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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

August 1 Meeting

- 1.) Joe Verlin of Gabridge & Co. was on hand to present the 2018 Calhoun County Audit which detailed the financial health of the county including a unmodified opinion from the auditor which indicated that all financial statements presented, in all material aspects, are in accordance with applicable financial framework. In other words, a good audit report with no findings.
- 2.) Approved the acceptance of the Iron Belle Trail challenge grant from the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources in the amount of \$81,500 which will assist in the purchase of property in Albion Township for the trailhead.
- 3.) Approved the submission of the ACT 51 annual financial report as required by the state of Michigan which details revenue received and expenditures for 2018 FY. (Details can be found on pages 4 & 5).
- 4.) Approved the issuance and sale of bonds to refund the general obligation bonds previously issued in 2010 for energy improvement. Refunding the balance (\$5 million) will save approx. \$159,000 over the remaining repayment life. If no savings is realized, the bonds cannot be sold.

AUGUST 15 MEETING

- 1.) Approved the laboratory testing award to Alliance Analytical Laboratories Inc. of Coopersville MI to provide water testing services to the county health dept. environmental division. It's a one year contract at an annual cost of \$25,000 with the option of 5 one year extensions.
- 2.) Approved a local agreement with Athens Township for a 3rd brine application for gravel roads (15 miles at a total cost of \$5,776.88). The County pays for 2 applications each year.
- 3.) Approved an agreement with Barry County to purchase Federal Highway funds from Barry County for 2020 at a rate of \$.85 per \$1.00 of funds purchased. This would result in a savings of \$112,500 on road projects permitting use of Federal road aid dollars based on a purchase of \$750,000.
- 4.) Failed (3-3 Tompkins, Miller, Smith dissenting) to approve a resolution waving local funding of return to gravel roads for the balance of the 2019 season. A separate motion to table the item for further information was defeated 3-3 (Frisbie, King, Hatcher dissenting).

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

(SEPTEMBER)



Albion City	9/3	7pm
Senior Day in the 7th		9am-3pm
County Commissioner mtg	9/5	7pm
Senior Millage allocation cmte.	9/6	8am
Clarence Twp	9/9	7pm
Albion Twp		7;30pm
Clarendon Twp		
Homer Village		
Homer VFW Aux.	9/10	7pm
Homer Township		
AH Substance Abuse		9am
Homer Lake board		4pm
Trailway Alliance	9/11	8am
Lee Township		7pm
Homer ALL-IN Bfast	9/13	730am
Albion City	9/16	7pm
Sheridan Township	9/17	7pm
County Commissioners mtg	9/19	7pm
Albion Eggs & Issues	9/20	730 am
County Planning Comm.	9/23	4pm
Forks Senor Center Board Mtg.	9/25	1pm

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ROAD UPDATES

1.) 25 1/2 Mile Road in Albion Township (Finley to F Dr. S). Pulverization of the road was completed and currently waiting on the next step in the process. The union representing the Reith-Riley workers have went on strike and the project is on hold pending a resolution. The two sides aren't expected to reconvene at the table until October.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

1.) Attended the Southwest Michigan Area for Region Three (SMART) county commissioners meeting in Allegan County on August 7. Deena Bosworth of Michigan Assoc. of Counties was on hand to provide insight on the budget situation at the Capital. Robert Sarro, Allegan County Admin. Had an impressive presentation on "Leading High Performance Environmental Health Services" in which the county used problem solving methods to improve its performance on getting septic permits out quicker the previous. Toured the Sheriff's office and corrections which was occupied in 2014 after repurposing an old garment/furniture factory at a cost of \$19 million (saving \$13 million).

2.) Participated in a conference call with White House Dept. of Intergovernmental Affairs on the upcoming County Commissioners Conference in D.C. in October on August 13. Details were discussed on what to expect and what areas will be focused on.

