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7TH DISTRICT**



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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

October 1 Meeting

- 1) Approved the Calhoun County Health Dept. FY 21 Budget. The proposed budgeted expenditures are \$8.383 million which is a 15.7% increase from the previous year (or \$1.1 million more). Revenues totaling \$8.38 million which results in an even budget and keeping the fund balance at its current standing (\$1.7 million).
- 2) Approved the secondary road patrol and traffic accident prevention program plication. This grant has been available since 1978 and the grant will provide for secondary road patrols. The amount of the grant is \$102,196 which is a slight reduction from the previous year due to state budget issues.
- 3) Approved the hiring of an additional sexual assault investigator in a limited term (through Sept. 30,2020) to get as many cases through as possible as the funding is set to run out October 1,2020.
- 4) Approved a resolution pledging the full faith and credit for the county prompt payment of principal & interest on the Gang of Lakes Intercounty Drain. The project, not to exceed \$1.35 million , will be levied over a 15 year period and will be paid through special assessments , 100% of which have been apportioned to the county on behalf of the Road dept. This project is culvert replacements run through the Water Resource Commissioner.

October 15 Meeting

- 1) Approved the 2020 Apportionment report. This report details the official millage rates for each taxing entity (townships, city, village, school district). Overall the county levy dollars increased 5.7% with an increase in township levy dollars by 26.7% (primarily due to Emmett Township road millage). More details of the report for the 7th district can be found on page 5 & 6.
- 2) Approved the Senior Strategic Project Funding recommendations. The projects include the following:
 - A.) Albion Community Foundation, Senior Housing Development B.) Albion Community Gardens, purchase of equipment, C) Albion Health Care Alliance, purchase of eye equipment needed to establish vision services in Albion D) Senior Care Partners (P.A.C.E), purchase of technology for grandpads.
- 3.) Approved the certification of a transportation asset mgmt. plan which provides detailed analysis of current county road conditions, 3 year road plan, bridge data, culverts & signal data. This is the first long term plan ever put together by the road dept. More details are provided in the November monthly newsletter.

Upcoming Meetings (November)



Meetings may be held in virtual format.

Homer Village	11/2	7pm
Albion City		7pm
County Commissioners meeting	11/5	7pm
Senior Millage Committee	11/6	8am
Clarence Twp	11/9	7pm
Albion Twp		730pm
Clarendon Twp		730pm
Albion-Homer SAPS	11/10	9am
Homer Twp		7pm
Trailway Alliance	11/11	8am
Lee Twp		7pm
Albion City	11/16	7pm
Sheridan Twp	11/17	7pm
County Commissioners meeting	11/19	7pm
Forks Senior Center Board	11/25	1pm
Drug Free Community Grant Committee	11/13 & 11/20	9am

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ROAD/BRIDGE UPDATES

1.) Asset management plan that passed at the October 15 Commissioner meeting will be featured in the November monthly newsletter.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) Participated in the mental health/substance use task force virtual meeting on Oct. 13. Topics of discussion included the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Grant that was received by Summitt Pointe & Crisis Intervention Team Training.
- 2.) A Senior Millage programming meeting was held on Oct. 14 discussing serving underserved townships in Calhoun County. 5 Townships were identified (Convis, Fredonia, Lee, Leroy & Pennfield) with initial discussions on what actions are needed to make seniors aware of the services offered. A follow up meeting will be held in Nov.
- 3.) A special meeting of the Albion-Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition was held virtually on October 19 to discuss the recent developments concerning the budget for 2021. As chair I reviewed those recent developments with the coalition and the 50% cut in funding from the block grant which the coalition is funded. Sen. Bizon was in attendance as we reviewed what created this sudden reduction and what steps are needed to get this funding replaced. A future meeting will take place to further discuss.
- 4.) Participated in a meeting at Albion City Hall on Oct. 20 with local city leaders as JD Lee from the JDL Group. The discussion centered around potential housing/development opportunities and how JDL can assist. Currently JDL is working with Neighborhoods Inc of Battle Creek with housing development project. More to follow.
- 5.) Met with Sen. Bizon & Karen Todd on Oct. 22 at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Odom of Lee Township to discuss the current conditions of the roads and potential solutions to begin to address them. Many thanks to all for the discussion.
- 6.) Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health meeting on Oct. 29 with Sen. Bizon to discuss the recent events surrounding the prevention services budget and the 50% cut in funding. Discussed was the current state of funding & what needs to be done to restore funding and ensure oversight on budgets to prevent overspending by the region.

