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## COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

## MONTHLY MEETINGS:

### January 16 Meeting

### (FEBRUARY)

- 1.) Elected Kathy Sue Vette (District 1) as Vice Chairperson of the Commission.
- 2.) Held a public hearing on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan (2020-2024) and after conclusion of the hearing, approved the plan as presented.
- 3.) Approved the Board of Commissioners meeting schedule for 2020. The meetings will commence the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 7pm with the exception of April (only 1 meeting, April 14, for equalization) and July which will only meet the 3rd Thursday (July 16) due to the 1st Thursday so close to the 4th.
- 4.) Approved a rental agreement with Housing Choices LLC for use of office space at the Albion Services Building. Ran by the Michigan State Housing Authority, the program (Housing Choices LLC) provides rent subsidies for very low income people who find their own housing in private homes and apartment buildings. 100 sq. ft of office space at a cost of \$1,272 per year. (Albion Services building is now 100% occupied).
- 5.) Approved a memorandum of understanding between the Michigan Attorney Gen. and the Calhoun County Prosecutor provides for the Attorney General to fund staffing for the Sexual Assault Kit Investigative Unit within the Prosecutors Office in Calhoun County. At this time, the Prosecutor has elected to appoint one prosecutor and one investigator. This renewal will run through 9/30/2020.



Homer Village Albion City	2/3	7pm
Senior Day in The 7th	2/4	9am- 3pm
Commissioners mtg.	2/6	7pm
Senior millage Allocation Committee	2/7	8am
Clarence Twp Albion Twp Clarendon Twp	2/10	7pm 730pm
Homer VFW Aux. Homer Township AH Substance Abuse	2/11	7pm 9am
Trailway Alliance Lee Township	2/12	8am 7pm
Homer ALL IN Bfast Albion City	2/14	730am 7pm
Sheridan Township	2/18	7pm
Albion Eggs & Issues	2/21	730am
Forks Senior Center Board Mtg.	2/26	1pm

## Call Your Representatives

Sen. John Bizon (517) 373-2426 (All Calhoun County)  
Rep. Matt Hall (517) 373-1787 (Homer & Clarendon)  
Rep. Jim Haadsma (517) 373-0555 (Albion, Sheridan, Clarence, Lee)  
Gov. Whitmer Office (517) 335-7858

Tell them to talk to Commissioner Tompkins and change ACT 51 with his plan. Let's put Commissioner Tompkins plan in place so the money can be streamlined to be used on roads and bridges as it was intended.

Commissioner Tompkins plan is for all of us. Not just a few.

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## ROAD UPDATES

- 1.) 25 1/2 Mile (Albion Twp)- Preliminary word is that Reith-Riley will possibly bring a few crews from another state to complete the work. MDOT has requested a schedule from Reith-Riley of when they will resume each project.
- 2.) Road Dept. is looking into the 29 mile (just south of D Dr N) water over the road issue in Sheridan Township. Updates to follow.

## OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) . Attended the 1st Suicide Prevention Coalition mtg at the Ludington Center in Albion on Jan. 8. Facilitators of the meeting included Jeannie Goodrich of Summit Pointe & Harry Bonner of Substance Abuse Prevention Services. The group discussed the 4 parameters of this difficult topic and included Prevention, Treatment, Crisis & Bereavement Support. We reviewed data and reviewed challenges in each of the 4 parameters.
- 2.) Attended the State of the Community Address at the Kool Family Center in Battle Creek on Jan 13. Kelli Scott, Administrator of Calhoun County, was on hand to review 2019 and look ahead to 2020.
- 3.) Attended the Albion City Precinct 3 mtg at Peabody Apts. On Jan 17. Had the opportunity to update residents on county happenings and discuss road issues and my road plan.
- 5.) 1st Annual Mental Health Resource Fair on Jan. 25 at Macedonia Church in Albion. Lots of resources were on hand to provide info. Additionally I was honored to participate as part of a panel discussing issues on mental health.
- 6.) 40th annual VFW Dept. of Michigan Voice of Democracy banquet on Jan. 25 at the Radisson in Kalamazoo. Incredible students delivering award winning essays for scholarships. I was honored, along with Sen. Bizon & Sheriff Saxton, to be state judges for teacher of the year awards in Elementary, Middle School & High School.
- 7.) MLK Convocation at the Bohm on Jan. 28. The honorable Danna Edwards, District Court Judge of the 1st Judicial District of Minnesota was the keynote speaker and delivered a powerful speech. Ms. Edwards is a Albion College grad (Class of 1983)
- 8.) Attended the Albion City Precinct 1 mtg at Crowell School on Jan. 30. Had the opportunity to update residents on county happenings and discuss road issues and my road plan.

