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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

March 7 Meeting

- 1.) Michelle Williamson of Community Action was hand to present the services and work the agency provides to the residents of Calhoun County .
- 2.) Approved the 2018 annual road mileage certification for each township. This certification, required by the MDOT, is a large contributor of how Michigan Transportation Funds are distributed.
- 3.) Approved MDOT contract (federal aid project) for the purpose of construction of road on Michigan Ave. between 22 1/2 & 25 1/2 mile road in Marengo/Sheridan townships. The total cost of the project is \$685,000 with federal funding of the project at \$548,000 and the balance utilizing \$137,000 in state funds.
- 4.) Approved the seasonal weight restriction weight policy which delegates the Managing Director the authority to determine the dates and locations where seasonal weight restrictions apply and issue permits for exceptions.

March 21 Meeting

- 1.) Approved the MDOT contract which includes hot mix asphalt, crush, shape, and resurface along F Dr. N from M-311 to point approx. 4,300ft west of M-311. State funding covers 70% of the costs with the county 30%. Total cost of the project is \$416,604.
- 2.) Approved the contract to purchase up to 52k tons of sodium chloride from Morton Salt (low bidder). The cost is up 21% from the previous year. This is a joint purchase with Jackson County. Discussion was had on looking at a bigger cooperative (more counties in the bid) to keep the price down.
- 3.) Approved contracts with Michigan Paving & K-Tech Specialty coatings for asphalt emulsion materials (chip & seal and durapatch oil). The contract is for 2 years and worth \$2.1 million. This is a joint purchase with Jackson County.
- 4.) Approved a 2 year contract with Lakeland Asphalt (low bidder @\$44 a ton primary provider) & Michigan Paving (\$52 a ton secondary provider) to provide plant pick-up of hot mix asphalt paving materials. This contract is worth \$3.6 million and is a joint purchase with Jackson County. Further discussion centered on the quality of materials from Lakeland and the necessity to ensure testing is being done so that it meets the standards set forth.
- 5.) Approved a grant application to the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for \$300K and that match funds in the amount of \$106K guaranteed by Albion College for a total cost of \$406K to be used for development of a trailhead and public recreation area. The area is defined as 65 acres just south of Riverside Cemetery in Albion Township.

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

(APRIL)



Albion City Homer Village	4/1	7pm
Senior Day in the 7th	4/2	9am-3pm
Senior Millage Committee	4/5	8am
Clarence Twp Albion Twp Clarendon Twp Homer DDA	4/8	7pm 7:30pm 2pm
Homer VFW Aux. AH Substance Abuse County Commissioners mtg Homer Twp	4/9	7pm 9am 7pm 7pm
Trailway Alliance Lee Twp	4/10	8am 7pm
Homer ALL IN Breakfast	4/12	7:30am
Albion City	4/15	7pm
Sheridan Twp	4/16	7pm
Albion Eggs & Issues	4/19	7:30am
Calhoun County Planning Commission	4/22	4pm
Forks Senor Center Board Mtg.	4/24	1pm

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ROAD UPDATES

- 1.) Sheridan Township Road Committee meeting on March 11. Discussion centered around condition of local roads and potential for a millage to address. I spent time answering questions posed by the audience and speak to the recent \$.45 gas tax increase budget request by the Governor.
- 2.) Irwin Avenue road project meeting March 14. Anticipated start date is June 2019 with a est. completion date of Nov. 2019. It will be a total reconstruct of the road with water main replacement and a narrowing of the street from Woodlawn to Finley Dr.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) Albion Economic Forecast at the Marriott on March 7. Several speakers were on hand to provide insight into the upcoming year of economic development, expected growth, both state wide and locally, and the positive progress in the local area.
- 2.) Albion/Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition March 12. Marcia Magira was on hand to discuss the former nursing home location on 1000 W. Erie St as a potential inpatient substance abuse rehabilitation site focused on low income patients. The facility would have the potential capacity of 44 beds, 16 of the beds for detox, and employing up to 50 people.
- 3.) Albion/Marshall Connector meeting on March 12. Update was given on the status of funding from entities who have either committed to pay or already paid (\$17,250) and those entities who committed last year but not yet stated their commitment for 2019 (4 entities). A majority of the ridership for 2018 was for medical (48%) followed by education (23%), shopping /other (17%) & work (12%). 25% of ridership for 2018 were seniors.
- 4.) Participated in a roundtable discussion with U.S Senator Gary Peters on March 15. Discussion centered around education, workforce development, economic development and the positive progress being made in Albion, Marshall & Homer.
- 5.) Senior Millage Allocation Committee (SMAC) strategic Planning March 22. Discussion centered around long term planning, review of 2018 & upcoming 2020 renewal.
- 6.) MAC Legislative Conference March 26-27 at the Lansing Center. Topics included Jail Diversion programs, the county's new responsibilities in property assessment, & how Michigan will regulate recreational marijuana to name a few. Gov. Whitmer was on hand at the Tuesday session to discuss her 2020 budget proposal & take questions from the attendees.