7th District in Focus



Sept. 29- 2020 Recovery Month Recognition (Albion)



Oct 2- Stella Ingraham 101 ; Celebrating Centenarians (Homer)



Oct 7- Robert Holt 102, Shirley Powers 100 ; Celebrating Centenarians (Albion & Albion Twp)



Oct. 12 - Honoring Clerk Sharla Vincent (Clarendon Twp)



Oct. 14- Honoring Twp Supv. Art Farmer (Lee Twp)



Oct. 25- American Legion Breakfast (Albion)



Oct. 12- Honoring Twp Supv. Fisher (Clarence Twp)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

1.) Senior Millage Committee met Oct 2. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Approved a supplemental funding request from Habitat for Humanity for ramps in the amount of \$ 9,500
- B.) Formed a 2020 contractual services RFP review subcommittee consisting of Jill Booth, Michele Hill, Tom Hunsdorfer & Art Kale.
- C.) Approved the 2021 meeting schedule which will include a January meeting.

2.) Calhoun County Trailway Alliance met Oct. 14. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- 1.) The annual meeting was held to which 8 board members were re-appointed to the board (Annette Chapman, Jim Coury, Shari Deevers, Doug Ferrall, Bill Greer, Mike McFarlen, Kristy Orns & Mark Stuart).
- 2.) As part of the annual meeting, officers were approved (Mark Lelle- President, Mary Arbogast- Vice President, Kristy Orns- Treasurer & Mike Van Houten- Secretary).
- 3.) During the regular meeting session, an update was given on the new park in Albion Twp. Demolition of the two structures on the property are slated for late October/November & discussion is being held with the DNR for the approval to plant native plants/seeds on land that was just harvested.

3.) Forks Senior Center Board met Oct 28. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- 1.) Approved a membership proposal which will change to annual membership to January 1 & give current members a reduced membership amount for 2021 of \$56.25 (regular \$75.00).
- 2.) Approved the board meeting dates for 2020-21 (4th Wednesday of the month at 1pm except for November & December which will be the third Wednesday of the month).
- 3.) Reminded everyone that the Senior Center will be closed until January 4, 2021 due to COVID and ensuring safety for seniors. Prior to opening, all protocols will be in place including visits from the Calhoun County Health Dept. to ensure all is in order.

- *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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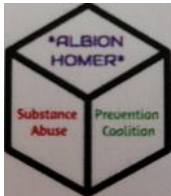
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ALBION-HOMER SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION COALITION



The Albion– Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition endeavors to achieve a healthier community by providing a community wide structure that will be used for planning, recommending, and evaluating/assessing a comprehensive strategy.

This strategy will address risk and protective factors, achieve changes in substance use and behaviors, and advocate for policy and proactive changes and will also hold accountable all systems in the community that affect substance abuse .

Activities of the Coalition shall be aligned with a community wide strategic plan directed by the Coalition, in partnership with other organizations in the community.

Led by Executive Director Mr. Harry Bonner , the coalition has been recognized both regionally and statewide for it's accomplishments in the area of prevention. The coalition meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month .

Gary Tompkins & Al Henson Co-Chair the coalition of over 40 members that come from various backgrounds including law enforcement, mental health, medical, education and many others. This wide spectrum of the coalition allows for addressing challenges our communities face in terms of prevention and treatment.

A Drug Free Grant Committee was established as the coalition will be applying for the federal grant that would bring additional resources to the community to combat drug use. Co-Chair by Commissioner Gary Tompkins & Harry Bonner, the committee meets bi-weekly to assemble all documents required to apply successfully.



Homer Downtown Development Authority "Preserving our history, with an eye on the future"

The Homer "Downtown Development Authority" (DDA), is a special purpose district, created and operated under the auspices of the Village Council, intended to foster economic development and revitalization of downtown areas.

