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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

February 7 Meeting

- 1.) Julie Pioch, MSU Extension District 13 Coordinator was on had to present the 2018 Annual Report. Ms. Pioch touched on several program highlights including the Albion Civic Engagement in which MSU Extension led a series of meetings with community leaders in Albion to discuss improving civic engagement among minorities and groups traditionally left out of decision-making processes & the Creative Arts program in Albion.
- 2.) Approved the Michigan Department of Transportation Contract # 19-5037 (Federal Aid Project), which includes traffic signal modernization work at the intersection of Raymond Road & Cliff Street in Emmett Twp.
- 3.) Approved the Contract with GEI Consultants of Michigan to remove the existing failed lunker structure in Historic Bridge Park to stabilize the shoreline. The contract will be fully funded by the grant received from the Kalamazoo River Community Recreation Fund.
- 4.) Appointed Marcia Starkey to the Calhoun County Mental Health Authority (Summit Pointe).

February 21 Meeting

- 1.) Approved the grant application to the Michigan Dept. of Environmental Quality for the recycling infrastructure grant program. The grant budget totals \$30,486 which includes a 25% match from the Solid Waste Fund Balance.
- 2.) Approved a one year contract with the option for a 2nd year with Lakeland Asphalt to provide bituminous cold patch materials for pothole patching at an annual est. amount of \$345,000. This is a joint purchase with Jackson County.
- 3.) Approved the recommendation to award the contract for parking lot repair and maint. To Asphalt Solutions in the amount of \$761,239. This cost covers 7 county parking lots including the Albion building in the 7th district.
- 4.) Approved the draft Northeast Marshall Neighborhood Improvement Authority development plan and tax increment finance plan. The tax capture plan would generate approx. \$3 million over a 20 year period (\$1 million from County Taxes). The proposed tax sharing agreement of a 65% capture/35% pass-through would mean the county would keep \$348,000 over 20 years and NIA would keep \$646,000 over 20 years. The plan captures all or a portion of the incremental tax revenues that result from increased property values through new development, improvements to existing properties, and inflation.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: (MARCH)

Senior Millage Committee	3/1	8am
Albion City Homer Village	3/4	7pm
Senior Day in the 7th	3/5	9am-3pm
County Commissioners Mtg.	3/7	7pm
Homer ALL IN Breakfast	3/8	7:30am
Clarence Twp Clarendon Twp	3/11	7pm 7:30pm
Homer VFW Aux. AH Substance Abuse Homer Lake Board Homer Twp	3/12	7pm 9am 4pm 7pm
Trailway Alliance Lee Twp	3/13	8am 7pm
Albion Eggs & Issues	3/15	7:30am
Albion City Albion Twp SWBH SUD Oversight Board	3/18	7pm 7pm 4pm
County Commission Mg.	3/21	7pm
Calhoun County Planning Commission	3/25	4pm
Forks Senior Center Board Mtg.	3/27	1pm

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ROAD UPDATES

1.) Meeting with Road Dept, Marengo & Sheridan Twp to discuss 24 mile road closure. Options included a total reconstruct (long term) or graveling a portion of the road (short term) to re-open road in the Spring.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) Albion Winterfest on Feb. 2. The annual Cardboard Classic Sled Race at Victory Park is a wonderful tradition in Albion. 17 incredibly creative entries were on display and I was honored to once again be a judge which was tough with all the great entries. Fun for everyone!
- 2.) Senior Day in the 7th on Feb. 5. Toured the 7th District visiting & listening to seniors on issues important to them. Made stops at Fun & Fitness in Homer, congregated meal gathering at Clarence Twp Hall, and a final stop at the Forks Senior Center in Albion.
- 3.) American Legion post veterans town hall on Feb. 9. Mark Sutton, Public Relations Dir. for the American Legion Dept. of Michigan & Gary Easterling of American Legion Veterans Affairs was on hand to answer questions.
- 4.) Met with Matt Diana, Fisheries Biologist, Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, on Feb. 13 to discuss opportunities relative to improving Homer Lake and striking a balance between recreation on the lake and fishing.
- 5.) Albion Third Coast River talk on Feb 13 at the Ludington Center in Albion. The Kalamazoo River Watershed Council partnered with Albion College to bring together people from all segments of the upstream Kalamazoo River community who share an interest in the river, its tributaries and adjacent water resources.
- 6.) 33rd annual "Men Who Cook" on Feb. 17 at First Baptist Church in Albion. A great event for Citizens to Beautify Albion. I made my Cherry Salad for all to enjoy!
- 7.) Community Action's 34th Ann. Walk for Warmth on Feb 23 in Albion. A great cause to help families in the Albion/Homer/Marshall area to provide assistance for those struggling. Many thanks to the pledge sponsors and their support as I walked the 1.5 miles.
- 8.) 2nd Annual Black History Month Musical Celebration at the Washington Gardner Auditorium. Amazing talent displayed from Albion, Detroit and Jackson to name a few.
- 9.) Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Convocation at the Bohm Theatre on Feb. 26. Rochelle Riley, Award Winning Columnist and Free Press Editor, was on hand to deliver a strong message.



Feb. 23— Rhonda Roberts Benefit
(Albion)



Feb. 26— MLK Convocation
(Albion)

7th District in Focus



Feb. 2— Albion Winterfest
(Albion)



Feb. 9— Marcia Butters 90th Birthday
(Homer)



Feb. 21— Family Literacy Night
(Homer)



Feb. 23— Walk for Warmth
(Albion)



Feb. 23— 2nd Ann. Black History Month Celebration
(Albion)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

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

A.) Election of officers was conducted with Gary Tompkins elected as Chair & Jill Booth elected as Vice Chair. Additionally we officially welcomed Diane Peters and Commissioner Rochelle Hatcher to the committee.