## 7th District in Focus



Jan 8. - Suicide Prevention Coalition Mtg.  
(Albion)



Jan. 20- 3rd Ann. MLK Dinner  
(Albion)



Jan. 24- Board Appreciation Day  
(Homer)



Jan. 28 - MLK Convocation  
(Albion)



Jan. 30- Albion City Precinct 1 mtg  
(Albion)



Jan. 25- VFW Teacher Awards  
(Kalamazoo)

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## COMMITTEE CORNER



## COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

**1.) Senior Millage met Jan. 3. Items discussed/actions taken included:**

A.) After discussion and addressing concerns of members, the committee unanimously approved the creation of the Senior Strategic Project Fund and recommend approval from the Board of Commissioners.

**2.) Trailway Alliance met Jan 8. Items discussed/actions taken included;**

A.) Albion Trailhead (south of Riverside Cemetery in Albion Twp.) acquisition of the property is complete and currently in the process of hiring a prime professional. Expectation of 3 to 4 months before major work begins.

B.) Heard an update on the Albion City trail portion (1 mile to the west to City Limit, Austin Ave/Michigan Ave). The Engineering portion is complete, currently uploading construction documents to DNR website and will be issuing bids for construction in the near future.

**3.) Homer Lake Mgmt. Board met Jan. 14. Items discussed/actions taken included:**

A.) Held election of officers for 2020. Gary Tompkins was elected Chair, Secretary and will continue as the administrator (at no cost to taxpayers).

B.) Approved the 2020 budget and reviewed the final 2019 budget. 2019 reflected the 2nd consecutive year conducting 3 treatments on the lake (most ever in a year), being under budget on the treatment cost, doubling our loan payment for the 2nd straight year (1K to 2K) & ending the year in the best financial shape since the inception of the lake board.

**4.) SWMBH Substance Abuse Oversight Policy Board met Jan. 20. Items discussed/actions taken included;**

Please see page 4 for details on the 2019 year in review.

**5.) County Planning Commission met Jan. 27. Items discussed/actions taken included:**

A.) Re-elected Terrance Lunger Chair, John Sackrider Vice Chair & Ben Lark as Secretary. Ben Lark will also serve as the rep. for the Parks Committee.

B.) Approved Zoning Map amendments for Sheridan Twp, Leroy Twp & Bedford Twp. Also approved a Zoning Text amendment for Burlington Twp for Wind Energy Systems

- *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— Secretary*
- *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.*
- *Suicide Prevention Coalition*

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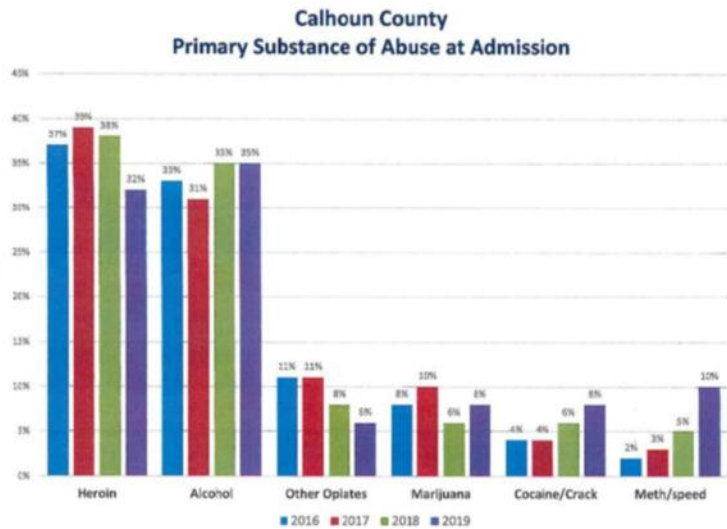
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## SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (SWBH) SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) OVERSIGHT POLICY BOARD 2019 ADMISSION DATA & PREVENTION OUTCOMES

### ADMISSIONS DATA (CALHOUN COUNTY)

- ⇒ HEROIN ABUSE ADMISSIONS FROM 2018 TO 2019 SAW A DECREASE OF 6% (38%- 32%).
- ⇒ ALCOHOL ABUSE ADMISSIONS REMAINED THE SAME AT 35% FROM 2018 TO 2019.
- ⇒ OPIOIDES ABUSE ADMISSIONS REDUCED BY 2% (8% TO 6%) FROM 2018 TO 2019.
- ⇒ MARIJUANA ABUSE ADMISSIONS INCREASED BY 2% (6% TO 8%) FROM 2018 TO 2019.
- ⇒ COCAINE/CRACK ABUSE ADMISSIONS INCREASED BY 2% (6% TO 8%) FROM 2018 TO 2019.
- ⇒ METH/SPEED ABUSE ADMISSIONS INCREASED BY 5% (5% TO 10%) FROM 2018 TO 2019.



OF THE OTHER COUNTIES IN THE REGION (BERRY, BERRIEN, BRANCH, CASS, KALAMAZOO, ST. JOE & VAN BUREN), CALHOUN WAS THE ONLY COUNTY THAT HAD HEROIN AS ITS TOP ABUSE ADMISSION IN PAST YEARS. THE OTHER COUNTIES HAD ALCOHOL AS ITS TOP ABUSE ADMISSION.