March 21— Guest Reader for Kng. class
(Homer)



March 23 – Kids N Stuff Sweet 16 B-Day Bash
(Albion)

7th District in Focus



March 7 – Albion Economic Forecast
(Albion)



March 9– Oaklawn Benefit Auction
(Firekeepers Casino)



March 14 – Irwin Ave Road Project Forum
(Albion)



March 15– Roundtable w/ U.S. Sen. Gary Peters
(Albion)



March 20– Mtg. w/ the Shrontz's
(Lee Twp)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

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

- A.) Alisa Parker, Managing Attorney for Legal Services of South Central Michigan was on hand to provide an overview of what services they provide to seniors.
- B.) Approved a mini-grant to the City of Marshall for the Albion/Marshall Connector in the amount of \$3,500.
- C.) Approved a mini-grant for an accessible trail at Kimball Pines in the amount of \$5,000.

2.) Homer Lake Board met March 12. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Held a preliminary discussion on long term strategies for the lake including using alternative methods to address weed control (non-chemical).
- B.) Discussed the contract with the Village of Homer on Storm Water Treatment & Maintenance.

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

- A.) Approved Duska Brumm as a new alliance board member.
- B.) Held a discussion regarding priorities for construction projects/grants for 2020 with F Dr. N/11 Mile Rd. to the Casino being the most logical next step.

4.) Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health Substance Abuse Policy Board met March 18. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Heard from Achilles Malta, SUD Prevention Specialist, on FY 18 Prevention Highlights & Accomplishments. I question Mr. Malta on the amount of lbs. (1,598) of expired/unused medication through drug take back events collected in Calhoun County. Mr. Malta indicated that this is an increase from the previous year and with pharmacies coming on board as collection sites the expectation is to take in more this year.

5.) County Planning Commission met March 25. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Re-appointed Dan Livingston for a 3 year term ending 21/22
- B.) The commission recommended approval for:
 - 1.) Bedford Twp zoning text amendment on Solar Energy Systems
 - 2.) Lee Twp zoning text amendment on Ag District & Schedule of Regulations.
 - 3.) Burlington Twp 3 PA 116 applications.