B.) Recommended the re-appointment of Michelle Hill, Richard Lindsey & Dianne "Willy" Kalnins for a term thru 2022.

C.) Held a discussion for Senior Millage potentially funding a portion of an accessible trail at Kimball Pines. The committee requested Nancy McFarlane, Consultant for the CC Trailway Alliance, to make a presentation at the March meeting.

2.) County Planning Commission met Feb. 4. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Held election of officers. Terrance Lunger was elected as Chair, John Sackrider as Vice Chair & Ben Lark as Secretary.

B.) Approved a motion to review 5 year master plan & approved the 2019 meeting schedule.

C.) Approved the recommendation for approval of a PA116 application in Eckford Twp, Zoning map amendments & master plan amendment in Emmett Twp, Zoning map amendment in Pennfield Twp & Zoning text amendment in Athens Twp.

3.) Trailway Alliance met Feb. 13. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) We received an update on the Iron Belle Grants in 2019 totaling a \$5 million dollar appropriation and include \$1 million in mini-grants & \$4 million in challenge grants requiring a match.

B.) Received notification that the Battle Creek Community Foundation signed off the grant application and the full application was submitted. The request is for the paving the .5 mile stretch of trail from Michigan Ave. to Kimball Pines.

- *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*

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CALHOUN COUNTY RECYCLING EVENTS 2019

Upcoming Free Recycling Events (All Events Open to Calhoun County Residents Only):

· **January 5, 2019** Polystyrene (Styrofoam #6) Collection 9 AM to 12 PM City of Battle Creek Department of Public Works Building, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek

Items Accepted: clean cups, plates, egg cartons, meat trays, coolers, and packaging material marked #6. NO peanuts or construction foam.

· **April 6, 2019** Recyclerama 9 AM to 1 PM Bailey Park, 1392 Capital Ave NE, Battle Creek Enter park from Wagner Dr. off of Emmett St.

Items Accepted: Appliances, Electronics, Polystyrene (Styrofoam #6), Household Hazardous Waste, Medications, Eyeglasses

· **May 4, 2019** Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10 AM to 12 PM Marshall County Building parking lot off S. Grand St., Marshall

Items Accepted: Old gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil (must be in approved container), brake fluid, pesticides, old prescriptions, anti-freeze, solvents, cleaners, stain and oil based paint, acids, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, household batteries (includes button), mercury, fluorescent light bulbs, CFL bulbs, sharps sealed in a coffee can or laundry detergent bottle. NO latex paint.

· **June 1, 2019** Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10 AM to 12 PM Toeller Building parking lot, 190 E. Michigan Ave., Battle Creek

Items Accepted: Old gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil (must be in approved container), brake fluid, pesticides, old prescriptions, anti-freeze, solvents, cleaners, stain and oil based paint, acids, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, household batteries (includes button), mercury, fluorescent light bulbs, CFL bulbs, sharps sealed in a coffee can or laundry detergent bottle. NO latex paint.

· **August 24, 2019** Electronics and Polystyrene (Styrofoam #6) Collection Joint collection with City of Battle Creek 9 AM to 1 PM City of Battle Creek Department of Public Works Building, 150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek

Items Accepted: Electronics - Computers, televisions, game systems, DVD players, fans, radios, vacuums, and small kitchen appliances. Air conditioners and dehumidifiers will be accepted. Polystyrene - Food and beverage containers, packaging materials with #6. NO peanuts or construction foam.

· **September 28, 2019** Household Hazardous Waste Collection 10 AM to 12 PM Marshall County Building parking lot off S. Grand St., Marshall

Items Accepted: Old gasoline, kerosene, fuel oil (must be in approved container), brake fluid, pesticides, old prescriptions, anti-freeze, solvents, cleaners, stain and oil based paint, acids, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, household batteries (includes button), mercury, fluorescent light bulbs, CFL bulbs, sharps sealed in a coffee can or laundry detergent bottle. NO latex paint.

Scrap Tire Collection dates will be released when the Michigan DEQ awards the 2019 Scrap Tire Grants in early 2019.

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Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Safety Class Schedule 2019



For information and to register please contact the Sheriff's Office at 269-781-0880.

Office hours are Monday – Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

****Pre – Registration Required****

Boat Safety Classes**

- 5/4 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Lyon Lake
Fredonia Twp. Hall
8803 Old US 27 South, Marshall
- 5/25 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Quality Camping
5775 Old US 27 South, Marshall

Hunter / Boat Safety Classes*

- 4/8, 4/15, 4/16, 4/17, 4/18 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm MRLEC
714 Old US 27 N, Marshall
- 9/9, 9/16, 9/17, 9/18, 9/19 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm Pennfield Middle School
8587 Pennfield Rd., Battle Creek
- 9/23, 9/30, 10/1, 10/2, 10/3 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm MRLEC
714 Old US 27 N, Marshall
- 10/7, 10/14, 10/15, 10/16, 10/17 5:30pm – 8:30 pm Homer Middle School
403 S. Hillsdale St., Homer

ORV Safety Classes**

- 6/8 9:00 am – 4:00 pm MRLEC
714 Old US 27 N, Marshall

Snowmobile Safety Class**

- 12/7 9:00 am – 4:00 pm MRLEC
714 Old US 27 N, Marshall

*Please bring a highlighter

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