3.) Attended the Albion/Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition meeting on August 13. The coalition discussed the upcoming Marijuana forum the will take place at the Marshall Opportunity High School on Sept. 12 at 5pm with Ken Stecker as the featured speaker. Additional items covered included the Festival of Forks schedule with the recovery walk and annual legacy awards luncheon.

4.) Participated in a conference call with White House Dept. of Intergovernmental Affairs on August 21 to discuss energy dominance & infrastructure deregulation. Larry Kudlow of the National Economic Council and other senior leaders were on the call to discuss the ongoing efforts to harness America's energy dominance and promote infrastructure deregulation. Some 200 plus were on the line from all across the country.

5.) Attended Rep. Justin Amash's town hall meeting at the Albion Malleable Brewing Company on August 28. Not much substance in terms of what is being done to help the 3rd congressional district but more of a position statement as to why he became an independent.

7th District in Focus



Aug. 3- Homer is Home Festival
(Homer)



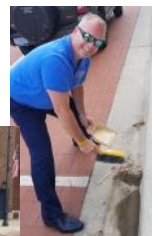
Aug. 6 – National Night Out
(Albion & Homer)



Aug 24– Walk the Beat
(Albion)



Aug. 22– Clean up the City
(Albion)



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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

1.) Senior Millage scheduled to meet August 2. Items discussed/actions taken included:

Meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum

2.) Trailway Alliance met August 14. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Doug Ferrall, Parks & Rec. Mgr for Calhoun County presented the erosion project cost outline for the Kimball Pines. The total cost of the project, est. by Hoffman Bros, was \$30,149. Upon further evaluation of costs and funds available, the Trailway Alliance approved an amount not to exceed \$20k to tackle the biggest priorities in the project.

B.) Received an update on the Albion trailhead project. The signing of the purchase agreement is close after which the land bank will demo the house and remove the existing house trailer on site. Additionally communicated was that the well is fairly new (2010) and the septic (1983).

3.) Senior Millage RFP (Request for Proposal) Sub-Committee met August 23 & 26.

A.) The sub-committee reviewed 15 proposals from prospective vendors for 11 programs up for bid which included: Hearing, Vision, Dental, Home Heating, Nutrition & more. The length of contracts ranged from 1 to 4 years depending on the service.

B.) Interviews with the prospective vendors was conducted on both days with each being given 10 min for presentation followed by a 15 min Q & A. Afterward each vendor received a consensus score.

C.) The sub-committee recommendations will be brought to the full committee for recommendation approval followed by a final approval by the board of commissioners.

4.) County Planning Commission met August 26. Items discussed/actions taken included;

Meeting was cancelled due to lack of agenda items

- 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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CALHOUN COUNTY ACT 51 FINANCIAL REPORTING- 2018 FY
AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

Township	Commission District	Revenues	Expenditures	Township Contributions in \$
		Grand Total All Funds Received	Preservation/ Structural Improvement \$	
Bedford	4	\$632,164.12	\$48,077.01	\$0.00
Convis	4	\$196,103.85	\$701,365.21	\$382,940.35
Pennfield	4	\$586,320.18	\$576,820.20	\$0.00
Grand Total 4th District		\$1,414,588.15	\$1,326,262.42	\$382,940.35
Athens	5	\$175,737.99	\$229,907.51	\$63,751.68
Emmett	5	\$938,435.06	\$602,353.30	\$0.00
Leroy	5	\$268,552.98	\$200,024.52	\$0.00
Newton	5	\$249,463.94	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total 5th District		\$1,632,189.97	\$1,032,285.33	\$63,751.68
Burlington	6	\$203,899.25	\$7,003.63	\$0.00
Eckford	6	\$190,439.88	\$63,305.59	\$38,932.78
Fredonia	6	\$168,982.59	\$115,367.55	\$86,752.35
Marengo	6	\$206,955.48	\$900,512.04	\$98,861.14
Marshall	6	\$272,422.82	\$113,766.42	\$28,876.63
Tekonsha	6	\$166,809.40	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total 6th District		\$1,209,509.42	\$1,199,955.23	\$253,422.90
Albion	7	\$177,360.32	\$542,047.83	\$117,379.94
Clarence	7	\$196,792.18	\$695,912.07	\$40,496.42
Clarendon	7	\$163,319.31	\$0.00	\$0.00
Homer	7	\$192,986.06	\$1,661,982.72	\$0.00
Lee	7	\$182,794.51	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sheridan	7	\$207,730.83	\$46,703.83	\$35,243.63
Grand Total 7th District		\$1,120,983.21	\$2,946,646.45	\$193,119.99
Total		\$5,377,270.75	\$6,505,149.43	\$893,234.92