The Authority District encompasses businesses, government facilities, fraternal lodge and residences.

Projects that the DDA was involved/ instrumental in over the past year included:

- 1.) Downtown Halloween 2019 decorations & activities involving businesses & fire department.
- 2.) 2019 - DDA Downtown Support Grant Program. The Masonic Temple, Cascarelli's, Hopps Pharmacy & Stagecoach were all assisted through the grant program to improve different aspects of the business (From painting to signage to structure improvements).

	Position/Name
1	Chair - R.C. Smith
2	Vice Chair - Cameron Estep
3	Treasurer - Craig Burlingame
4	Secretary - Trixie McMeeking
5	Daphne Stonebreaker
6	Dave Varitek
7	Gary Tompkins
8	Molly Refroe
x	Art Kale - Village Manager
x	Brent Michael - Village President

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2020 APPORTIONMENT REPORT FOR THE 7TH DISTRICT CHANGES FROM 2019

7th District Millage Changes for 2020

Township	City	Village	School District	Millage Item Chg.	2019 Mills	2020 Mills	Change
	Albion		Marshall w/ Albion Debt	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				School Debt	2.3100	0.6000	(1.7100)
Total Change							(1.5100)
	Albion		Marshall w/ Albion Debt	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				School Debt	2.3100	0.6000	(1.7100)
Total Change							(1.5100)
	Albion		Homer	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
Total Change							0.2000
	Clarence		Mar Lee	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp/City Allocated Operating	1.0000	0.9961	(0.0039)
Total Change							0.1961
	Clarence		Olivet	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp/City Allocated Operating	1.0000	0.9961	(0.0039)
Total Change							0.1961
	Clarence		Springport	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp/City Allocated Operating	1.0000	0.9961	(0.0039)
				Calhoun ISD allocated	0.3422	0.3415	(0.0007)
				Calhoun ISD VoEd & Special Ed	8.4178	8.4025	(0.0153)
Total Change							0.1801

7th District Millage Changes for 2020

Township	City	Village	School District	Millage Item Chg.	2019 Mills	2020 Mills	Change
Lee			Mar Lee	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp Allocated Operating	0.9295	0.9161	(0.0134)
				Marshall Firefighters Ambulance	0.7000	0.6991	(0.0009)
Total Change							0.1857
Lee			Marshall	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp Allocated Operating	0.9295	0.9161	(0.0134)
				Marshall Firefighters Ambulance	0.7000	0.6991	(0.0009)
Total Change							0.1857
Lee			Olivet	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp Allocated Operating	0.9295	0.9161	(0.0134)
				Marshall Firefighters Ambulance	0.7000	0.6991	(0.0009)
Total Change							0.1857
Sheridan			Marshall w/Albion Debt	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				School Debt	2.31	0.6	(1.7100)
Total Change							(1.5100)
Sheridan			Mar Lee	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
Total Change							0.2000
Sheridan			Springport	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Calhoun ISD allocated	0.3422	0.3415	(0.0007)
				Calhoun ISD VoEd & Special Ed	8.4178	8.4025	(0.0153)
Total Change							0.1840

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2020 Apportionment Report (Changes Cont)

