

GARY TOMPKINS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
7TH DISTRICT



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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

July 18 Meeting

1.) Karla Fales from Carewell Services Southwest (Area Agency on Aging) was on hand to present the agencies multi-year plan (2020-2022) as required by state law. Of particular interest in the plan was the heightened emphasis on reaching out to rural areas in terms of providing services. Additionally Dementia has risen to the top in terms of senior issues needing addressed.

2.) Approved lease agreements with the new Public Defenders office, Health Dept. & Substance Abuse Council. The new Public Defenders office will be located on the 3rd floor of the Toeller building in Battle Creek.

3.) Approved mid-year budget adjustments as presented by the Finance dept. Of particular interest was the child care fund going forward due to the excessive cost of juveniles under DHS in a private institution costing the county upwards of \$90K per month and potentially utilizing the excess fund balance as we head into 2020 and beyond. Will need to monitor this area closely to ensure the child care fund remains stable.

4.) County Program Manager Doug Ferrall was on hand to discuss the limited funding available to care for county parks and some initial discussion in the parks & recreation committee has taken place about a possible parks millage. A number of steps are required in order to place this issue on the ballot on 2020.



County Commission mtg	8/1	7pm
Senior Millage Allocation Committee	8/2	8am
Albion City Homer Village	8/5	7pm
Senior Day in the 7th Homer Twp	8/6	9am-3pm 7pm
Lee Twp	8/7	7pm
Clarence Twp Albion Twp Clarendon Twp	8/12	7pm 7:30pm
Homer VFW Aux. AH Substance Abuse	8/13	7pm 9am
Trailway Alliance	8/14	8am
County Commission mtg	8/15	7pm
Albion City	8/19	7pm
Sheridan Twp	8/20	7 pm
County Planning Comm.	8/26	4pm
Forks Senor Center Board Mtg.	8/28	1pm

OTHER COMMISSIONER NOTES:

1.) The commissioners internal budget committee (Frisbie, Vette, Smith) met on July 10th to discuss the schedule for the 2020 budget planning and review a proposal for a fee study to ensure that the county is appropriately charging for services. August will begin the budget process as departments will be submitting budgets.

2.) Congratulations and best wishes to Judge Samuel Durham who will be retiring on August 5th. Thank you for your service to Calhoun County.

3.) UPDATE: Ranger Power (Solar Power Co.) who is planning over a thousand acres of solar panels in Sheridan Township, has indicated they would like to break ground in fall 2019 which is much sooner than the 2021 original date. Stay tuned for more details as they come in.

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ROAD UPDATES

1.) Bridge on P Dr. S (Homer Township). On July 17th, the Lampson Run bridge was found to have a cracked spreader beam and was completely closed pending a structural Eng. Review. On July 18th, one lane of the bridge (north side) was re-opened to traffic. The bridge is scheduled for a deck replacement and the deck is on order. The estimated time for the deck replacement is September 2019.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) Homer Parks & Rec. mtg on July 3. Met with Art Kale, Homer Village Mgr, Carol Petredean, Homer Community Foundation Mgr & Brian Baker of Wrightman Assoc. to discuss possible Homer Lake improvement opportunities in relation to the Firekeepers Local Revenue Sharing grants and the idea of working together to submit.
- 2.) Roads Town hall on July 9 at Victory Life Church in Emmett Twp hosted by Rep. Matt Hall of the 63rd District & special guest Jack O'Malley, House Transportation Cmte Chair. Good discussion on the House plan to address roads. Some positives to take away but neither side wants to deal with the root cause which is the current ACT 51 formula.
- 3.) Albion City Infrastructure advisory committee mtg. on July 10. Defined the purpose of the committee, the scope (areas of focus) and held discussions on the ACT 51 distribution of funding, the results of the latest PASER street assessment & overview/update on public works projects.
- 4.) Savion Solar informational hearing at Sheridan Twp Hall on July 11. Savion has identified a site within the twp for a proposed 165 megawatt Solar panel project which will encompass 1,800 acres of land and install over a half million solar panels.
- 5.) Calhoun Professionals in Aging Network on July 18 at Marshall United Methodist with a panel discussion on Opioids and Addiction. Dr. Michael Chapman of Oaklawn, Sen. John Bizon and Sheriff Saxton were on hand to speak on the issues affecting Calhoun County and measures being taken to combat this important issue.

7th District in Focus



July 9 - Clerk Johnson Proclamation
(Homer Twp)



July 14 - Kids @ Victory Park Work Day
(Albion)



July 15- Entre Nos Club @ Maple Grove Apts.
(Albion)



July 28 - Homer Historical Society Car Show
(Homer)



July 28 - AmeriCorps Vistas Picnic
(Albion)



July 26 - Precinct 1 mtg
(Albion)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

1.) Senior Millage met June 28. (July mtg.) Items discussed/actions taken included:

A.) Heard from Laura Ferrara of Senior Care Partners on the new PACE facility in Albion slated for an early 2020 completion.