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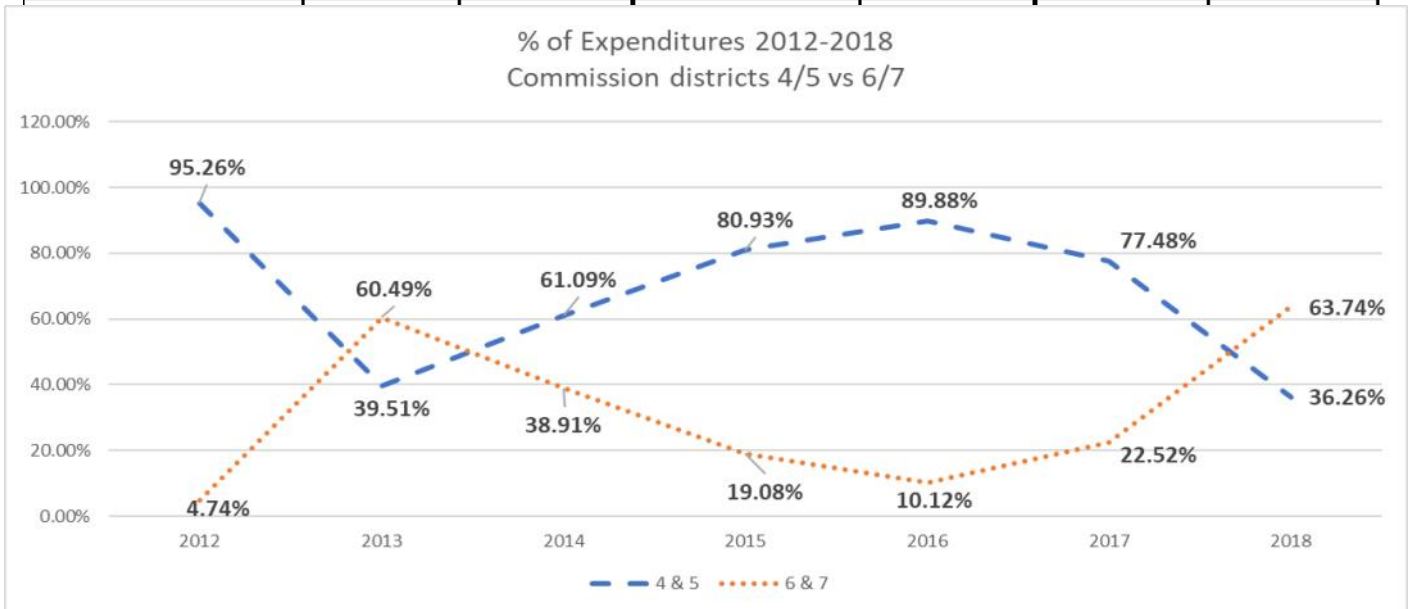
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CALHOUN COUNTY ACT 51 FINANCIAL REPORTING — 7 YEAR REVIEW

