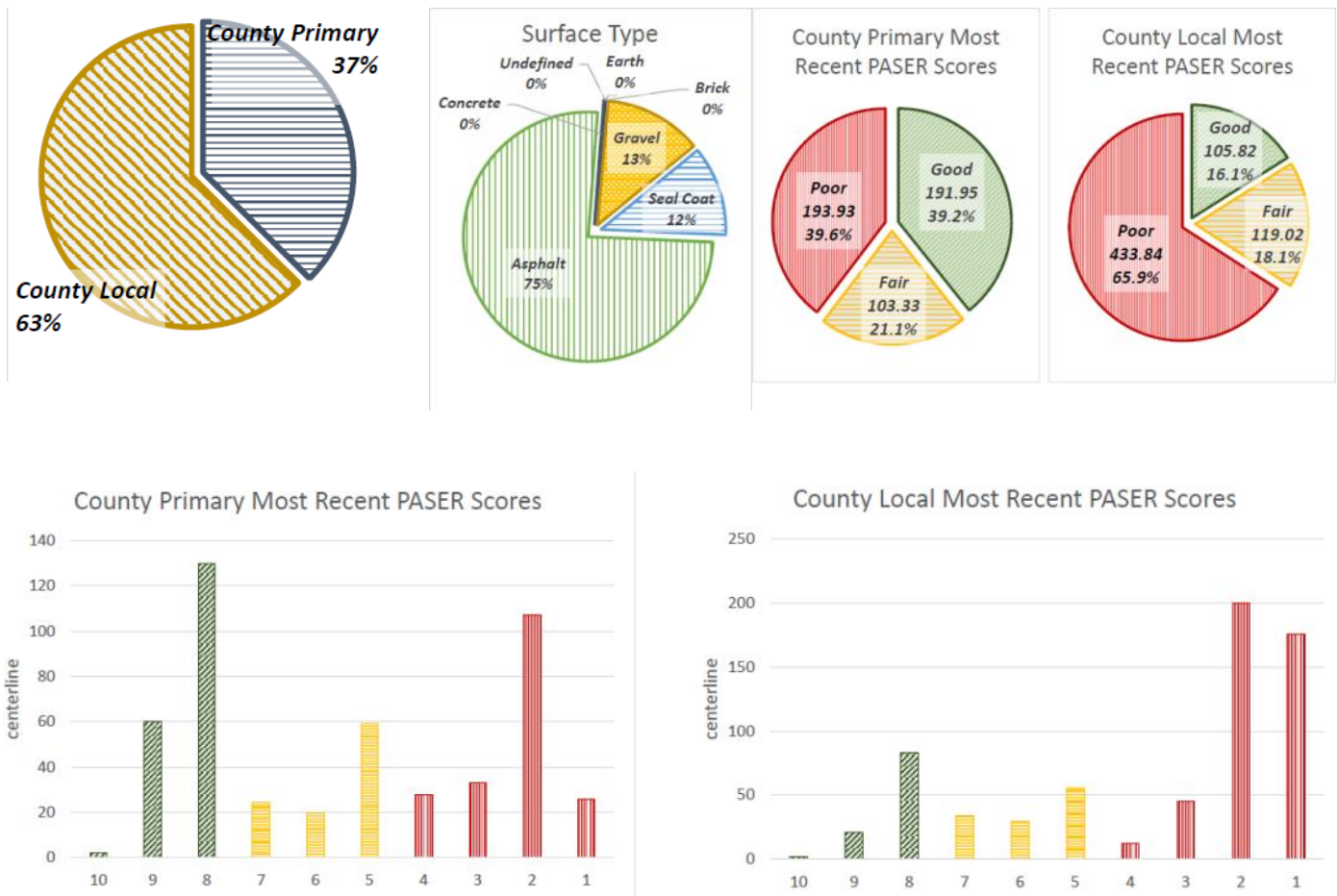
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CALHOUN COUNTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (AS PASSED BY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS 10/15/20)

Beginning October 2019 and on a three-year cycle thereafter, certification must be made for compliance to Public Act 325. A local road-owning agency with 100 certified miles or more must certify that it has developed an asset management plan for the road, bridge, culvert, and traffic signal assets. **NOTE: This plan should be expanded beyond the current parameters and a comprehensive 5-year plan needs to be developed to address all of the topics above including gravel road grading, tree trimming, boom mowing, brining and all that would apply.**

Information provided on page 5 & 6 is the current status of the Calhoun County roads/bridges.

Note: The lower the passer rating, the poorer condition of the road.



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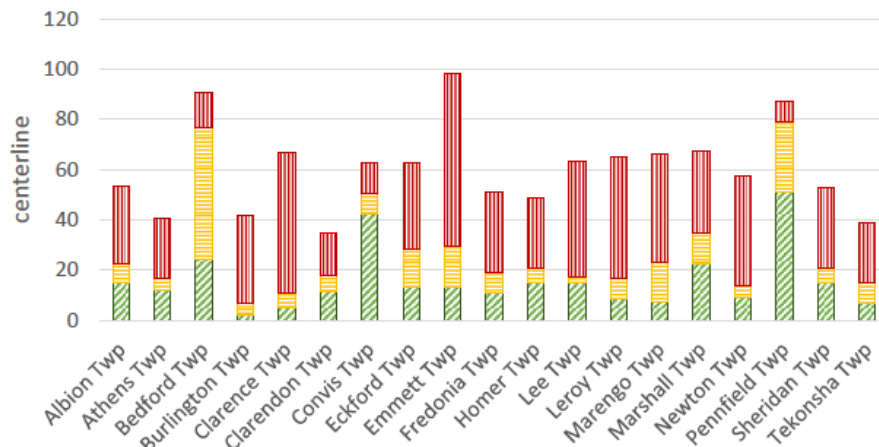
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Calhoun County Asset Management Plan Con't

PASER Scores by Township



Unpaved Road Condition

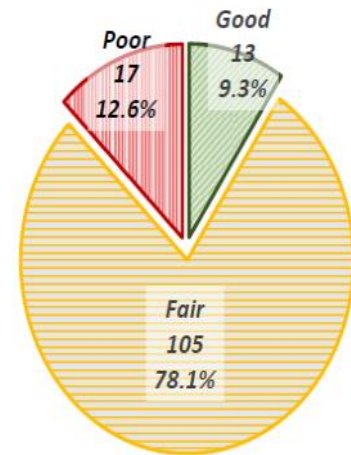


Table 2: Bridge Assets by Type: Inventory, Size, and Condition

Bridge Type	Total Number of Bridges	Total Deck Area (sq ft)	Condition: Structurally Deficient, Posted, Closed			2019 Condition		
			Struct. Defic	Posted	Closed	Poor	Fair	Good
Concrete – Arch—deck	1	2,790	0	0	0	0	1	0
Concrete – Tee beam	6	9,835	3	5	0	3	3	0
Prestressed concrete – Box beam/girders—multiple	31	93,520	5	4	0	4	19	8
Prestressed concrete – Multistringer	4	26,325	0	0	0	0	0	4
Steel – Culvert	2	2,066	1	0	0	1	1	0
Steel – Multistringer	11	11,880	8	11	0	8	3	0
Timber – Multistringer	1	314	0	0	0	0	1	0
Timber – Slab	30	44,448	1	20	0	6	1	1
Total SD/Posted/Closed			23	40	0			
Total	86	191,178				22	51	13
Percentage (%)			27%	47	0	26	59	15

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