- *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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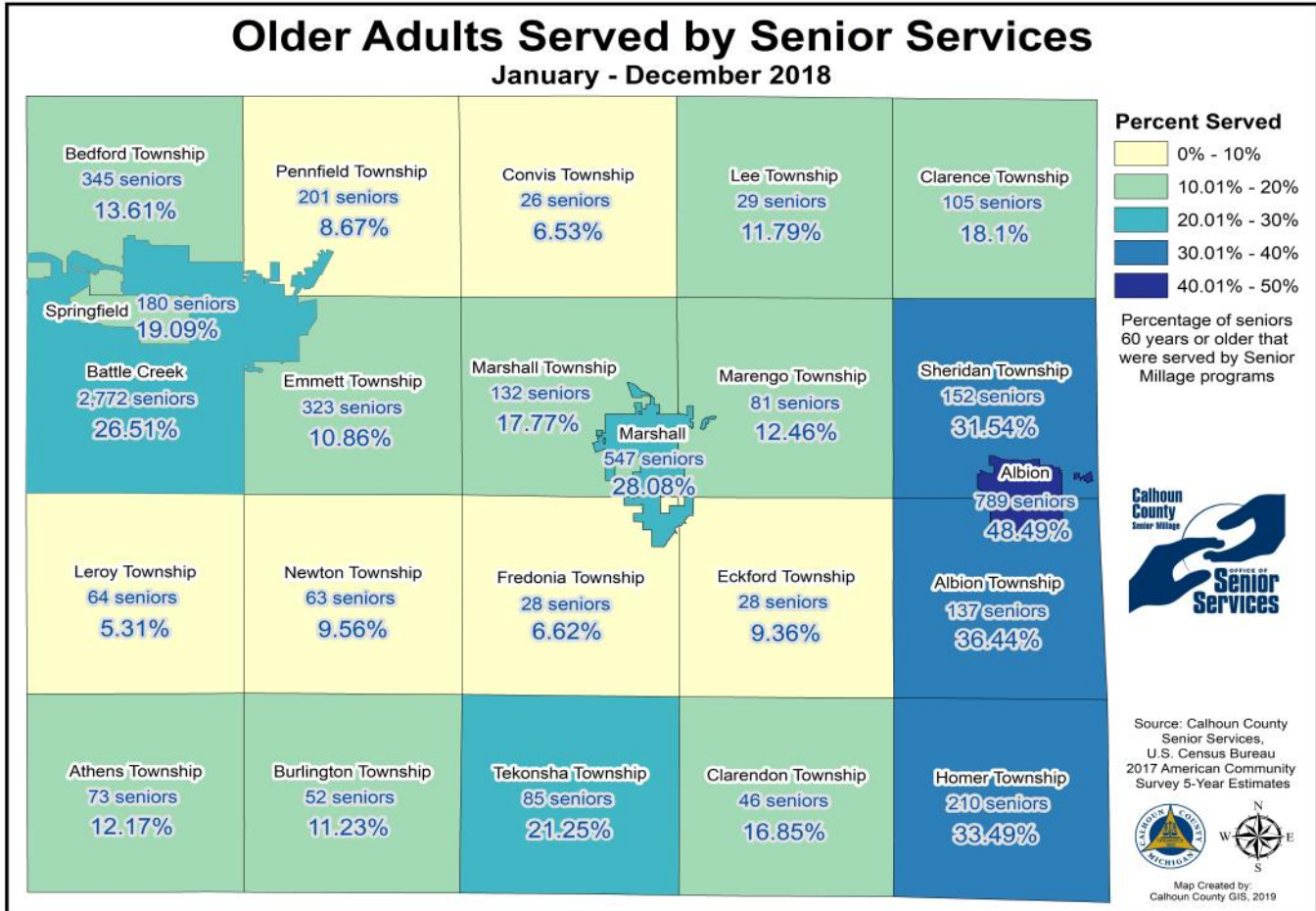
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2018 CALHOUN COUNTY SENIORS SERVED BY LOCATION (OFFICE OF SENIOR SERVICES)



HIGHLIGHTS:

- 1.) **6,468 SENIORS WERE SERVED IN CALHOUN COUNTY AND \$2,675,580 WAS SPENT ON SENIOR SERVICES.**
- 2.) **AS IT RELATES TO THE 7TH DISTRICT, RESIDENTS RECEIVING SERVICES INCREASED BY LOCATION:**
 - A.) **CLARENDON TOWNSHIP: 47.8%**
 - B.) **HOMER TWP: 18.09%**
 - C.) **ALBION CITY: 8.23%**
 - D.) **CLARENCE TWP: 6.67%**
 - E.) **LEE TWP: 3.44%**
 - F.) **OVERALL 7TH DISTRICT SAW AN INCREASE OF 9.33% IN RESIDENTS RECEIVING SERVICES.**

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2018 BRIDGE RATINGS IN THE 7TH DISTRICT

SOURCE: MDOT BUREAU OF BRIDGES

Federal law, outlined in the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS), defines a bridge as a structure carrying traffic with a span greater than 20 feet and requires that all bridges be inspected every two years to monitor and report condition ratings.