Township	Commission District	Funds Received from ACT 51 Grand Total over 7 years	Calhoun County Road Dept. Expenditures Grand Total over 7 years	% of Expenditures to funds Rec.	Township Contribution Grand Total over 7 years	% of Expenditures to Twp Contrib.
Bedford	4	\$3,372,288.05	\$9,520,197.51	282.31%	\$511,533.82	5.37%
Convis	4	\$1,034,716.34	\$4,006,983.39	387.25%	\$2,047,495.05	51.10%
Pennfield	4	\$3,112,831.48	\$11,810,429.39	379.41%	\$5,037,212.98	42.65%
Grand Total 4th District		\$7,519,835.87	\$25,337,610.29	336.94%	\$7,596,241.85	29.98%
Athens	5	\$926,997.59	\$1,967,569.37	212.25%	\$301,000.36	15.30%
Emmett	5	\$5,020,380.07	\$7,993,852.17	159.23%	\$197,823.66	2.47%
Leroy	5	\$1,423,720.39	\$913,688.01	64.18%	\$10,677.50	1.17%
Newton	5	\$1,323,372.20	\$1,045,774.60	79.02%	\$234,622.85	22.44%
Grand Total 5th District		\$8,694,470.25	\$11,920,884.15	137.11%	\$744,124.37	6.24%
Burlington	6	\$1,075,618.63	\$7,003.63	0.65%	\$0.00	0.00%
Eckford	6	\$1,007,141.67	\$903,364.68	89.70%	\$429,900.64	47.59%
Fredonia	6	\$891,518.39	\$1,070,676.98	120.10%	\$386,566.60	36.10%
Marengo	6	\$1,093,651.78	\$2,836,895.30	259.40%	\$341,832.25	12.05%
Marshall	6	\$1,447,403.59	\$608,251.38	42.02%	\$406,307.03	66.80%
Tekonsha	6	\$879,981.22	\$13,610.05	1.55%	\$9,244.95	67.93%
Grand Total 6th District		\$6,395,315.28	\$5,439,802.02	85.06%	\$1,573,851.47	28.93%
Albion	7	\$938,623.21	\$2,473,917.01	263.57%	\$807,669.10	32.65%
Clarence	7	\$1,038,139.10	\$1,013,276.41	97.61%	\$280,627.83	27.70%
Clarendon	7	\$861,601.14	\$9,236.32	1.07%	\$0.00	0.00%
Homer	7	\$1,017,876.28	\$2,854,727.60	280.46%	\$19,111.16	0.67%
Lee	7	\$963,981.75	\$7,491.10	0.78%	\$4,416.37	58.95%
Sheridan	7	\$1,100,405.87	\$1,377,589.78	125.19%	\$73,033.41	5.30%
Grand Total 7th District		\$5,920,627.35	\$7,736,238.22	130.67%	\$1,184,857.87	15.32%



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OTHER NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & HAPPENINGS

CALHOUN COUNTY FAIR 2019



Healthy Babies Day

September 14, 2019

11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Registration closes at 12:30 p.m.

225 Watson Street, Albion

Albion Community Center

A **FREE** event for parents who are expecting and/or those with children, newborn through 18-months.

25+ Booths, Give Aways including diapers, wipes, first aid kits, sleep sacks, Educational Sessions.

Sponsored by:



<https://www.facebook.com/healthybabiesdayalbion/>



A **FREE** event for parents who are expecting, and/or those with children, newborn through 18-months-old, and their caregivers, in the greater Albion community and surrounding areas.

For more information:
ahca@albionhca.org

Albion Healthy Babies Day is a partnership of the:
Healthy Babies Day Committee,
First United Methodist Church, and
Albion Health Care Alliance

More than 25 booths!
Free samples & resources

Free Lunch
Flu Shots
Nutrition Education
Car Seat Safety Checks
Breastfeeding Resources
Baby essentials gifts for all registrants
(first aid kits, safe sleep sacks, diapers, wipes)

Educational Break-Out Sessions

Session 1: Postpartum Depression & Hormones and Infant Mortality Prevention Tips (Safe Sleep, PURPLE Cry, prenatal care)

Session 2: Choking Hazards and Prevention Tips and The Truth About Vaccines

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