

**GARY TOMPKINS
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
7TH DISTRICT**



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COUNTY ACTIONS/DISCUSSION

May 2 Meeting

- 1.) Approved a resolution to levy Calhoun County winter & summer taxes for 2019. The total of 6.4713 mills includes General Operating (5.3779), senior millage (.7452), veterans millage (.100) & medical care (.2482). The general operating millage (5.3779) has remained unchanged since 2007.
- 2.) Approved a supplemental funding recommendation from Senior Millage in the amount of \$292,500 for minor home repair (administered by Community Action) which will allow for assistance of 78 additional households clearing the waiting list and new referrals.
- 3.) Approved the 2019 authorized staffing allocation report for the road dept. to increase the amount of road workers by 3 (47-50) which will help cover summer/fall work and also give a full compliment of workforce for snow removal.
- 4.) Approved local road agreements with Albion & Convis Twp. (Albion- 5 projects & Convis- 1 project).

May 16 Meeting

- 1.) Approved a motion to authorize the County Treasurer to transfer funds from the delinquent tax revolving fund to the County Land Bank for use in demolition of 7 properties including 312 Fitch St. in Albion & assigning funding in the amount of \$51,228 towards the Union Steel building in Albion. Note: The \$51,228 in funds for Union Steel is a partial amount of the total cost of the demolition. Demo bids for the building will be forthcoming.
- 2.) Approved a motion to table (5-2) the local road infrastructure failure policy as presented as presented by Comm. Tompkins. The anticipated action going forward would be to include townships in the crafting/revision of the policy with a recommendation in a future meeting.
- 3.) Approved the awarding of the 2019 County pulverizing projects to Kalin Construction in the amount of \$84,956.25 and included on the list is 25 1/2 mile in Albion Township.
- 4.) Approved a MDOT contract which includes tree removal and clearing work along federal aid routes countywide and include 29 mile from Albion City limits to J Dr. N (Sheridan), and Condit Rd. from F Dr. S to M-99 (Albion).

MONTHLY MEETINGS:

(JUNE)



Homer Village Albion City	6/3	7pm
Senior Day in the 7th	6/4	9am-3pm
County Commissioners mtg.	6/6	7pm
Clarence Twp Albion Twp Clarendon Twp Homer DDA	6/10	7pm 7:30pm 2pm
Homer VFW Aux. AH Substance Abuse Homer Twp	6/11	7pm 9am 7pm
Trailway Alliance Lee Twp	6/12	8am 7pm
Albion City	6/17	7pm
Sheridan Twp	6/18	7 pm
County Planning Comm.	6/24	4pm
County Commissioners mtg.	6/20	7pm
Forks Senor Center Board Mtg.	6/26	1pm

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ROAD UPDATES

- 1.) **25 1/2 Mile Road (Albion Twp)** Between F Drive S and Finley Dr.
-Crush and shape and 3.5" solid paving; New 3-ft paved shoulders
-3 miles of construction
-Federally funded project

-Start Date: June 3 (weather permitting) . Detours will be in place.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

- 1.) Attended a Albion City street discussion on May 1 at Albion Lewis Chapel and addressed the group on state ACT 51 funding for roads/streets and the inequities that exist.
- 2.) Attended Rep. Haadsma coffee hour on May 3 at Sterling Books & Brew in Albion and had the opportunity to discuss ACT 51 state road funding in detail to the group.
- 3.) Participated in a Peer group presentation at Marshall Middle School on May 6 regarding Alcohol Awareness among youth. Great job to the student presenters.
- 4.) Attended the Fredonia Township road committee meeting on May 7 to discuss my proposal for changing County policy 509 and discussing the inequities of ACT 51 funding.
- 5.) Attended the Calhoun County Sheriff's awards ceremony in Battle Creek on May 9. We appreciate our men and women going beyond the call of duty to keep us safe.
- 6.) Attended the Albion Senior Housing Initiative meeting at the Ludington Center on May 13 with discussion surrounding affordable housing for seniors and others.
- 7.) Albion/Homer Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition meeting on May 14. Topics covered included upcoming prevention campaigns (Under Age Drinking/Marijuana) and Festival of the Forks Events planned.
- 8.) Albion/Homer United Way meeting on May 14. Reviewed our current financial status & selected grant awardees from the list submitted for this grant cycle.
- 9.) Attended the Albion City Precinct 5 forum at the Marshall Opportunity High School on May 22. Great information provided with an opportunity to speak on county issues.