B.) Approved mini-grant requests in the amount of \$5K to Holland Park Pavilion in Albion & Talons out Honor Flight to support 10 veterans. Additionally approved a mini-grant in the amount of \$3k to Lions Club of Marshall for Wednesday seniors ride free on Dial-A-Ride.

2.) Trailway Alliance met July 10. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Mary Arbogast was elected as a new board member.

B.) Albion Trailhead project. Expected finalization of acquisition agreement with landowner July 2019 & farmer will continue to utilize field for crops to keep the weeds etc. from growing.

C.) Albion City West Side project (Michigan Ave) is anticipated for a 2020 completion as all easements have been signed.

3.) Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Policy Oversight Board met July 15. Items discussed/actions taken included:

A.) Achilles Malta, Regional Coord. Of SUD prevention services, reported out on the recent released Synar report (tobacco retail compliance checks). These checks are conducted annually. 30 retailers from the region were chosen with 27 of the 29 compliant (1 out of business, 1 non-compliance in Kalamazoo County & 1 non-compliance in Calhoun County). The compliance rate for 2019 is 93.1% and the compliance rate in our region has been above the required 80% for the past 11 years. Less than 80% would affect funding.

4.) County Planning Commission met July 29. Items discussed/actions taken included;

A.) Recommended for approval Newton Township text amendments, Lee Township zoning text amendments concerning Medical Marijuana, Burlington Township PA 116 application & Marshall Township zoning map amendment regarding 14805 W. Michigan Ave.

- 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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ROAD FUNDING FACTS & WHY THE CURRENT SYSTEM WILL NEVER ADDRESS THE ISSUE PART 3: TAKEAWAYS, HOW TO FIX & THE SOLUTION

Takeaways from the current ACT 51 Formula/System

- 1.) Antiquated– Outdated
- 2.) Inefficient– Wasting or failing to make the best use of time & resources.
- 3.) Unfair- YOU should never be punished for where YOU live!
- 4.) Doesn't address the real problem which is local roads.
 - A.) 69.78% of county roads in the state of Michigan are LOCAL roads.
 - B.) 69.90% of city/village streets are minor (Local) miles.

How To FIX the problem?

- 1.) Eliminate the current ACT 51 formula /system & create a simpler, efficient, effective & fair system.
- 2.) Utilizing a simple formula, WE can address the problem more swiftly with money going to areas in most need.
- 3.) In my plan, EVERYONE (Every County, City & Village) sees a significant increase in funds to address the roads in a swift, efficient, effective & fair way for ALL to benefit

The Solution: Tompkins Transportation and Infrastructure Act (TTIA)

- 1.) Infuse an additional \$1.7 billion (\$2.9076 billion in 17/18) totaling \$4.6 Billion into the MTF (Michigan Transportation Fund). This money is a review of priorities and allocation changes from other sources.
- 2.) The Current ACT 51 formula is abolished and replaced with the following:
 - A.) MDOT would receive 22.34% or \$950 million of MTF Funds (previous 39.1%)
 - B.) Counties would receive 54.26% or \$2.307 billion of MTF Funds (previous 39.1%)
 - 1.) Each County would receive \$24,000 for every primary mile
 - 2.) Each County would receive \$23,000 for every local mile
 - 3.) Each County would receive \$20,000 for every bridge over 20ft.**The average increase per County from this plan would be \$17,717,342.50**
 - C.) Municipalities would receive 23.40% or \$994 million of MTF Funds (previous 21.8%)
 - 1.) Each Municipality would receive \$46,500 for every Major mile.
 - 2.) Each Municipality would receive \$46,500 for every Minor mile.**The average increase per Municipality from this plan would be \$967,468.03**