7th District Millage Changes for 2020

Township	City	Village	School District	Millage Item Chg.	2019 Mills	2020 Mills	Change
Clarendon			Homer	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp/City Allocated Operating	0.8579	0.8565	(0.0014)
				Twp Extra Voted Operation	2.372	2.3681	(0.0039)
				Marshall Firefighters Ambulance	0.7000	0.6991	(0.0009)
Total Change							0.1938
Clarendon			Tekonsha	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp/City Allocated Operating	0.8579	0.8565	(0.0014)
				Twp Extra Voted Operation	2.372	2.3681	(0.0039)
				Marshall Firefighters Ambulance	0.7000	0.6991	(0.0009)
Total Change							0.1986
Homer			Homer	Special Assessment	1.5000	1.9000	0.4000
				Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp Allocated Operating	0.9124	0.9098	(0.0026)
				Twp Extra Voted Operating	0.9976	0.9948	(0.0028)
Total Change							0.5946
Homer			Litchfield	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp Allocated Operating	0.9124	0.9098	(0.0026)
				Twp Extra Voted Operating	0.9976	0.9948	(0.0028)
				School Building & Site	0.75	1.2470	0.4970
				Calhoun ISD allocated	0.2674	0.266	(0.0014)
				Calhoun ISD VoEd & Special Ed	3.8918	4.4767	0.5849
				Special Assessment	1.5000	1.9000	0.4000
Total Change							1.6751
Homer		Homer	Homer	Extra Voted County operating (Parks)	1.0934	1.2934	0.2000
				Twp Allocated Operating	0.9124	0.9098	(0.0026)
				Twp Extra Voted Operating	0.9976	0.9948	(0.0028)
				Village Operating	15.9738	15.9066	(0.0672)
Total Change							0.1274

7th District Homestead Millage Ranking

Highest to Lowest

Township	City	Village	School District	Homestead Total Mills	2020 Rank	2019 Rank	2018 Rank	20 vs 19
Homer		Homer	Homer	47.3018	1	2	2	1
	Albion		Marshall w/Albion Debt	46.4237	2	1	1	(1)
Albion			Homer	36.9285	3	3	3	0
Sheridan			Springport	34.8138	4	5	5	1
			Marshall w/Albion Debt	33.8885	5	4	4	(1)
Clarendon			Homer	33.4143	6	6	6	0
Homer			Homer	33.2952	7	8	8	1
Lee			Olivet	32.5322	8	9	9	1
Clarence			Olivet	32.4131	9	10	10	1
Sheridan			Mar-Lee	32.2890	10	11	12	1
Lee			Marshall	32.1552	11	12	11	1
			Marshall w/Albion Debt	31.5279	12	7	7	(5)
Clarendon			Tekonsha	29.1320	13	13	13	0
Clarence			Springport	29.0114	14	14	14	0
Lee			Mar-Lee	26.6057	15	15	15	0
Clarence			Mar-Lee	26.4866	16	16	16	0
Homer			Litchfield	22.4656	17	17	17	0

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2020 Apportionment Report

Top 10 Highest Calhoun County Millages

Township	City	Village	School District	Homestead	2020	2019	2018	2017	19 vs 20
				Total Mills	County Rank	County Rank	County Rank	County Rank	Change
	Marshall	Marshall DDA	Marshall	53.9912	1	1	1	1	0
	Marshall		Marshall	52.3931	2	2	2	2	0
	Battle Creek		Pennfield	51.0246	3	3	3	3	0
	Battle Creek		Harper Creek	47.5446	4	5	6	6	1
	Battle Creek		Lakeview	47.4246	5	6	7	7	1
Homer		Homer	Homer	47.3018	6	7	5	5	1
	Battle Creek		Battle Creek	46.4246	7	8	8	8	1
	Albion		Marshall w/Albion Debt	46.4237	8	4	4	4	(4)
	Battle Creek		Climax Scotts	45.9916	9	10	10	10	1
	Springfield		Battle Creek	45.4906	10	9	9	9	(1)

** Highlighted area indicates 7th District Millages

Top 10 Lowest Calhoun County Millages

Township	City	Village	School District	Homestead	2020	2019	2018	2017	19 vs 20
				Total Mills	County Rank	County Rank	County Rank	County Rank	Change
Convis			Bellevue	28.6961	65	66	66	63	1
Tekonsha			Tekonsha	28.6188	66	65	65	69	(1)
Eckford			Marshall w/Albion Debt	28.3401	67	58	57	55	(9)
Newton			Union City	27.7881	68	68	68	65	0
Newton			Athens	27.4530	69	69	69	67	0
Leroy			Athens	27.3922	70	70	70	68	0
Lee			Mar-Lee	26.6057	71	71	71	70	0
Clarence			Mar-Lee	26.4866	72	72	72	71	0
Leroy			Harper Creek w/Athens Debt	25.8922	73	73	73	73	0
Homer			Litchfield	22.4656	74	74	74	74	0

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