7th District in Focus



May 1 – Foundry Deli Ribbon Cutting
(Albion)



May 5 – Firefighters Breakfast
(Sheridan Township)



May 11– Placing Flags at Memory Gardens
(Albion)



May 25– Citizens to Beautify Planting
(Albion)



May 26- FBC Love Your
Community Day
(Albion)



May 28– American Legion Awards
(Homer)



May 13 - Lions Club Dinner
(Homer)

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COMMITTEE CORNER



COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS SERVING:

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

- A.) Mary Jo Byrne, Exec. Director of the Fountain Clinic, was on hand to present the successful dental & prescription programs they offer.
- B.) Approved a mini-grant applications in the amount of \$5,000 to Albion Community Gardens and \$500 for the Senior Day at Wilder Creek Conservation Club.

2.) County Planning Commission met May 6. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Recommended for appointment of Jen Rice & Re-appointment of Sarah Kelly to the Planning Commission.
- B.) Recommended approval of PA 116 applications for Newton, Athens & Marengo Townships.
- C.) Recommended approval of zoning text amendments regarding Solar facilities/energy systems in Convis & Marengo Townships & Zoning map amendments in Marengo Township.

3.) Trailway Alliance met May 8. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Consultant commented on that Albion has secured the \$85K in funds required. The funds came from several sources including the Iron Belle Fund (\$50K), Albion & Marshall Community Foundations & the City of Albion (\$10K) for the next portion of the trail in the city.

4.) Homer Lake Board met May 14. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Blake Mallory of PLM was on hand to answer questions and discuss the 1st treatment application on the lake.
- B.) Treatment schedule of lake was reviewed and this year will include clearing of the dock area of lily pads (1st time ever addressed). 3 treatments will take place again on the lake (May, June & August/September)

4.) SWMBH Substance Abuse Board met May 20. Items discussed/actions taken included;

- A.) Received an update on the 18/19 SUD financials to date, PA2 budget utilization 19FY to date & a PA2 budget calendar with a 3 year forecast estimates. (Note: PA2 is a 4% liquor tax that generates dollars towards substance abuse & prevention).

- *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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ROAD FUNDING FACTS & WHY THE CURRENT SYSTEM WILL NEVER ADDRESS THE ISSUE
PART 1 OF A SERIES

Part 1 Funding Inequities with Current Formula Between Counties:

County	Primary Road Miles	Local Road Miles	Total Road Miles	Amount of Funding 17-18 FY	Road Funding per mile
Calhoun	490	826	1,316	\$10,753,383.49	\$8,171.26
Kalamazoo	448	818	1,266	\$17,687,571.31	\$13,971.22
Ingham	433	820	1,253	\$16,446,454.72	\$13,125.66
Muskegon	387	746	1,133	\$12,772,915.65	\$11,273.53

Between Cities/Villages

City	Major Road Miles	Minor Road Miles	Total Road Miles	Amount of Funding 17-18 FY	Road Funding per mile
Albion	18.67	28.42	47.09	\$ 817,079.54	\$17,351.43
East Grand Rapids	15.1	32.16	47.26	\$948,896.70	\$20,078.20
Harper Woods	9.84	34.94	44.78	\$1,045,775.31	\$23,353.61
City	Major Road Miles	Minor Road Miles	Total Road Miles	Amount of Funding 17-18 FY	Road Funding per mile
Homer	3.95	7.28	11.23	\$ 163,506.68	\$14,559.75
Baraga	3.86	4.9	8.76	\$204,364.82	\$23,329.22
Clio	3.82	5.6	9.42	\$215,688.98	\$22,896.81

Conclusions:

- 1.) Cost of a mile of road is the same no matter the location.
- 2.) YOU should not be punished for where YOU live.
- 3.) Calhoun County has more total miles than the comparative counties but significantly less funding .
- 4.) City of Albion receives between 3k & 6K less in funding per mile than comparative cities.
- 5.) Village of Homer receives between 8K & 9k less funding per mile even though it has more road mileage.

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2019 Calhoun County Scrap Tire Collections

EVENT OPEN TO CALHOUN COUNTY RESIDENTS. COLLECTION LIMITED TO RESIDENTIAL PASSENGER VEHICLE TIRES. THESE COLLECTIONS DO NOT INCLUDE BUSINESS OR OVER-SIZED TIRES. LIMIT 10 TIRES PER EVENT.

JUNE 25, 2019 - 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
VILLAGE OF TEKONSHA
537 N. CHURCH ST.

JULY 27, 2019 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
KETCHUM FIELD, ALBION
INTERSECTION OF N. CLARK ST. & E. NORTH ST.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2019 - 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
ATHENS TOWNSHIP
190 E. BURR OAK ST.

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2019 CALHOUN COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES CENTENARIAN LUNCHEON- MAY 23



Doris Farmer- 101 (Lee Twp)



Bessie Harvard- 101 (Albion)



Robert Holt- 101 (Albion)



Stella Ingraham- 99 (Homer)



Frances Ray- 101 (Albion)

Group Photo

21 Calhoun County Centenarians



Ellen Tidwell- 112 (Battle Creek)

2019 MEMORIAL DAY FESTIVITIES



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