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- 3.) This plan eliminates the inequities between Counties & Municipalities and creates a simple base formula using certified road mileage data for funding.
- 4.) Some of the original Grants and administration costs have been eliminated so the focus can be direct funding to those entities which make the physical upgrades.
- 5.) The following are the remaining Grants/Admin. Costs Categories - \$389.8 million
- A.) Recreation - \$20 million
 - B.) Railroad Crossings - \$3 million
 - C.) Local Wetland Mitigation - \$1.8 million
 - D.) Comprehensive Transportation Fund - \$250 million (Mass Transportation)
 - E.) MDOT Debt Service - \$75 million
 - F.) Railroad Crossing Surface- \$3 million
 - G.) Administration to administer the Act. - \$37 million
- 6.) The Calhoun County funding breakdown in the plan:
- A.) Calhoun County would see a \$1.06 million more in funding (from 17-18 funding) to \$11,760,000 to address primary roads.
 - B.) Calhoun County would receive funding in the amount of \$18,998,000 to address local roads distributed to townships based on their local road mileage certification.
 - C.) Each Township would receive the following to address their specific local road needs:
 - 1.) Albion: \$897,230
 - 2.) Athens: \$865,030
 - 3.) Bedford: \$1,065,820
 - 4.) Burlington: \$1,063,750
 - 5.) Clarence: \$950,130
 - 6.) Clarendon: \$883,200
 - 7.) Convis: \$862,960
 - 8.) Eckford: \$774,410
 - 9.) Emmett: \$954,500
 - 10.) Fredonia: \$750,490
 - 11.) Homer: \$1,020,510
 - 12.) Lee: \$791,200
 - 13.) Leroy: \$862,500
 - 14.) Marengo: \$842,720
 - 15.) Marshall: \$ 821,330
 - 16.) Newton: \$1,029,250
 - 17.) Pennfield: \$1,155,750
 - 18.) Sheridan: \$911,260
 - 19.) Tekonsha: \$834,670
 - D.) Municipalities will receive additional funding as follows:
 - 1.) Albion City: Additional \$1,372,605.46
 - 2.) Athens village: Additional \$259,376.65
 - 3.) Battle Creek: Additional \$7,087,053.29
 - 4.) Homer Village: Additional \$358,688.32
 - 5.) Marshall City: Additional \$1,199,745.58
 - 6.) Springfield: Additional \$1,140,299.83
 - 7.) TEKONSHA VILLAGE ADDITIONAL \$319,198.85

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7.) BREAKDOWN SUMMARY FOR THE NEW PLAN:

Division	% of Roads Resp.	Funding in \$ under TTIA	% Breakdown of Funding under TTIA	% Breakdown of Funding Under ACT 51
MDOT	8.00%	\$950,000,000	22.34%	39.10%
City/Village	17.00%	\$994,923,955	23.40%	21.80%
County/Townships	75.00%	\$2,307,009,000	54.26%	39.10%
Grand Total	100.00%	\$4,251,932,955.00	100.00%	100.00%
Total Funding to Roads:			91.60%	81.40%
Other:				
Railroad Crossings		\$3,000,000	Areas Eliminated 1.) Economic Dev. Fund 2.) Local Road Program 3.) Local Bridge Fund 4.) Snow Payments 5.) Inderpartmental Grants 6.) Moveable Bridge Fund \$172 million	
MDOT Debt Service		\$75,000,000		
Local Wetland Mitigation		\$1,800,000		
Comp. Transp. Fund		\$250,000,000		
Recreation		\$20,000,000		
Railroad Surfaces		\$3,000,000		
Administer the Act		\$37,000,000		
Grant Total Other		\$389,800,000	8.40%	18.60%
Grant Total TTIA		\$4,641,732,955		

Areas Reduced
 1.) Recreation
 2.) Mass Transit
\$8.5 million

8.) RULES & REGULATIONS

- A.) FUNDING TO BE IN PLACE AND FROZEN FOR 5 YEARS
- B.) ANNUALLY, EACH YEAR AFTER IMPLEMENTATION, A DETAILED REPORT ON HOW FUNDING WAS SPENT AND IMPACT/IMPROVEMENT SEEN ON ROADS.
- C.) EXPENDITURES ON PERSONNEL WILL BE LIMITED 5% OF TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED.
- D.) IF EXPENDITURES ON PERSONNEL EXCEED THE 5% LIMIT, A PENALTY OF THE PERCENT THAT WAS EXCEEDED WILL BE DEDUCTED IN THE PROCEEDING YEAR FROM FUNDING.
- E.) AT THE END OF THE 5 YEAR PERIOD, THE FUNDING PLAN WILL BE EXAMINED AND ANY ADJUSTMENTS MADE IF NECESSARY BY THE LEGISLATURE & GOVERNOR.
- F.) ANNUALLY EACH COUNTY MUST CERTIFY ROAD MILEAGE TO THE STATE BY DEC. 31 OF EACH YEAR.
- G.) COUNTIES WILL RECEIVE FUNDING FOR LOCAL ROAD MILEAGE AND THOSE FUNDS RECEIVED WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO EACH TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY BASED ON TOWNSHIP ROAD MILEAGE.
- H.) FUNDS RECEIVED BY EACH TOWNSHIP WILL HAVE FULL DISCRETION ON USAGE FOR THE FUNDING INCLUDING WHAT CONTRACTORS TO USE FOR PROJECTS ETC.

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