### PREVENTION BASED OUTCOMES

- ⇒ ALBION-HOMER SUBSTANCE ABUSE COALITION (SAPS) MET ALL OF THE PREVENTION OUTCOME MEASURABLE TARGETS ESTABLISHED BY SWMBH IN 2019.
- ⇒ ALBION-HOMER SAPS COLLECTED 110 LBS OF PRESCRIPTION MEDS IN 2019 WHICH IS 55% OF THE GOAL OF 200 LBS. FURTHER OUTREACH IS PLANNED IN 2020 TO MEET THE GOAL ESTABLISHED.
- ⇒ OVERALL THE 8 REGIONAL COUNTIES COLLECTED 21,397 LBS OF PRESCRIPTION MEDS AT THE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY AND THROUGHOUT THE 2019 YEAR. THIS RESULT IS 5,281 LBS MORE THAN THE TOAL GOAL (16,116 LBS) AND EXCEEDED THE GOAL BY 32.8%
- ⇒ 6 OF THE 8 REGIONAL COUNTIES MET THEIR TAKE BACK PRESCRIPTION MED TOTALS. (CALHOUN & ST. JOE FELL SHORT).

Prevention Outcome Measure Domains	Domain Value (%)	Calhoun (SAC)	Calhoun (SAPS)**
I - SUD Community Consequences Indicators a) HS Youth past 30-day use (Alcohol, Rx Drugs, MJ) b) Alcohol-related Traffic Fatalities/Accidents	3%	2.6%	2.6%
II - Pre/Post Test Scores	24%	22.7%	24.0%
III - Stakeholder Input Surveys	9%	9.0%	19.0%
IV - Problem ID. & Service Referral (Pre-screening)	9%	9.0%	9.0%
V - Community Education Campaigns (RX Drugs, Under-Age Drinking, MJ/Kids, Other)	22%	22.0%	21.0%
VI - Alcohol & Tobacco Retailer Activities (Under-Age Drinking, tobacco access, E-Cigs)	10%	10.0%	NA
VII - Community-based Projects	15%	15.0%	15.0%
VIII - Community-based Accomplishments	6%	6.0%	6.0%
IX - Outputs Efficiency Indicators	2%	2.0%	2.0%
Provide Performance Rating (domain goal = 70%)	35.7%	30.0%	30.0%
** Denotes Providers that do not have activities and Outcome Measures in all performance domains. Their performance scores are weighted & adjusted accordingly.			
Expired, Unused Med Collection Program	SWMBH	Calhoun-SAC	Calhoun (SAPS)
Lbs. (Actual)	21,397	1,135	110
Lbs. (Annual Goal)	16,116	1,100	200
%	132.8%	103.2%	55.0%

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**ROAD FUNDING DEBATE CONTINUES:  
DETROIT REGIONAL CHAMBER CONDUCTS MICHIGAN STATEWIDE POLICY SURVEY  
CONDUCTED BY GLENGARIF GROUP LLC. (JANUARY 2020)**

**Michigan: It's Still All About the Roads**

- By a wide margin, 29.5% of Michigan voters ranked roads and bridges as the most important issue facing the nation.
- 29.5% Roads and bridges ▪ 18.0% Jobs and the economy ▪ 7.2%. Education/ Education Spending ▪ 6.3% Water and Sewer Infrastructure
- Roads and Bridges ranked as the top issue in Michigan among every demographic group.
- Voters were asked if Michigan roads have gotten better, worse or stayed about the same: ▪ 46.3% say they have gotten worse ▪ 40.2% say they are about the same. ▪ Only 11.7% said they have gotten better.

Michigan 2020 General Election Policy Survey Detroit Regional Chamber Glengariff Group, Inc.  
January 2020

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- Voters were asked if Michigan government had enough money to fix the roads or does Michigan need to raise more money to fix the roads. By a margin of 53.3%-33.7%, Michigan voters believe the state has enough money to fix the roads.

- Voters were asked if more money was raised for roads, who they would trust most to make sure the money was spent the right way: ▪ 29.7% said their local city or township government ▪ 29.7% said their county government ▪ 22.5% said Michigan state government.

o Strong Republican voters were most likely to support their county (37.8%) to spend the money. o Strong Democratic voters were most likely to support state government (35.8%) to spend the money. o Independent voters were most likely to support their local government (33.8%) to spend the money.

- Voters were asked if they would be more or less likely to support an increase in road revenues if they knew their local government would be responsible for handling the money and making the road fixes.

- 47.4% would be more likely to support (23.7% much more likely/ 23.7% little more likely) ▪ 15.3% would be less likely to support. ▪ 32.2% said it would make no difference to them.

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## 2020 Census FAQ

### What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

### What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

### Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

### When can I respond to the census?

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

### What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

### What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

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