Township/City	Location	River/Drain/Road	Built	Refurbished	Rating	Good/Fair/Poor	Lowest Rated Structure
Clarendon	22 Mile	St. Joe	2011	N/A	8	Good	N/A
Clarendon	20 Mile	St. Joe	1996	N/A	7	Good	Deck
Clarendon	T Dr. S	St. Joe	1962	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Clarendon	S. County Line	SOAP Drain	1964	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Clarendon	18 1/2	St. Joe	1958	N/A	5	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Clarendon	R Dr. S	St. Joe	1973	N/A	5	Fair	Deck
Clarendon	S. County Line	St. Joe	1964	N/A	5	Fair	Superstructure
Homer	28 1/2 Mile	Kalamazoo	2018	N/A	9	Good	N/A
Homer	25 1/2	Kalamazoo	2018	N/A	9	Good	N/A
Homer	29 Mile	Kalamazoo	1973	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Homer	M-60/M-99	Kalamazoo	1933	1993	6	Fair	Deck/Substructure
Homer	P Dr. S	Lampson Run	1973	N/A	5	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Homer	L Dr. S	Kalamazoo	1960	N/A	4	Poor	Superstructure
Albion Twp	H Dr. S	Kalamazoo	1973	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Albion Twp	D Dr. S	Kalamazoo	1964	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Albion Twp	25 1/2	Kalamazoo	1948	N/A	5	Fair	Superstructure
Albion Twp	J Dr. S	Kalamazoo	1974	N/A	5	Fair	Substructure
Albion Twp	Condit Road	Kalamazoo	1969	N/A	5	Fair	Substructure
Albion Twp	F Dr. S	Kalamazoo	1959	N/A	5	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Albion Twp	29 1/2 Mile	Kalamazoo	1940	N/A	5	Fair	Culvert
Albion City	E. Erie Street	Kalamazoo	1988	N/A	7	Good	Deck
Albion City	E. Erie Street	Kalamazoo	2006	N/A	7	Good	Deck
Albion City	N. Clinton Street	Kalamazoo	2010	N/A	7	Good	Deck/Substructure
Albion City	N. Eaton Street	Kalamazoo	2007	N/A	7	Good	Deck/Superstructure
Albion City	M-99 Superior (MDOT) (Riverside)	Kalamazoo	2011	N/A	6	Fair	Superstructure
Albion City	S. Hannah Street	Kalamazoo	1981	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
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Albion City	E. Cass Street	Kalamazoo	1996	N/A	6	Fair	Deck
Albion City	M-99 Superior (MDOT) Downtown	Kalamazoo	1908	1993	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Albion City	Haven Road	Kalamazoo	1979	N/A	4	Poor	Superstructure
Albion City	N. Albion Street	Kalamazoo	1935	1976	3	Poor	Deck
Sheridan	26 Mile Road	Rice Creek	1998	N/A	7	Good	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Sheridan	29 Mile Rd MDOT	I-94	1960	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Sheridan	28 Mile Rd MDOT	I-94	2001	N/A	6	Fair	Superstructure
Sheridan	27 Mile Road	Rice Creek	1995	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Sheridan	27 Mile Rd MDOT	I-94	1960	N/A	5	Fair	Superstructure
Sheridan	26 Mile Rd MDOT	I-94	1960	N/A	5	Fair	Superstructure
Sheridan	24 Mile Rd MDOT	I-94	1959	N/A	5	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Sheridan	B Dr. N	Kalamazoo	1970	N/A	5	Fair	Deck
Sheridan	J Dr. N	Rice Creek	1963	N/A	4	Poor	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Sheridan	24 Mile Road	Rice Creek	1988	N/A	4	Poor	Superstructure
Sheridan	24 Mile Road	Rice Creek	1992	N/A	4	Poor	Superstructure
Clarence	No Bridges 20ft or more						
Lee	Baseline Road	Big Creek	1984	N/A	6	Fair	Deck/Substructure
Lee	19 1/2 Mile Road	State Ditch	1974	N/A	5	Fair	Deck/Superstructure/Substructure
Lee	Old 27	State/Indian Creek	1931	N/A	5	Fair	Superstructure/Substructure
Lee	V Dr. N	Indian Creek	1968	N/A	5	Fair	Deck/Superstructure
Lee	W Dr. N	Indian Creek	1968	N/A	4	Poor	Substructure
Lee	Old 27	Indian Creek	1931	N/A	3	Poor	Superstructure

Rating : Good (7-9) Fair (5-6) Poor (0-4)

Definitions: Superstructure: Directly Resp. for carrying the road / Substructure: Piers, abutments & foundations / Deck: Sits atop any supporting structures.

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